



# Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 10:00 AM

## Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

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*The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.*

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

Variations on 'Come, Labor On'

Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

Introduction

I. With quiet motion

II. Lively and whimsically

III. Quickly and lightly

IV. Slowly and languorously

### WELCOME

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination may follow.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN • ELW 656**

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;  
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The first system contains four lines of lyrics. The second system contains three lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving bass lines.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.  
Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## KYRIE • ELW 157

Leader  
In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly  
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have  
For the reign of God, and for  
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the  
Lord. For your  
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

*Continued on the next page.*

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

Text: *Lutheran Book of Worship*, adapt. Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
 Music: *Now the Feast and Celebration*, Marty Haugen  
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CANTICLE OF PRAISE • ELW 167

*Refrain*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God. *Refrain*

*Continued on the next page.*

# WORD

## FIRST READING

Jeremiah 15:15-21

*Jeremiah's delight in the word of the Lord is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, "I am with you."*

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

Therefore thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Refrain*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

*Refrain*  
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

*Refrain*  
God; to make all things new.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

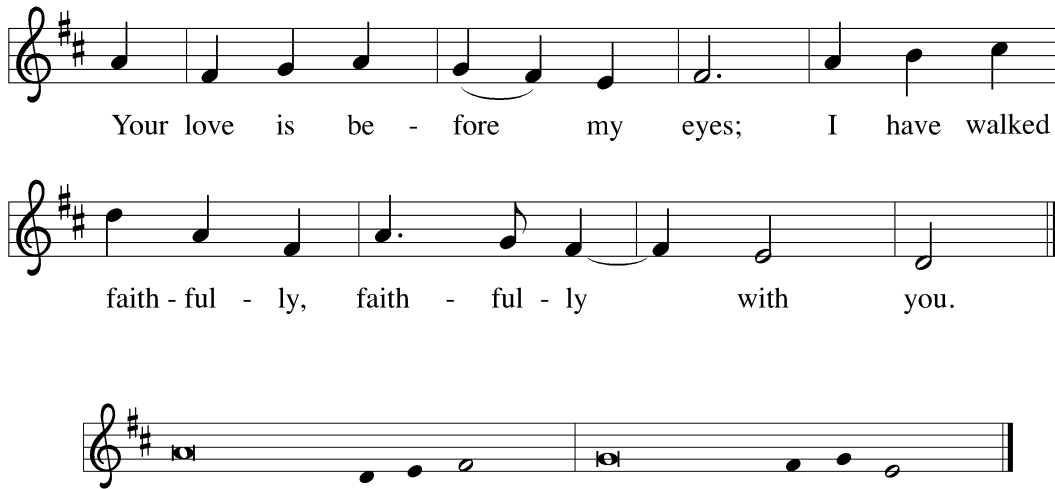
**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**PSALMODY**

Psalm 26:1-8

*Please sing the refrain after the organ introduction. Please sing all the verses.*



Your love is be - fore my eyes; I have walked  
 faith - ful - ly, faith - ful - ly with you.

- <sup>1</sup>Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived | with integrity;  
I have trusted in the LORD and | have not faltered.
- <sup>2</sup>Test me, O | LORD, and try me;  
examine my heart | and my mind.
- <sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes;  
I have walked faithful- | ly with you.
- <sup>4</sup>I have not sat | with the worthless,  
nor do I consort with | the deceitful. **R**
- <sup>5</sup>I have hated the company of | evildoers;  
I will not sit down | with the wicked.
- <sup>6</sup>I will wash my hands in inno- | cence, O LORD,  
that I may go in procession | round your altar,
- <sup>7</sup>singing aloud a song | of thanksgiving  
and recounting all your won- | derful deeds.
- <sup>8</sup>LORD, I love the house in | which you dwell  
and the place where your glo- | ry abides. **R**

**SECOND READING**

Romans 12:9-21

*Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.*

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave

room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION • ELW 169

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*The proper verse may be sung, or all may sing this verse.* *Repeat alleluia*

**All:** *Alleluia.* May the | God of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts,\* so that we may know the hope to which | God has called us. *Alleluia.* (Eph. 1:17, 18)

### GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After Peter confesses that Jesus is “the Messiah, the Son of the living God” (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a “rock.”*

From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?”

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### SERMON

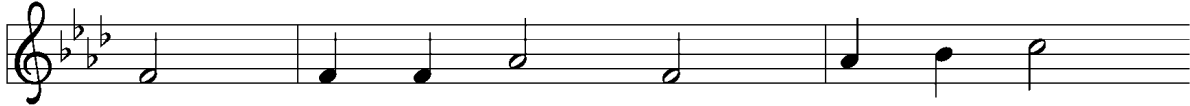
Pastor Miller

*Please stand as you are able.*

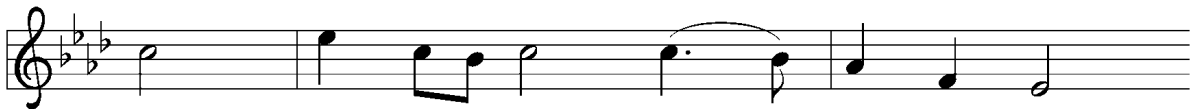




1 "Take up your cross," the Sav - ior said,  
 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight  
 3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,  
 4 Take up your cross and fol - low Christ,



"if you would my dis - ci - ple be;  
 per - vade your soul with vain a - larm;  
 nor let your fool - ish heart re - bel;  
 nor think till death to lay it down;



for - sake the past, and come this day,  
 his strength shall bear your spir - it up,  
 for you the Lord en - dured the cross  
 for those who hum - bly bear the cross



and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."  
 sus - tain your heart, and nerve your arm.  
 to save your soul from death and hell.  
 one day will wear the glo - rious crown.

Text: Charles W. Everest, 1814–1877, alt.  
 Music: BOURBON, W. Hauser, *Hesperian Harp*, 1848

## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION—Litany for Labor Day

Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world,  
and all of God's creation.

God of all creation, you made us co-creators with you,  
shaping the world in which we live.

**You gave dignity to our labor by sending your Son to labor with us.**

By our labor, you enrich the world.

**By our labor we enjoy the fruits of creation.**

For providing varieties of work and for blessing our labor:

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

For those who plow the field, those who make the plow; for farmers and farm workers, for steelworkers and  
machinists; for those who work with their hands, and those who move the earth:

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

For those who tend the sick and those who seek new cures; for doctors and nurses, for scientists and  
technicians; for those who work with technology; for those who work toward continued needed vaccines:

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

For those who think and those who create; for inventors and explorers,  
for artists and musicians; for those who write books and those who entertain:

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

For those who work in offices, those who work at home, and those who work in warehouses;  
for administrative assistants, for those who support, for IT experts,  
for those who market products and those who move them:

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

For those who inspire our minds, and those who motivate us; for teachers and preachers, for public servants, and those who protect, and those who defend, for religious servants, missionaries, those who help the poor, and those who work with our children:

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

For those whose labor is tidiness and cleanliness; for custodians and sanitation workers, for laborers who clean and for those who produce cleaning products:

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

For those who sail the waves and those who fly the skies; for captains and attendants, for astronauts and deep sea divers; for those who chart and those who navigate:

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Guard and protect those who labor in the world.

**Bless the work of our hands, O Lord.**

Bless the retired and those who intercede in prayer for others. Especially, bring healing to all who are ill, and embrace with your love all who mourn.

**Give health to the sick and hope to the bereaved.**

*The prayers conclude:*

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you**

*Please be seated.*

## **MEAL**

### **OFFERING**

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### **MUSIC DURING THE OFFERING**

For the Beauty of the Earth

Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right to give our thanks and praise, for in the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Please pray in your own preferred language.*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**Padre Nuestro, que estas en los cielos,  
santificado sea tu nombre,  
venga a nosotros tu reino,  
hagase tu voluntad,  
asi en la tierra como en el cielo.**

**Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia;  
perdona nuestras ofensas,  
como nosotros perdonamos  
a los que nos ofenden;  
y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion,  
mas libranos del mal.**

**Porque tuyo es el reino,  
el poder, y la gloria,  
por los siglos de los siglos. Amen**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All people are called to Christ's table.

Come, eat what is good.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

## COMMUNION

*All are invited to the Lord's table, a table of grace and mercy. There are two stations at the foot of the chancel steps. Please stretch out your hand, palm up, to receive the host, the body of Christ. (Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask your server) Then receive in the individual cup the blood of Christ. You may deposit your cup in the basket near the side wall. Those who wish to receive a blessing instead of the Lord's supper are also encouraged to come forward. Those who wish to receive the sacrament in the pew please inform an usher. All are welcome to the Lord's table.*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The communicant may say:*

**Amen.**



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*  
 1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;  
 2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
 3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,  
 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;

*Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an-non-cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,*  
 I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:  
 May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.  
 to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.  
 but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.

*car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:*  
 you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.  
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
 For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.  
 And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,

*Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.*  
 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.  
 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.  
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

Text: Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community; tr. Stephen Somerville, b. 1931  
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*Please stand as you are able.*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE • ELW 208



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -  
2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -  
3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



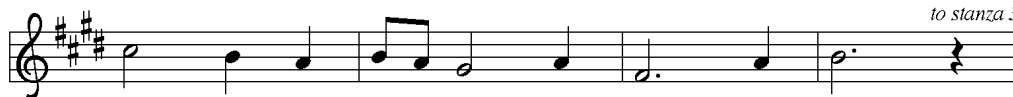
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:  
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:  
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

# SENDING

## BLESSING

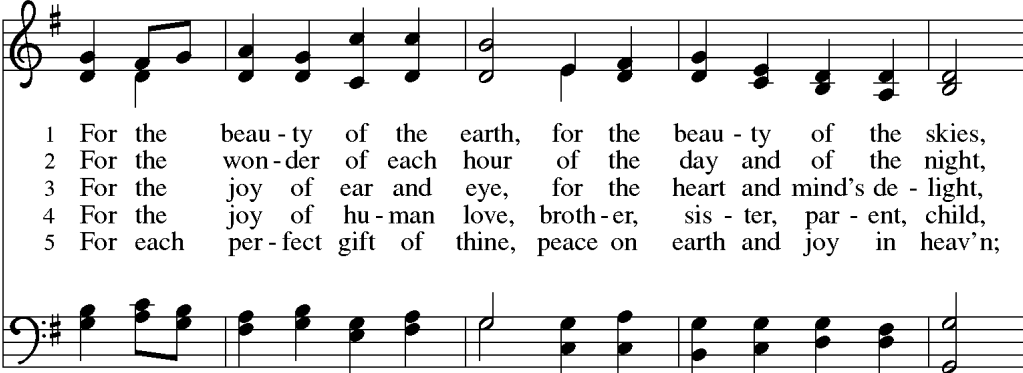
The God who calls across the cosmos  
and speaks in the smallest seed

✠ bless, keep, and sustain you  
now and to the end of the age.

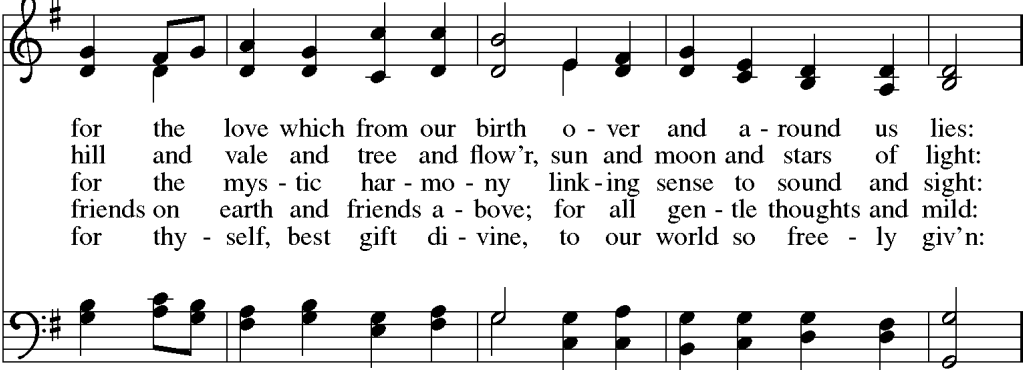
**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN • ELW 879

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

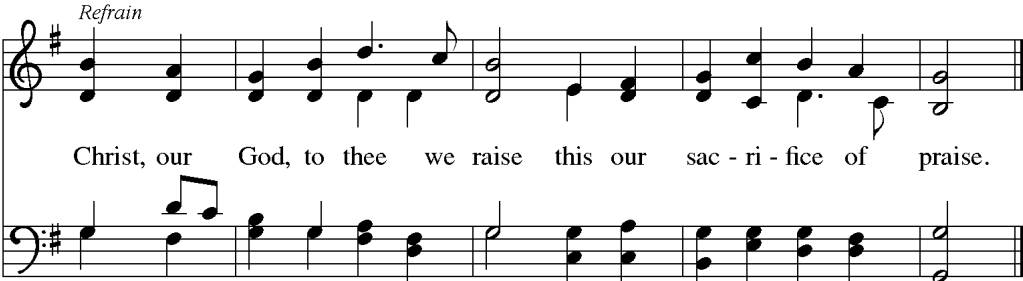


1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:  
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

*Refrain*



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.  
Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872



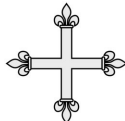
## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

Variations on 'Come, Labor On'  
V. Fast and rousing

Gerre Hancock



## WORSHIP LEADERS

### PRESIDING MINISTERS

The Connie A. Miller, *Senior Pastor*  
The Rev. Richard Zawistoski, *Confirmation Pastor*

### ASSISTING MINISTER

Deacon Kyle Warfield, *Director of Discipleship and Senior High Ministries*

### READER

Manju Bolleddu

### MUSICIAN

Dr. Alain Truche, *Director of Music and Organist*

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## This week at Saint Luke Lutheran Church

### SUNDAY, Sept. 3—14th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM Holy Communion  
11:00 AM Reception

### MONDAY, September 4

Labor Day—Office Closed  
6:00 PM Yoga

### TUESDAY, September 5

8:00 AM CDS Classes  
1:30 PM Program Staff Meeting  
4:30 PM Piano Lessons  
7:00 PM Girl Scouts

### WEDNESDAY, September 6

7:00 AM Faith Connections (Zoom)  
8:00 AM CDS Classes  
10:00 AM Women in Community  
5:00 PM Chorister Rehearsal  
5:30 PM Zoom Sara/Lydia Circle  
7:30 PM AA  
7:30 PM Schola Cantorum Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, September 7

8:00 AM CDS Classes  
7:30 PM Centering Prayer (Zoom)

### FRIDAY, September 8

8:00 AM CDS Classes

### SATURDAY, September 9

8:30 AM Men's Group  
9:30 AM AA  
11:00 AM Al-Anon

### SUNDAY, Sept. 10—Homecoming

**8:45 AM Worship/ Council Installation**  
10:00 AM Celebration  
10:00 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM SLSHY  
10:00 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class  
**11:15 AM Worship/ Council Installation**  
11:15 AM Novices Rehearsal  
**5:00 PM San Lucas Misa Español**  
6:00 PM Reception

*NB: Worship Services are in person and  
livestreamed*

## Upcoming Commemorations

**Peter Claver, priest, missionary to Colombia, died 1654**

*Saturday, September 9, 2023*

Born into Spanish nobility, Claver became a Jesuit missionary, and served in present-day Colombia. His ministry was focused on the enslaved people who arrived there. He gave them food and medicine, learned their dialects, and taught them Christianity.

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**NEXT WEEK**

**\*\*HOMECOMING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10\*\***

**FAITH, FUN, FELLOWSHIP**

**Worship, 8:45 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. English, 5:00 p.m. (Spanish)**

**Children friendly, surprise for the children! And Adults!**

**Installation of Council Members, New Program Year Celebration**

**10:00 a.m. Faith Formation Class Introductions...**

**Scavenger Hunt for all...Delicious food on the patio... Live music—Fun!! And Fun!!**

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**CHOIRS HAVE BEGIN: COME JOIN IN**

**Vocal Choirs**

**Novices: (k), 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades**

Rehearsal is on Sundays 11:15-11:45 AM

*Starts Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup>*

**Choristers: Treble voices grades 3 through 12, boys until voice change**

Rehearsal is on Wednesdays 5 PM to 6:40 PM

*Starts Wednesday September 6<sup>th</sup>*

**Schola Cantorum (adults)**

Rehearsal is on Wednesdays 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

*Started Wednesday August 30<sup>th</sup>*

**Bells**

**Genesis Bells: grades 3 through 8**

Rehearsal is on Mondays 5:15 to 6:15 PM

*Starts Monday September 11<sup>th</sup>*

**Reformation Bells: High School and adults**

Rehearsal is on Tuesdays 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

*Start date TBD*

Questions, contact Dr. Truche [atruche@saintluke.us](mailto:atruche@saintluke.us)

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### PART OF A LARGER WHOLE

We are part of the Lutheran World Federation, 149 Church bodies in the Lutheran tradition, 77 million people in 99 countries. Check it out at [www.lutheranworld.org](http://www.lutheranworld.org) and click subscribe to the weekly newsletter.

The Thirteenth Lutheran World Federation assembly will be held next week, September 13-19, in Krakow, Poland. The theme is *One Body, One Spirit, One Hope*, and will be hosted by the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Poland. Check out the highlights on the LWF website.

Wow! Yes, just imagine the ministry and mission that takes place in the name of Jesus Christ. Imagine.

### REMINDER: 45 ALIVE

Thanks to so many who are able to contribute to 45 Alive. As of August 1 we have begun a new fiscal year. The Stewardship Committee is asking each giving unit, household, to increase giving each month by \$45. Inflation is a very big factor. We have slimmed down the budget to have major cost savings and done the math—\$45 extra will greatly help to balance the budget. Some may not be able to do this but others may consider giving extra for those who cannot. Thank you for prayerfully considering “45 Alive.” We can do it!

### NEWS NEWS NEWS

The monthly Saint Luke Newsletter is called *Sharing*. Don't forget to click it open on the listserv or pick up the September issue on the credenzas in the narthex (lobby area). This month's issue is packed with wonderful information.

The magazine of the ELCA is the **Living Lutheran**. What incredible stories it includes this month. Pick up a copy in the narthex. You can also subscribe electronically.

**Prayer Ventures** is a ministry of the ELCA, encouraging each of us to lift up a particular ministry each day. Pick up a Prayer Ventures brochure for September on the credenzas.

### PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY (from Bread for the World)

Almighty God, Creator of the world, we give you thanks for the gift of stewardship and work. Deliver us, in our various occupations, from the service of self alone, that we may do our work in truth and beauty and for the common.

God of justice, we pray for all workers, that they would receive fair compensation and treatment in their labor.

For those who seek work, work through all to provide jobs — both citizen and immigrant alike. For those who cannot work, provide sustenance. Make those who lead the industries and commerce of this country responsive to your perfect will. Build up in the leaders of our country a respect for all labors. Deliver us from the maligning evils of greed, sloth, and gluttony that we may lead lives of holiness in service to you and our neighbor.

We ask all these things for our good and your glory. Amen.

## Today's Music

Gerre Hancock (February 21, 1934 – January 21, 2012) was an American organist, improviser, and composer. Hancock was Professor of Organ and Sacred Music at the University of Texas at Austin.

The Variations on Ora labora (Come, Labor On) were written in 2001 at the request, and subsequently in memory, of Lewis Brun, a distinguished organist and a graduate of Westminster Choir College, Peabody Conservatory, and the Royal School of Church Music in England. Brun served as organist and choir director at numerous churches on the East Coast, in Newark, New Jersey, Hagerstown, Maryland, and latterly at St Augustine's Roman Catholic Church in Williamsport, Maryland.

*Come, labor on* is a hymn written by Jane Borthwick. The New Testament passages which liken the winning of souls to the harvesting of grain are the background sources for this hymn. For those who labor faithfully there will be the glad sound at the last, "Well done!". The tune was written by Tertius Noble

**John Fawcett (1740-1817)**, an English Baptist minister in Yorkshire, received a call to a bigger and more prestigious church in London. After preaching his farewell sermon and loading his luggage on the wagons, he decided that he would prefer to stay with his fellowship in the smaller church. In its first publication in 1782 *Blest be the tie that binds* was titled "Brotherly Love." it is widely used as a closing prayer at many church gatherings. – Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

**Charles Everest (1814-1877)**, a minister in the Episcopal Church, wrote *Take up your cross, the Savior said* as a youth of nineteen. Jesus spoke to his disciples in Mark 8:34 about the necessity for taking up the cross and following. Everest's hymn describes the fully committed Christian life as denying self, renouncing the world, bearing the shame of the cross, facing all dangers, and following Christ to the uttermost. True discipleship is costly! – Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

Both text and tune of the French hymn *Lord Jesus, you shall be my song* were composed in 1961 by a member of *Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus*. It is a gentle round-the-world text about Jesus as the song on life's journey. It takes into account the whole creation, servanthood, salvation, worship at the table, fear, and courage. – ELW Hymnal Companion

The original text of *For the beauty of the earth*, written by **Folliot Pierpoint (1835-1917)**, was intended to show Holy Communion as a joyful, holy feast, and the refrain was "Christ our God, to Thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise." Changing "sacrifice" to "this our hymn" of grateful praise has made it more generally a thanksgiving for creation, for our physical senses, for human love, and for everything good which God gives to us. – Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

