



Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

October 22, 8:45 & 11:15 AM

Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

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In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Voluntary on 'Thaxted'

Robert Buckley Farlee (b. 1950)

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God,
the one who forms us,
✠ Jesus who bears the cross,
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.
Amen.

Let us bow before God in humility,
confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God,
you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In ✠ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.
Amen.



1 O God be-yond all prais - ing, we wor-ship you to - day
 2 The flow'r of earth - ly splen - dor in time must sure - ly die,
 3 Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can-not re - pay;
 its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord most high;
 that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
 but hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown—
 and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless-ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:
 though small in mor - tal stat - ure, to heav - en's gar - den grown:
 we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
 for Christ, your gift from heav - en, from death has set us free,
 to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,



we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
 and we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
 and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Michael Perry, 1942–1996

Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

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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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 45:1-7

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the Lord has anointed to end Israel's exile. The Lord makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this Lord as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the Lord claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed:

I will go before you

and level the mountains,

I will break in pieces the doors of bronze

and cut through the bars of iron,

I will give you the treasures of darkness

and riches hidden in secret places,

so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,

the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

For the sake of my servant Jacob,

and Israel my chosen,

I call you by your name,

I surname you, though you do not know me.

I am the Lord, and there is no other;

besides me there is no god.

I arm you, though you do not know me,

so that they may know, from the rising of the sun

and from the west, that there is no one besides me;

I am the Lord, and there is no other.

I form light and create darkness,

I make weal and create woe;

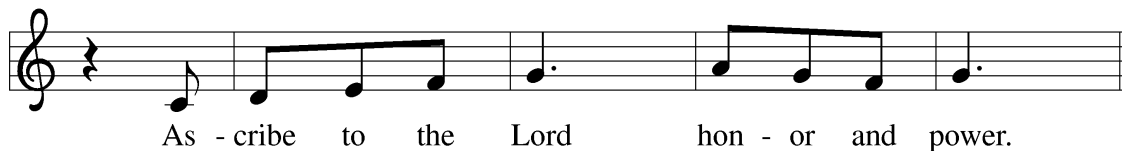
I the Lord do all these things.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 96:1-9 (11:15)

Please sing the refrain after the organ introduction. Recite the verses in alternation. Pulpit side reads regular typeface. Lectern side reads the bold typeface. Please sing the refrain where indicated.



- ¹Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
- ²**Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**
- ³Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.
- ⁴**For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods. R**
- ⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.
- ⁶**Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**
- ⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- ⁸**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**
- ⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, all the earth. **R**

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded

forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (8:45)

The choir introduces the Alleluia Refrain before the verse. Please sing where indicated. After the verse, sing the Alleluia Refrain directly after the choir as written.

Choir	All

All Alleluia.
 Choir Shine like stars in the world, holding fast to the word of life. Alleluia. (Phil. 2:15, 16)
All Alleluia.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (11:15)

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GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-22

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

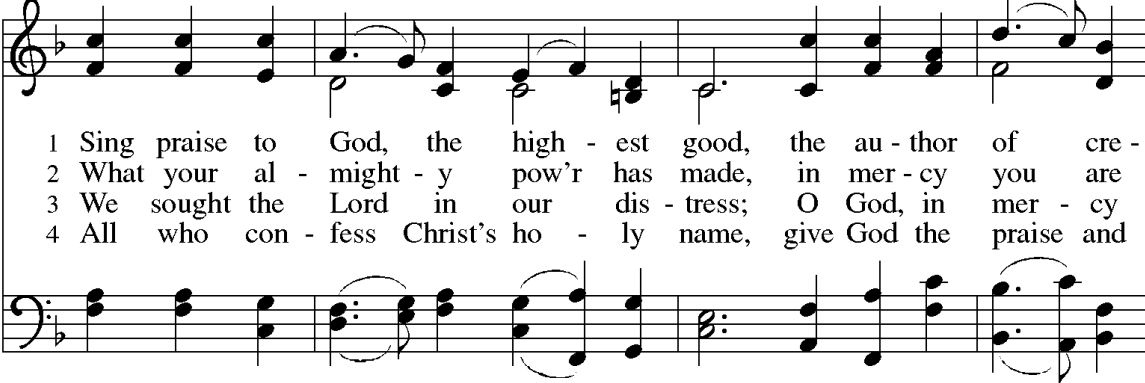
The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Miller

Please stand as you are able.



1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, the au - thor of cre -
 2 What your al - might - y pow'r has made, in mer - cy you are
 3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy
 4 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, give God the praise and



a - tion! O God of love, you un - der - stood our need for
 keep - ing; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade, your eye is
 hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness and came with
 glo - ry! Let all God's sav - ing pow'r pro - claim; give God the



your sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our souls you fill;
 nev - er sleep - ing; in the do - min - ion of your might
 peace to cheer us. For this we thank and praise the Lord,
 praise and glo - ry! Cast ev - ry i - dol from its throne;



all our la - ment with peace you still.
 all things are just and good and right. To God all praise and glo - ry!
 who is by one and all a - dored.
 God is the Lord, and God a - lone:

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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.**

Continued on the next page.

Prayers of Intercession and Dedication of Quilts and Baby Blankets

Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. Faithful God, your Spirit animates the church throughout the world and binds believers near and far into the body of Christ. Equip us for the work of faith, and enlarge our hearts for the labor of love. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Sovereign God, your rule and authority is over the cosmos. As you once worked through the ruler Cyrus for the good of your people, accomplish your purposes through the work of elected leaders and public servants. Right now, we especially lift before you leaders of warring nations. Guide them with your wisdom and compassion to peace-filled solutions. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Caring God, your arms enfold all who are lonely, oppressed, despairing, sick, and suffering. Pour out your abundant mercy on all whom this world has neglected, abandoned, and forgotten, that they may know your joy. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Almighty God, we thank you for all the programs of outreach we have in this congregation community, for your saints who find so many ways to proclaim your Good News. Especially this day we thank you for 25 years of the ministry of creating quilts for mission, and the beauty of baby blankets for your children worldwide. Continue to guide us in so many creative ways to share your love. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

(All may place hands on a quilt or baby blanket.) Wondrous God, we now offer the fruits of all labors, these quilts and baby blankets. We dedicate these to your service, ready to radiate your love from us to the world. May these be used in your service and become blessings for all who receive them. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Everlasting God, the saints of every age have sung your praise and shared your word. We give you thanks for their witness and pray that we may join them as citizens of your unending kingdom. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Please be seated.

MEAL

OFFERING

We invite you to give your offering online at saintlukegive.us.
You may also mail your checks to:

Saint Luke Lutheran Church
9100 Colesville Road
Silver Spring, MD 20910

CHORAL ANTHEM (8:45)

Give Alms of Thy Goods

Give alms of thy goods, and turn never thy face from any poor man,
and then the face of the Lord shall not be turned away from thee.

Text: Offertory Sentence from the Book of Common Prayer

Music: Christopher Ty (c. 1505 - c. 1572)

MUSIC DURING THE OFFERING (11:15)

Melody

Alexandre Guilmant

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

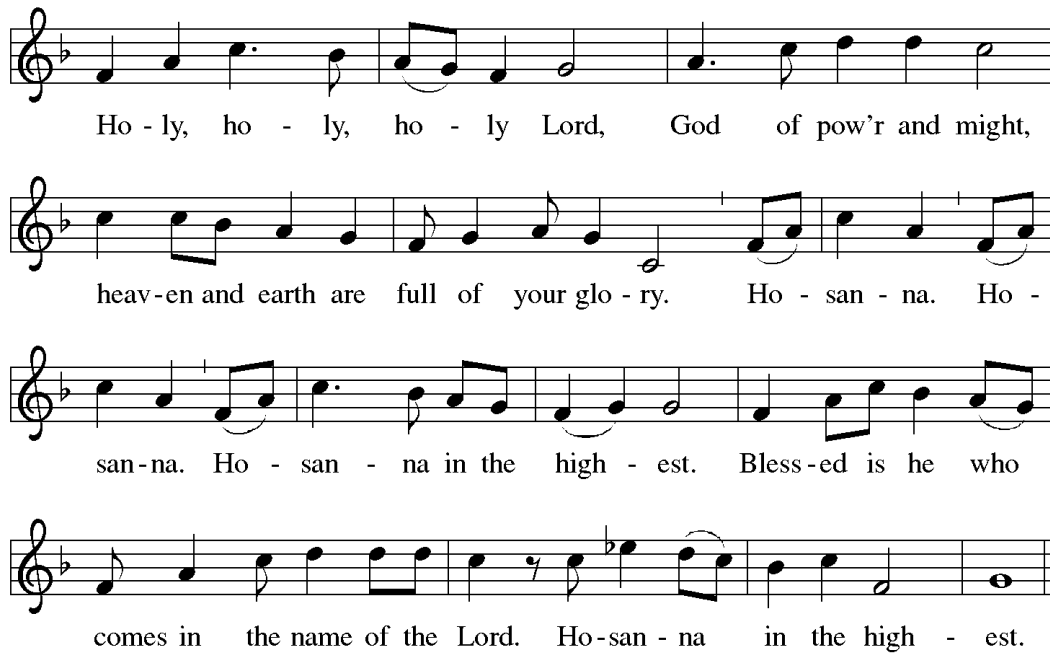
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



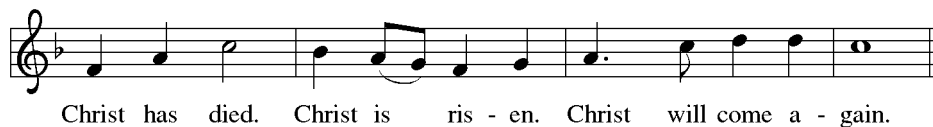
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

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

Jesus invites us to this table.

Come, eat and live.

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.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION (8:45)

Sung by the choir

Psalm 96:1-9—Anglican Chant by David Hurd

Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.

For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.

Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
 2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
 3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
 4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
 and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
 to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ - like thing.
 what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.
 Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

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



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of glory,
Jesus Christ, name above all names,
and the Spirit who lives in you,

✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969
 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

DISMISSAL

Go in peace.
God is at work in you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on 'Cwm Rhondda'

Walter Pelz (b. 1926)

WORSHIP LEADERS

PRESIDING MINISTERS

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

ASSISTING MINISTERS

The Rev. Gary Nuss, *Support Pastor*
Deacon Kyle Warfield, *Director of Discipleship and Senior High Ministries*

READERS

Martha Piedrasanta, *Senior Manager, Quilt & Kit Ministry,*
Lutheran World Relief, Baltimore
Karla Walker, *Quilting Ministry Coordinator, Saint Luke*

MUSICIANS

Dr. Alain Truche, *Director of Music and Organist*
Schola Cantorum (8:45)



THE FLOWERS ABOUT THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God by Kay, Kacy and Tori Paide, in remembrance of the life and witness of husband and father, Tonis Paide.

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This week at Saint Luke Lutheran Church

SUNDAY, Oct. 22—21st Sunday after Pentecost— Quilt and Baby Blanket Dedication

8:45 AM **Worship**
10:00 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class
10:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Up For Discussion (Hybrid)
10:00 AM SLSHY
11:15 AM **Worship**
12:30 PM Genesis Bells Rehearsal
4:00 PM Wickre Organ Concert
5:00 PM Reception

MONDAY, October 23

8:00 AM CDS Classes
4:00 PM After School Art Program - Langley Park
5:30 PM Stewardship (Zoom)
6:00 PM Yoga
7:00 PM ESL Class

TUESDAY, October 24

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

WEDNESDAY, October 25

7:00 AM Faith Connections (Zoom)
8:00 AM CDS Classes
10:00 AM Women in Community
10:00 AM CDS Chapel
3:00 PM En Camino: Children's Tutor Program
5:00 PM Choristers RSCM Program

7:00 PM ESL Class
7:30 PM AA
7:30 PM Schola Cantorum Rehearsal

THURSDAY, October 26

6:30 AM Parking Lot Ministry - Langley Park
8:00 AM CDS Classes
12:00 PM Reception
2:45 PM Caring Project: Children's Tutor Program
7:30 PM Centering Prayer (Zoom)

FRIDAY, October 27

8:00 AM CDS Classes
7:00 PM Book & Video Discussion Group

SATURDAY, October 28

8:00 AM Food Distribution: Langley Park
9:30 AM AA
10:00 AM Pumpkin Carving and Decorating
11:00 AM Al-Anon
5:00 PM SLSHY: Field of Screams

SUNDAY, Oct. 29—Reformation Sunday

10:00 AM **Festival Worship/Bible Presentation**
11:00 AM Oktoberfest
12:30 PM Genesis Bells Rehearsal
5:00 PM **Misa Español**
6:00 PM Reception

NB: Worship Services are in person and livestreamed

Upcoming Commemorations

James of Jerusalem, martyr, died around 62

Monday, October 23, 2023

One of three early-church leaders named James, this man is identified in the New Testament and by a historian of the time as a brother of Jesus. Scholars are uncertain whether this means a blood brother. He was a leader of the church in Jerusalem.

Philipp Nicolai, died 1608; Johann Heermann, died 1647; Paul Gerhardt, died 1676; hymnwriters

Thursday, October 26, 2023

These great hymnwriters all worked in seventeenth-century Germany in times of war and plague. Nicolai, a pastor, lost 1,300 parishioners to plague, 170 in one week. He wrote "O Morning

Star, how fair and bright" and "Wake, awake, for night is flying." Heermann's hymns, including "Ah, holy Jesus," often express the emotions of faith. Gerhardt, perhaps the greatest Lutheran hymnwriter, was a pastor in Berlin.

Simon and Jude, Apostles

Saturday, October 28, 2023

We know little about these apostles. Simon is listed as "the zealot" or Cananean in New Testament lists. Jude, also called Thaddeus, asked Jesus at the last supper why he had revealed himself to the disciples but not to the world.

REMINDER: NEXT SUNDAY

OCTOBER 29

IT'S ALL ABOUT GRACE



**REFORMATION CELEBRATION and
OCTOBERFEST**

10:00 a.m. ONE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Guest Preacher: Dr. Paul Wee

(and more special guests!)

Special Children's Message (Don't miss this!)

Bible Sunday: 3rd Graders Receive Study Bibles

Reception of New Members

11:00 a.m. LIVE GERMAN BAND, DELICIOUS FOOD

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Today's Music

Organ Music

Minnesota composer **Robert Buckley Farlee (b. 1950)** is Associate Pastor and Director of Music at Christ Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. Bob Farlee and his wife Jane Buckley-Farlee were ordained in 1980, in St. Louis, Missouri, at Unity Lutheran Church, Bel-Nor, where Bob served as music director. In November 1981, Bob joined the staff at Christ Church Lutheran, Minneapolis, where he has served both as a pastor and cantor. Farlee is a graduate of Christ Seminary-Seminex, St. Louis, Missouri, serves on the worship editorial staff at Augsburg Fortress Publishers, and was deeply involved in the recent publication of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, the new book of worship for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. – vocalessence.com

The *Voluntary on 'Thaxted'* begins with an introduction hinting at the tune with a running left hand pattern. The tune proper is then played in the left hand on a reed stop and then migrates to the right hand.

A renowned composer, choral director, organist and educator, **Dr. Walter Pelz (b. 1926)** regularly performs recitals, dedications, and hymn festivals and appears as a clinician for organ and choral workshops throughout the United States. He has composed several hundred compositions including verses and offertories, anthems, solos, cantatas, hymns, choral symphonies, and organ works—many with instruments. He is affiliated with nine publishers. Most of his compositions are the result of commissions from colleges, churches, publishers, corporations, and private individuals. Several of his hymn tunes and harmonizations are included in recent hymnal supplements. Most recently he produced the CD *Joy is Sounding* for the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians (ALCM) which was released in 2002 and is available through them. His compositions have been performed in churches, colleges, and on radio and television in the United States and Europe. – cuchicago.edu

His short setting on CWM RHONDDA starts with a brief ritornello (refrain). The tune is then played in the left hand one phrase at a time in alternation with the ritornello.

Choral Anthem

This Sunday's anthem *Give almes of thy goods* is the most tasteful stewardship anthem I know. I have said this for years, and I believe it to be true. Rather than "please turn in your pledge card," this anthem text requests us to "give almes of thy goods." How proper and gracious is this?

The text is from the Book of Tobit, a book in the Catholic and Orthodox editions of the Holy Bible. Tobit is one of the apocryphal (non-canonic, extra) books of the Protestant Bible, along with the books of Judith, Wisdom of Solomon, Sirach and others.

Christopher Tye (c.1505-1572) has been called an "innovator" of English cathedral music that was "perfected" by Thomas Tallis, William Byrd and Orlando Gibbons. Tye and Tallis bridged the musical and liturgical styles from Roman to Anglican in the earliest days of the English Church in the mid-16th Century.

He worked closely with Edward VI, the young monarch who called Tye "our musical lecturer." Moving away from Roman plainsong chant, Edward VI had decreed that choirs sing in English and with only one note to every syllable.

Tye graduated with a bachelor's degree in music from Cambridge and sang as a lay clerk in the King's College Cambridge choir. He then became master of the choir at Ely Cathedral, and Cambridge bestowed upon him the Doctor of Music degree. Though not documented, it is assumed he held a position in the Chapel Royal in the 1550s.

About 1560 the Bishop of Ely ordained Dr. Tye deacon and priest within the same year, and he served in parish priest positions until his death.

The beauty and effectiveness of Dr. Tye's short anthem "Give almes" is its simplicity and imitative voice parts. One vocal line leads as all the others follow, woven together like fine fabric. Listen for the words "and then the face" as they culminate in sublime, homophonic chordal treatment of the text "shall not be turned away from thee." – Dr. David Ouzts

Hymns

Michael Perry (1942-1996) wrote *O God beyond All Praising* for the tune THAXTED to supply a text for worship rather than the one associated with it, "I vow to thee, my country." It first appeared in *Hymns for Today's Church* (1982) and is an expansive hymn of praise, as one might expect for an expansive tune such as this. It moves from God's mercies generally, to what God has done in Christ specifically, to our response in Christ. – ELW Hymnal Companion

Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good written by the successful Frankfurt lawyer **Johann Schütz (1640-1690)** was based on Deuteronomy 32:3 ("because I will publish the name of the Lord: ascribe ye greatness unto our God"). The text speaks eloquently of God's creation, power, love, salvation, mercy and providence with a closing call to remind all Christians that the glory belongs to God – a theme of which Jesus kept reminding his listeners. – Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

Bishop **William How (1823-1897)**, and Anglican, presents effectively the meaning of stewardship in *We give Thee but Thine own*. All that we have is a trust from God, and we must give back the first-fruits of our labor and our success. Money alone is not enough; we must also care for others in need and remember Jesus words in Matthew 25:31-46: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." – Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

With heavy Rockefeller financial support, Riverside Church in New York was built for **Harry Fosdick (1878-1969)**, one of America's foremost preachers. Non-denominational, the church was opened on October 5, 1930 – a grand occasion which invited self-congratulation and more than a little pride. Fosdick faced the time with hopeful enthusiasm but with humility and sometimes fearful apprehension. To mark the occasion, he wrote *God of grace, and God of glory* at his summer home in Boothbay Harbor, Maine with its call to face the call of Christ to be disciples, and to pray for wisdom and courage to face the hour, rather than to glory in it. – Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins