

Welcoming all and sharing God's love
as active Lutheran believers



September 25, 2022
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to St. Luke!

Welcome to all who have gathered for worship.

If you are new to our church, let us help introduce to the liturgy. Liturgy, translated from the Greek *leitourgía*, means *work of the people*. Our liturgy encourages vibrant participation in word and song of all who are worshipping together. This may be new to you, but we believe you will quickly find the engagement is uplifting and fulfilling. Together, the clergy, ministers and people share in the worship.

The majority of the liturgy is printed here in the bulletin so it is easier to follow. There are two types of music: service music, which is part of the liturgy sung by choir and/or congregation, and hymns. The music is in one of our two worship books, the **Red Hymnal** (ELW, Evangelical Lutheran Worship) or the **Blue Hymnal** (WOV, With One Voice).

Some helpful hints: a) the congregation speaks or sings those items in bold print in the bulletin; b) we stand (if able) where there is an asterisk; and where (♩) appears, the response is sung.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. The ushers will guide you. There is grape juice available in the rack with the cups, if you prefer not to have wine. If you wish to receive a blessing in place of communion, please cross your arms over your chest at the altar.

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GATHERING

Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness

(✠ *All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism*)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who is eager to forgive
and who loves us beyond our days.

Amen

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

God of mercy and forgiveness,
we confess that sin still has a hold on us.
We have harmed your good creation.
We have failed to do justice,
love kindness,
and walk humbly with you.
Turn us in a new direction.
Show us the path that leads to life.
Be our refuge and strength on the journey,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

Amen

Beloved of God:

your sins are forgiven ✠ and you are made whole.

God points the way to new life in Christ,
who meets us on the road.

Journey now in God’s abiding love
through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

*Gathering Hymn

What Is This Place

RED HYMNAL # 524

*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 (♩)

RED HYMNAL p. 138

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house,
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen

*Canticle of Praise (♩)

RED HYMNAL p. 139

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,

almighty God and Father,

we worship you,

we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ,

only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father.

Amen

*The Prayer of the Day

O God, rich in mercy,
you look with compassion on this troubled world.
Feed us with your grace,
and grant us the treasure that comes only from you,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen

THE WORD

First Reading – Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

In the year before Jerusalem fell to the Babylonians, when the siege had already begun, Jeremiah, imprisoned in the king's palace, purchased a piece of land. The purchase of the land is a sign of hope that God will restore the people to life in the land after the exile.

¹The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. ²At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, ^{3a}where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. ⁶Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came to me: ⁷Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." ⁸Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD.

⁹And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. ¹⁰I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. ¹¹Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; ¹²and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. ¹³In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, ¹⁴Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. ¹⁵For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

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

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

You are my refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust. (Ps. 91:2)



You are my ref-uge and my strong-hold, my God in whom I put my trust.

Psalm 91:2

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¹You who dwell in the shelter of | the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of | the Almighty—

²you will say to the LORD, "My refuge | and my stronghold,
my God in whom I | put my trust."

³For God will rescue you from the snare | of the hunter
and from the | deadly plague.

⁴God's wings will cover you,
and you will find ref- | uge beneath them;
God's faithfulness will be your shield | and defense. **(R)**

⁵You shall not fear any terror | in the night,
nor the arrow that | flies by day;

⁶nor the plague that stalks | in the darkness,
nor the sickness that lays | waste at noon.

¹⁴I will deliver those who | cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they | know my name.

¹⁵They will call me, and I will | answer them;

I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.

¹⁶With long life will I | satisfy them,
and show them | my salvation. **(R)**

Second Reading – 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

***Gospel Acclamation (♩)**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

RED HYMNAL p. 151

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 16TH Chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel – Luke 16:19-31**

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross

from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

The Gospel of Our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Homily

Pastor Susan Q. Claytor

***Hymn of the Day**

You Servants of God

RED HYMNAL # 825

***The Apostle's Creed**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.**

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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**

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God’s good creation.

(A brief silence)

O God, rich in mercy, fill your church with righteousness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Empower the baptized by your Spirit to be rich in good works and ready to share. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Protect the earth and its creatures. Provide water, food, shelter, and favorable habitats, especially for endangered species. Preserve threatened ice caps, glaciers, parks, and beaches. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Increase justice in nations, local governments, and courtrooms. Guide lawyers and those who hold public office to act with compassion and discernment. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Give food to the hungry. Set the captives free. Lift up those who are bowed down. Watch over the stranger. Tend to those who are ill, especially those on our prayer list: Don Hiltunen, Lou Serdoz, Erma Byrd, Berenice and Waldon Dodd, Brian Dorsey, Debbie May, Kathie Benton, Pat Martin, David Oglesby, Carolyn Holstein, Virginia Mow, Dorothy and Charles Moreland, Mark Hoadley, and all those in our hearts. Stir us to act in the best interest of our neighbors. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Enliven our praise. Inspire musicians, artists, poets, and all who create beauty in this place, especially our pianist and choir director Annette Jennings. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrate our milestones. Rejoice with those celebrating their day of birth this week, especially Charlotte Sheatsley, Ron Moreland and Richie Bennington. Give them peace, joy and love throughout the coming year. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Protect those in service. Watch over all who are in the armed forces, especially Chris Scott, Chaz Naumann, RJ Perry, Zach Perry, Patrick Channell, Sam Munchiando and Joseph. Keep them from all harm. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Enfold the saints who have died in the arms of your loving care. Grant that the holy angels accompany us and bring us to eternal life with them in the light of your presence. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen

THE MEAL

*The Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

*Offertory (♪)

RED HYMNAL # 685 Verse 4

**Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.**

*Offering Prayer

Gracious God,
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,
and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.
Amen

*The 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, 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:

*Sanctus (♪)

RED HYMNAL p. 144

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Eucharistic Prayer

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen (♪)

RED HYMNAL p. 145

***The Lord's Prayer**

**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**

Lamb of God (♪)

RED HYMNAL p. 146

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

***Invitation to Communion**

Christ invites you to this table.
Come, taste and see.

Communion Hymn *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* RED HYMNAL # 494

Spiritual Communion Prayer

**In union, O Lord, with your faithful people
at every altar in your church
where Holy Eucharist is being celebrated,
I offer you praise and thanksgiving.
Since I cannot receive you today in the sacrament
of your body and blood,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace.
May I live in you and you in me.
Amen**

**AFTER COMMUNION IS COMPLETED,
PLEASE STAND WHILE THE PASTOR OFFERS THE FOLLOWING BLESSING:
NOW MAY THE BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
STRENGTHEN YOU AND KEEP YOU IN HIS GRACE. AMEN**

***Post Communion Canticle (♪)**

RED HYMNAL # 538

**The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
to make of all the earth a better place to live.
The angels are not sent into our world of pain
to do what we were meant to do in Jesus' name;
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today.**

***Post-Communion Prayer**

God of the abundant table,
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal
with bread for the journey.
Give us your grace on the road
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen

***Blessing**

God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.
And may the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.
Amen

***Sending Hymn *God of Grace and God of Glory* RED HYMNAL # 705**

***Sending**

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.
Thanks be to God.