

# 15th Sunday after Pentecost

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## St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*  
Arranged by Dale Wood

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
whose teaching is life,  
whose presence is sure,  
and whose love is endless.

**Amen**

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

God our comforter:

**like lost sheep, we have gone astray.**

**We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.**

**We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.**

**We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.**

**Free us from our sin, gracious God.**

**Listen when we call out to you for help.**

**Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Amen**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in ✝ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

**Amen**

## **APOSTOLIC 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**

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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. **Amen**

## **FIRST READING:**

Isaiah 35:4-7a

**PSALM:**Psalm 146 (*Spoken Responsively*)

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

2 I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

3 Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

4 When they breathe their last, they return to earth,

and in that day their thoughts perish.

5 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,

whose hope is in the Lord their God;

6 who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;

who keeps promises forever;

7 who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The Lord sets the captive free.

8 The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those

who are bowed down;

the Lord loves the righteous.

9 The Lord cares for the stranger;

the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

10 The Lord shall reign forever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

**SECOND READING:**

James 2:1-17

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION :** (*Spoken in unison; please stand.*)

***Alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord always;***  
***again I will say, Rejoice. Alleluia.*** (Phil. 4:4)

**GOSPEL READING:**

Mark 7:24-37

**SERMON****Silence for Reflection**

*God Is So Good*  
Music Gregg Sewell

## **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**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

***A brief silence.***

***After each petition:***

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer .**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

In response to all that God has done and continues to do for us in Christ Jesus, we now come to that part of our worship when we give . . . not reluctantly, but cheerfully and in thanksgiving.

While many of us have been accustomed to giving in the offering plate, because of the pandemic, ways: through the mail there are other or with Vanco online. However you choose to give, please know that your gifts make a difference. Your support of our mutual ministry enables us to reach out with the gospel in word and deed in our community and to the world.

## **OFFERTORY MUSIC**

*Take the Bread and Wine*

Music Faye Lopez

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray.

**God of abundance,  
you cause streams to break forth in the desert  
and manna to rain from the heavens.  
Accept the gifts you have first given us.  
Unite them with the offering of our lives  
to nourish the world you love so dearly;  
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 and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**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**

## **COMMUNION**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.  
Lord of life,  
in the gift of your body and blood  
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.  
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,  
bearing witness to the abundance of your love  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BLESSING** May Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever. Amen

**DISMISSAL** Go in peace. You are the body of Christ **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Before You, Lord We Bow*  
Music John Darwall, 1731-1789



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Sunday 8:45 am Faith Formation/Christian Education  
Sunday 10:00 am - Worship with Holy Communion

Wednesday - 11:00 am - Holy Communion with Rite of Healing - Chapel

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