

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

October 31, 2021



St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Greeters: Linda Miller & Dudley Gayman **Altar Guild:** Becky Helman

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Welsh Melody, setting by John Carter

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

Gracious God,
have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
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.**

Reformation Dialog:

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.

There is one Body and one Spirit;
There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
One God and Father of all.

Blessed be God who sustains and protects his Holy Church.
And blessed be God who guides and confirms us in our Faith. Amen.
Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen

FIRST READING:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

PSALM:

Psalm 46 *(Spoken Responsively)*

1 God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.

2 **Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;**

3 though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.

4 **There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,
the holy habitation of | the Most High.**

5 God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;
God shall help it at the | break of day.

6 **The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth | melts away.**

7 The Lord of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

8 **Come now, regard the works | of the Lord,
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;**

9 behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.

10 **“Be still, then, and know that | I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth.”**

11 The Lord of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

SECOND READING:

Romans 3:19-28

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

*Alleluia. If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples,
and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. Alleluia. (John 8:31-32)*

GOSPEL READING:

John 8:31-36

SERMON

Silence for Reflection

Music for Meditation

Speak Lord in the Stillness with Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak
Penny Rodriguez

Exhortation

The Lord God in his goodness . . . so that our lives may be enriched and the work of our hands blessed and prospered.

Litany of Commitment to God's Word

Let us pray. Almighty God, by your holy word, . . . Keep us ever close to your word, that it might be written upon our hearts.

We commit our lives to your word, O God.

Help us to grow in faith and love toward you, so that we might always live in trust and hope.

We commit our lives to your word, O God.

Center us in routines that keep us close to you, O Lord. Center us in weekly worship.

We commit our lives to your word, O God.

Center us in daily prayer.

We commit our lives to your word, O God.

Center us in knowledge of holy scripture.

We commit our lives to your word, O God.

Center us in the mission of the church.

We commit our lives to your word, O God.

Center us in lives of thankful giving and loving for all the blessings which you have bestowed upon us.

We commit our lives to your word, O God.

By your word, O Lord, guide our lives, forgive our sins, inspire our thoughts, shape our attitudes, lighten our darkness, give us eternal hope, and fill our hearts with joy, assuring us of your constant presence, until you bring us at last into the glories of your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

After each petition:

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life. **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

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Jamaican Folktune

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

An Affirmation of Faith

Lani Smith

On this date in 1517, Martin Luther posted 95 Theses (propositions) on the door of the Wittenberg Castle Church as an invitation to debate the sale of indulgences for forgiveness. That event sparked a reform movement that eventually led to a Lutheran church and separate denominations. While there is much sorrow in the disunity which the Reformation caused, Luther did establish the idea that the Church is always in need of reform in the light of the gospel. Luther's primary principle that Christians are justified by God's grace through faith in Christ has also found universal acceptance among denominations. Today we pray for church unity, for the purity of God's word, and for a church that is always open to reform and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.



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