7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 16, 2023



St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church 2695 Luther Drive | Chambersburg, Pennsylvania | 17202

"SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST"



GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Children of the Heavenly Father Robert Lau

ENTRANCE HYMN Blessed Assurance ELW 638

*Congregation, please remain seated.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING Isaiah 55:10-13

Response after the reading: Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 65:9-13

Spoken responsively by whole verse.

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

¹⁰You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

¹²May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.

¹³May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:1-11

Response after the reading: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL & SERMON

The parable of the Sower.

Matthew 13:1-9, 13-18

NARRATOR: Reece Chestnut SOWER: Luke Coder IST SEED: Sara Policicchio

BIRDS: Maire Willsie, Alli McGehee & Macy Coder

2ND SEEDS: Ford Richards & Tiffany Frazier

SUN: Jenna Vogel
3RD SEED: Carol Angstadt
THORNS: Emma Chestnut

4TH SEEDS: Carly Vogel & Jayden Mull







THIS IS MY STORY...

HYMN OF THE DAY*Congregation, please remain seated.

WORDS ON SCREENS

CHILDREN'S STATEMENT OF BELIEF

The VBS children wrote their own statement of faith and will share it with you. Please read along on the screens.





PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF THE PEACE The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.



OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Lyric Piece

Susanna Keeney

OFFERING HYMN

"The Doxology"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

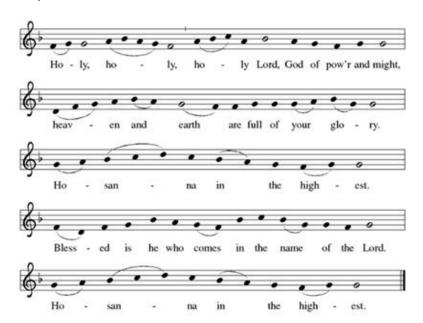
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW 191



EUCHARISTIC 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.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW 595, 677, 742, 815

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN We Plow the Fields and Scatter

ELW 681

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DISMISSAL Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God and WE WILL!

POSTLUDE Go My Children, With My Blessing Ronald A. Nelson







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Chestnut, Alli McGehee, Carly Vogel,
Jenna Vogel, Maire Willsie, Jayden Mull,
Ford Richards, James Policicchio, Luke
Coder & Macy Coder
VBS Staff: Tiffany Frazier, Janet Lundblad,
Carol Angstadt, Joy Shinn, Sue Purnell,
Sherry Fahnestock, Sara Policicchio, Gail
Cox, Bob Huss, Susan Richards,
Shelly Davies & James Martin
Acolyte: Christina Yarma
Greeters: Dudley & Karen Gayman
Altar Guild: Marge & Bob Kane

Dick & JoAnn Wildeson A/V Sound: Tiffany Frazier

Ushers: Lois Gibson & Terry Messer

Offering Counters:

A/V Slides: Dick Foster

Faith Formation/Christian Education Sunday 8:45 a.m.

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