

9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 30, 2023



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

“SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Larry Shackley

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

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

The minister stands and addresses the congregation.

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**

OPENING HYMN

Gather Us In

WOV (With One Voice) 718

APOSTOLIC GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

1 Kings 3:5-12

Response after the reading: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalms 119:129-136

Spoken responsively by whole verse.

¹²⁹Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
¹³⁰**When your word is opened it gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.**
¹³¹I open my mouth and pant
because I long for your commandments.
¹³²**Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as you always do to those who love your name.**
¹³³Order my footsteps in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
¹³⁴**Rescue me from those who oppress me,
and I will keep your commandments.**
¹³⁵Let your face shine upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.
¹³⁶**My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your teaching.**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:26-39

Response after the reading: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Many will come from east and west* and will eat in the kingdom of heaven. *Alleluia.* (Matt. 8:11)

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew:
The Gospel of the Lord.

**Glory to you, O Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Christian Aguilar

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Reign of God, like Farmer's Field

ACS 952



1 The reign of God, like farm-er's field, bears
2 The reign of God is like a pearl on
3 Though hid-den now, the reign of God may,
4 Like mus-tard tree, the reign of God from
5 The reign of God is come in Christ; the

weeds a-long with wheat; the good and bad are
bar-ren land con-cealed. If once you find that
yet un-noticed, grow; from deep with-in it
ti-ny seed will spread, till birds of ev-'ry
reign of God is near. A-blaze a-mong us,

in-ter-twined till har-vest is com-plete.
pre-cious pearl, go out and buy that field.
ris-es up, like yeast in swell-ing dough.
feath-er come to nest, and there be fed.
kin-dling hearts, the reign of God is here!

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APOSTLES' CREED

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 into hell.
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

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 HYMN

God's Glory Is All Around

Arr. Stewart Landon

OFFERTORY

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.**

OFFERING PRAYER

**God of field and forest, sea and sky,
you are the giver of all good things.
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,
and multiply your graciousness in us,
that the world may be fed with your love,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Words on Screen

PROPER PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

WOV 616A

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff ends with a double bar line, while the others end with repeat signs.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might;
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.**

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COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW 465, 679, 818, 631

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

Let All Things Now Living

ELW 881

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

March in G

John S. Dixon



Assisting Minister: Tiffany Frazier

Lector: Anita Walter

Communion Assistants:

Brad Bolinger & Carol Angstadt

Acolyte: Paxton McGehee

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Ellen Kroepil

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Offering Counters:

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A/V Slides: Dick Foster

**Faith Formation/Christian
Education**

Sunday 8:45 a.m.

**Worship with Holy
Communion**

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

**Holy Communion with
Rite of Healing**

Wednesday 11:00 a.m. (Chapel)

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