25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 19, 2023



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

"SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST"

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing

Douglas E. Wagner

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Steadfast and faithful God,

You have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us.

For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us.

For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us.

Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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, amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray. A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Response after the reading: Thanks be to God.

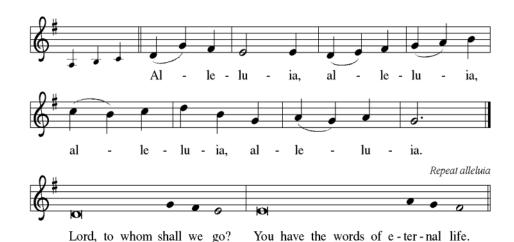
PSALM Psalm 90:1-8, 12

Spoken responsively by whole verse

- I Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth."
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night;
- 5 you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:
- 6 in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 7 For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.
- 8 Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
- 12 So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Response after the reading: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30

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

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord of Light

ELW 688

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 power of 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

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

For This We Pray

arr. Mark Hayes

OFFERTORY HYMN

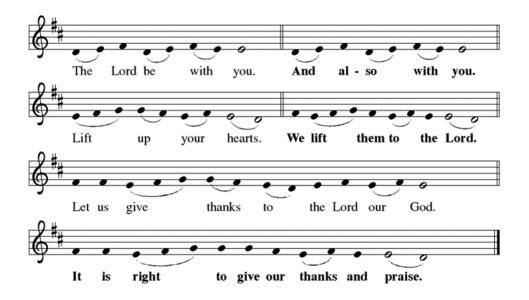
Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

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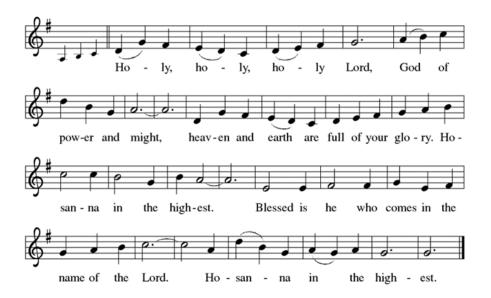
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God, above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

OFFERING PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The presiding minister continues: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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

We celebrate the Lord's Supper, the Eucharist, every Sunday. All people are welcome. Grape juice is available.

COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW 689, 681, 715, 616

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ELW 693

DISMISSAL

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Johann Cruger



Presiding Minister:
Assisting Minister:
Lector:
Communion Assistants:
Pastor Frye
Cheryl Vorhauer
Janet Lundblad
Velegai Beyan

and Sue Purnell

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& Ellen Kroepil

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Sundays - 10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion Wednesdays - 11:00 am Healing with Holy Communion

Faith Formation/Christian Education - Sundays, 8:45 am