

June 11, 2023
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome to 9:30 am Worship

St. Luke Lutheran Church
35 Wilson Ave, PO Box 338; Gilbertsville, PA 19525

PRELUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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GATHERING HYMN:

ELW 859 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt. ©2000 Augsburg Fortress;
Music: Ernewerten Gesangbuch, Part II, Stralsund, 1665.

HYMN OF THE DAY:

ELW 610 O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000, ©1969 Hope Publishing Company; Music: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835.

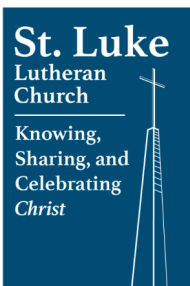
SENDING HYMN:

ELW 722 O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923, ©2000 GIA Publications, Inc.; Music: German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche, 1833.

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit Calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

During the prelude, please use this time to quietly allow God to open your heart to his blessed presence.

WELCOME

Please rise in body or spirit.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity,† one God,
who greets us in this and every season,
whose word never fails,
whose promise is sure.

Amen.

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

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned.

We have hurt our community.

We have squandered your blessings.

We have hoarded your bounty.

In the name of Jesus,

forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Righteous God,

we confess that we have sinned.

We have failed to be honest.

We have lacked the courage to speak.

We have spoken falsely.

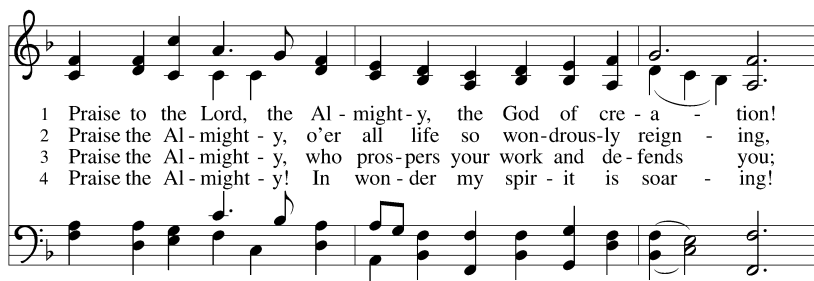
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forgive us and grant us your mercy.

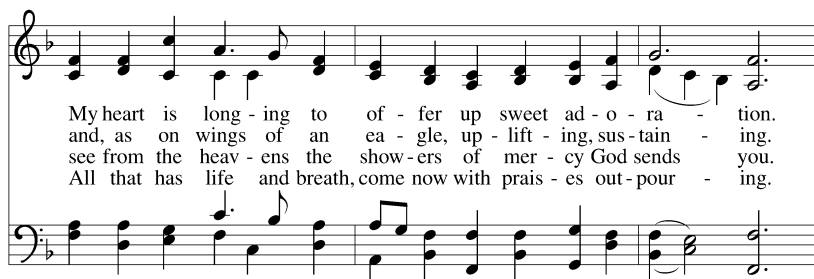
God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.
God offers boundless grace when we fail.

Claim the gift of God's mercy:
 you are freed and forgiven
 in the name of † Jesus Christ.
Amen.


GATHERING HYMN Praise to the Lord, the Almighty ELW 859



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the God of cre - a - tion!
 2 Praise the Al - might - y, o'er all life so won - drous - ly reign - ing,
 3 Praise the Al - might - y, who pros - pers your work and de - fends you;
 4 Praise the Al - might - y! In won - der my spir - it is soar - ing!



My heart is long - ing to of - fer up sweet ad - o - ra - tion.
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
 see from the heav - ens the show - ers of mer - cy God sends you.
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es out - pour - ing.



Mel - o - dy make; dul - ci - mer, harp, now a - wake.
 Have you not seen? All that is need - ing, sus - ful has been
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do;
 Let the a - men sound from God's peo - ple a - gain,



Sound forth your praise, ev - 'ry na - tion.
 sent by God's gra - cious or - dain - ing.
 in - fi - nite Love here be - friends you.
 glad - ly for - ev - er a - dor - ing.

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

HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.

2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.

3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:

Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;

Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.

Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.

For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God,
**you are the source of life
and the ground of our being.
By the power of your Spirit
bring healing to this wounded world,
and raise us to the new life of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING:

A reading from Hosea 5:15—6:6

¹I will return again to my place
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.
In their distress they will beg my favor:

^{6:1}“Come, let us return to the LORD;
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

²After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.

³Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth.”

⁴What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?

Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
⁵Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets,
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.
⁶For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50:7-15

⁷"Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you;
for I am God, your God.
⁸**I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;
your burnt offerings are always before me.**
⁹I will not accept a calf from your stalls,
nor goats from your pens;
¹⁰**for all the wild animals of the forest are mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.**
¹¹I know every bird of the mountains,
and the creatures of the fields are mine.
¹²**If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**
¹³Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,
or drink the blood of goats?
¹⁴**Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and make good your vows to the Most High.**
¹⁵Call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.

SECOND READING:

A reading from Romans 4:13-25

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

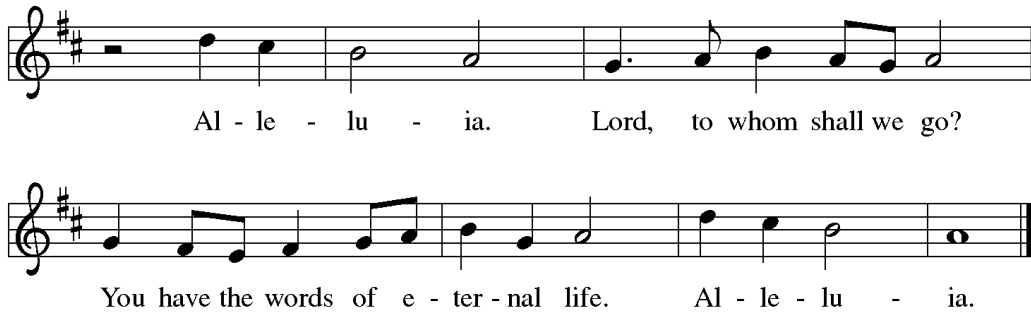
¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise in body or spirit

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL:

The holy gospel according to Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹²But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

¹⁸While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” ¹⁹And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹for she said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” ²²Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you

well." And instantly the woman was made well. ²³When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. ²⁵But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶And the report of this spread throughout that district.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

MESSAGE

Connie Hukari

Please rise in body or spirit.

HYMN OF THE DAY O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come ELW 610

CREED

Together, let us confess our faith using the words of the 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 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.**

The assembly is seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

A brief silence.

We pray, O God, for the church. Unite us with any on the margins, that the whole world recognizes that your mercy is greater than our human capacity to restrict it. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray, O God, for creation. Tend forests and fields and safeguard all cattle, birds, and wild animals. Preserve lakes, rivers, and oceans and send rains to water the earth. Revive lands recovering from natural disasters. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray, O God, for the nations. Awaken in our leaders compassion for people who have too often felt forgotten or neglected, and inspire policy solutions that promote equity and inclusion. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray, O God, for all who are in need. Accompany anyone enduring chronic illness, any who suffer in secret, and those grieving a loved one's death. Send healing for all who plead for relief from sickness or pain.

God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray, O God, for the eradication of racial hatred. On this week when we commemorate the Emanuel Nine, we implore you to cast out the demons of white supremacy that make us believe lies about ourselves and our neighbors. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We give thanks, O God, for Barnabas and all the saints. Renew our faith that you can do what you have promised and raise us, with all our beloved dead, to new life. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

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.



CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING

Refrain

Sal - va - tion be - longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for -

ev - er and ev - er. 1 Great and won - der - ful are your deeds, O

God of the u - ni - verse; just and true are your ways, O

Rul - er of all the na - tions. Who can fail to hon - or you, Lord, and

Refrain

sing the glo - ry of your name? Sal - va - tion be - longs to our

God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

2 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, and

bles - ed is the one whose name is the Word of God. All

Refrain

praise and thanks to you, ho - ly God! Sal - va - tion be - longs to our

God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.
Amen.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Please rise in body and spirit.

BLESSING

Church, receive this blessing.

The God who calls across the cosmos
and speaks in the smallest seed
✠ bless, keep, and sustain you
now and to the end of the age.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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LECTIONARY FOR JUNE 12-17

Monday – Psalm 40:1-8; Leviticus 15:25-31, 22:1-9; 2 Corinthians 6:14—7:2

Tuesday – Psalm 40:1-8; Hosea 8:11-14; 10:1-2; Hebrews 13:1-16

Wednesday – Psalm 40:1-8; Hosea 14:1-9; Matthew 12:1-8

Thursday – Psalm 100; Exodus 4:18-23; Hebrews 3:1-6

Friday – Psalm 100; Exodus 4:27-31; Acts 7:35-43

Saturday – Psalm 100; Exodus 6:28—7:13; Mark 7:1-13

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Worship Leaders: Connie and Haley Hukari

Director of Music: Lincoln Noecker

Lector: Connie Hukari

Audio Video: Mike Ferraro

Ushers: Gary Fronheiser, Ron Hukari

Sacristan: Kathy Billger

PRAYERS FOR Health and Healing:

- Terry Oxenreider, back surgery (friends of the Shaners)
- Lori Fitzgerald, rheumatoid arthritis
- Cheryl Homa, breast cancer surgery (sister of Joanne Rissell & Linda Fronheiser)
- Robert McCreary, congestive heart failure (brother of Dorothy Girton)
- Shirley Bucks, rehab (mother of Pam Ferraro)
- Maria & Dan Taylor, loss of their newborn baby (niece of Ted Schlegel)
- Cookie Stasik, rehab
- Emily (Fager) Bradfield, breast cancer (friend of Ferraro family)

PRAYERS FOR those in grief:

- Family & friends of John Huber (father of Peter Huber)

PRAYERS FOR those Needing Continued Prayers:

Bob Arobone

Tom Bucks

Kristopher Yoder

Jalen Gray

Larry Kuser

Sharon Smith

Bonnie Ritter

PRAYERS FOR those at home:

Charles & Gloria Christman

Marie Geiger

Ruth Nice

Clayton & Ann Rhoads

Jean & Bill Christy

Paul McFarland

Helen Penketh

Cookie Stasik

IN OUR PRAYERS: This morning in our prayers we remember the saints whose commemorations fall during this week:

June 11 BARNABAS, APOSTLE

June 14 Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, 379

Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, c. 385

Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople, c 389

Sponsors:

The communion elements and bulletins are sponsored by Ruth Nice in memory of her husband Rev. Don Nice.

Community Clothing Rack

The Community Clothing Rack has summer hours from June 1 to August 31. The hours are 9:00 am to Noon every Wednesday except for the 5th Wednesday of the month which they are closed. The Thursday hours will remain the second Thursday of the month from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Date	Week of June 11-17	Location
Sunday, June 11 2nd Sunday after Pentecost	9:30 am Worship	Nave
Tuesday, June 13	7:00 pm Boy Scouts	Memorial Hall
Wednesday, June 14	CCR Shopping 9:00 to Noon	CCR
Friday, June 16	8:30 pm AA Meeting	Class Room Downstairs
Worship Leaders	Sunday, June 18	Sunday, June 25
Lector	Joe Vendetti	Kathy Billger
Ushers	Dave Girton, Ron Hukari	Larry Billger, Terry Conrad
Audio Video	Ron Hukari	Ron Ball
Office Volunteer	Cindy Bealer (June 15)	Pat Hallman (June 22)
Sacristan	Kathy Billger	Kathy Billger

Worship and Stewardship			
<u>Our May Commitment</u>	<u>Our Generosity</u>	<u>Overage/Shortfall</u>	
Budget \$13,064	\$8,049	-\$5,015	
Mission Support \$544	\$ 612	+\$ 68	

100th Anniversary Campaign
Pledges received year to date: \$96,430
Actual monies received to date: \$123,564



READER

Pentecost 2

- Today is the **second** Sunday after Pentecost.
- Last week the color was **white**. The week before that, the color was **red**. For the season after Pentecost, the color is **green**.
- The **Day of Pentecost** begins this season. The Sunday called **Christ the King** is the final Sunday in this season.

Season Match-Up

Each season of the church year has a specific name and color. See if you can match up the season names, symbols, and colors.

Advent



White or Gold

Christmas



White or Gold

Epiphany



**Dark blue
or purple**

Lent



Purple

Easter



Green

**Season after
Pentecost**



Green