

*St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church
310 West Main Street
Saxonburg, PA
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Sunday, July 24, 2016

Lectionary 17

10th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00

PRELUDE *You Are My All in All -- Arr. Mark Hayes*

*(When the music of the prelude begins, please lower your voice;
but, after worship raise your voice with joy!)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL CALL TO CONFESSION

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity: the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Sisters and brothers, bear with one another in love, maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, and take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P: Holy and gracious God,

C: we confess that we have not led a life worthy of the calling to which we have been called. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not acted according to your will. We have grieved your Holy Spirit. Have mercy on us. Forgive us according to the riches of your grace. Make us holy and blameless before you in love, so that we might live to the praise of your glory. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. You who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Great is Thy Faithfulness

CREATION

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by
 morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy
 hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

CALL TO PRAISE

Call: Call on the Lord! God inhabits our praises and hears our
 prayers.

**Response: You, O God, are good and forgiving, bighearted
 toward all those who ask for help.**

Call: We put ourselves in your hands with confidence and trust.

Response: We depend on you from morning to night.

Call: You know the number of hairs on our heads. You will not let us down.

Response: No one is like you, God, and nothing compares to your greatness.

Call: Your love is immense. You are slow to anger and quick to show kindness.

Response: You never give up on us, Lord. Thank you for your infinite mercy!

--Based on Psalm 86, The Message.

HYMN OF PRAISE *Amazing Grace/ My Chains are Gone*

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
was blind but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.**

**My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
unending love, amazing grace.**

**The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.**

**My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
unending love, amazing grace.
(repeat)**

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below
will be forever mine.
Will be forever mine.
Will be forever mine.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

C: **Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GOSPEL RESPONSE *Open Our Eyes Lord*

**Open our eyes Lord; we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord; and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13

L: The holy gospel according to Saint Luke, chapter 11.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”²He said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

⁵And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and

you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ ⁷And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord; and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

SERMON

Acts 4: 23-31 - The Believers Pray

²³ On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. “Sovereign Lord,” they said, “you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. ²⁵ You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:

“Why do the nations rage
 and the peoples plot in vain?
 26 The kings of the earth rise up
 and the rulers band together
 against the Lord
 and against his anointed one.”^{[a]·[b]}

27 Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles
 and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy
 servant Jesus, whom you anointed. 28 They did what your power
 and will had decided beforehand should happen. 29 Now, Lord,
 consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word
 with great boldness. 30 Stretch out your hand to heal and perform
 signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

31 After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was
 shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the
 word of God boldly.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Day by Day* (ELW 790)

1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens

to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
 wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
 grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me

draw me near - er to my heav'n-ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter

mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,

lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

HOLY BAPTISM

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: **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.**

ACCLAMATION

(After baptism)

**C: Blessed be God,
The source of all life,
The word of Salvation,
The Spirit of mercy.**

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF GOD

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and the mission
we share. Join us as we give praise to God and bear God's
creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF OUR LORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Soloist - Rachel Steiner*

Shepherd of My Heart – Mark Baldwin and Dick Tunney

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray.

C: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

PREFACE

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BLESSING

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✚ give you peace.
In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

SENDING SONG *We Will Dance*

Sing a song of celebration, lift up a shout of praise,
For the bridegroom will come, the glorious One.
And O we will look on His face.
We'll go to a much better place.

So dance with all your might
lift up your hands and clap for joy;
For the time's drawing near when He will appear.
And O we will stand by His side,
A strong and pure, spotless bride.

**O we will dance on the streets that are golden,
The glorious bride and the great Son of Man.
Let ev'ry tongue and tribe and nation
rejoice in the song of the Lamb.**

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The glorious bride and the great Son of Man.
Let ev'ry tongue and tribe and nation
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DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee -- Arr. John Purifoy*

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK *Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14;
2:18-23, Psalm 49:1-12, Colossians 3:1-11, Luke 12:13-21*

WELCOME!

Please complete the pew card before you leave worship this day.

*Pastor Keller would be happy to visit with you at the time and
place of your choosing to answer questions about membership.*

*Simply call the church office at 724-352-2333 to make an
appointment.*

Attendance on Sunday, July 17, 2016

8:15	35	St. Luke's Lutheran Church	
10:00	56	310 West Main Street	
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THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM INCLUDES:

	8:15 Service	10:00 Service
ACOLYTES	Austin Heade and Kenneth Miller	Molly Begeman and Katie Drennen
ALTAR GUILD		
GREETERS	Ruth Richards and Kathy McRandal	Susan Beatty and Doris Herceg
LECTOR/ASST. MIN	Jeff Markwell	Doris Herceg
OFFER. COUNTERS	Jackie Bice and Bob Bicker	
USHERS	Neal and Cindy Hay	Jim and Helen McLafferty

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