# St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church 310 West Main Street Saxonburg, PA www.stlks.com

# Sunday, July 16, 2017 6th Sunday after Pentecost

**PRELUDE** Patience, People – John Foley

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

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the ⅓ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Please kneel for silent reflection and self-examination.

L: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

# GATHERING SONG

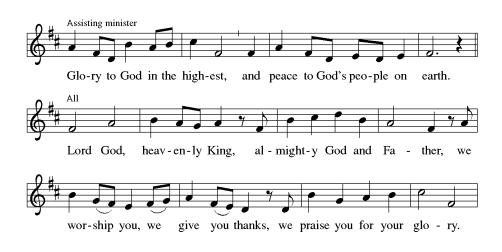
Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty (ELW 533)

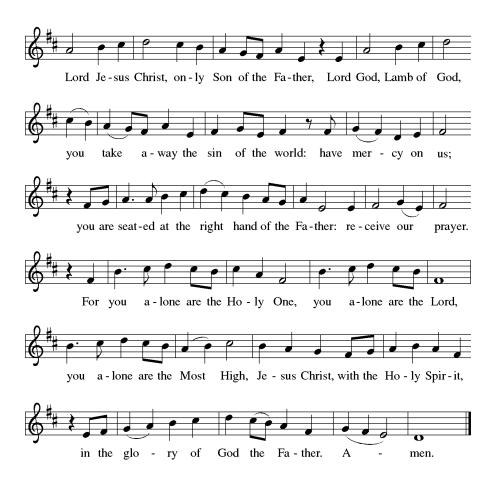
#### GREETING

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.

# **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**





# PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

# FIRST READING: Isaiah 55: 10-13

L: A reading from chapter 55 of the book of Isaiah.

<sup>10</sup>For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

<sup>12</sup>For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace;

the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song.

and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

<sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

# PSALM: Psalm 65: [1-8] 9-13

<sup>9</sup>You 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.

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

<sup>11</sup>You crown the year | with your goodness, and your paths over- | flow with plenty.

<sup>12</sup>May the fields of the wilderness be | rich for grazing, and the hills be | clothed with joy.

<sup>13</sup>May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak them- | selves with grain;

let them shout for | joy and sing.

# SECOND READING: Romans 8: 1-11

L: A reading from chapter 8 of Paul's letter to the Romans.

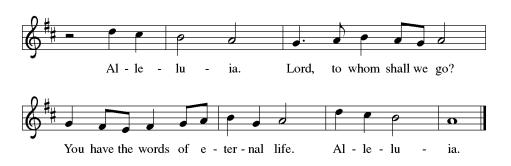
<sup>1</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. <sup>3</sup>For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



# **GOSPEL:** Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, chapter 13.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!"

<sup>18</sup>"Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup>yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup>But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

L; The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

#### **SERMON**

# HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (ELW 807)

#### CREED

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### **OFFERING**

# **OFFERTORY** Pane Engelicus – Cesar Franck Dave Kurowski -- Clarinet

# 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.

# 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,

and forgive us our trespass 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

P: 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 Plow the Fields and Scatter (ELW 681)

# **EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES - CHIMES**

# **DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

# **POSTLUDE**

8:15 All My Heart Again Rejoices- Donald Buwarow
10:00 God Is My Strong Salvation -- arr. Gilbert M. Martin

**PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK** (*Isaiah 44: 6-8, Psalm 119: 57-64, Romans 8:18-27, Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43*)

#### **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.

<u>Attendance</u>	on Sunday, July	9, 2017		
8:15	34	St. Luke's Lutheran Church		
10:00	51	310 West Main Street		
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Total	88			

# THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM INCLUDES:

	8:15 Service	10:00 Service
ACOLYTES	Austin Heade and	Rachel Steiner and
	Alex Kadunce	Evan Weston
GREETERS	Ruth Richards and	Carl and Grace Bracken
	Kathy McRandal	
LECTOR	Peggy Crawford	Jennifer Keller
OFF. COUNTERS	Jeff Hartzell and Bill Gordon	
USHERS	Kathy McRandal	Carl Bracken and Gayle
		Gundlach

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