

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

Sunday, July 23, 2017

10:00

PRELUDE *Sunshine and Joy Medley*

(Sunshine in My Soul/I've Got the Joy) -- Arr. Mark Hayes

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 *We are Called*

G G/B C C/D D

1 Come! Live in the light!
 2 Come! O - pen the your heart!
 3 Sing! Sing a new song!

G G/B C D D/F#

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are
 Show your . . . mer - cy to all those in fear! We are
 Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will

Em Em⁷/D C G/B

called to be light for the king - dom, to
 called to be hope for the hope - less so all
 reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as

Am⁷ G/B C C/D D

live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 ha - tred and blind - ness will be . . . no more.
 sis - ters and broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain
 Am⁹ G/B C D D/F# C/G D/G G G/B C

We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to

D Em Em⁷/D G/B C D D/F#

love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -

C/G D/G G Am⁷ G/B C D C/G D/G G

oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

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

L: Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

C: **I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
and glorify your name forevermore.**

L: For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me
from the pit of death.

C: **The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of
violent people seeks my life; they have not set you before their
eyes.**

L: But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

C: **Turn to me and have mercy on me; give your strength
to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid. Show me
a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and
be put to shame; because you, Lord, have helped me and
comforted me. —based on Psalm 86:11-17**

HYMN OF PRAISE *Seek Ye First*

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you, Allelu, Alleluia.**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find;
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you, Allelu, Alleluia.**

**We do not live by bread alone, but by ev'ry word
That proceeds from the mouth of God, Allelu, Alleluia.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

GOSPEL RESPONSE *Holy Ground*

**We are standing on holy ground,
And I know that there are angels all around.
Let us praise Jesus now.
We are standing in his presence on holy ground.
(repeat)**

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed

are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL RESPONSE *Holy Ground*

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And I know that there are angels all around.
Let us praise Jesus now.
We are standing in his presence on holy ground.
(repeat)**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Beautiful Savior*

**Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.**

**Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb-en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.



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,
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 *The River is Here*
Down the mountain the river flows;
And it brings refreshing wherever it goes.
Through the valleys and over the fields;
The river is rushing and the river is here.

Refrain

The river of God sets our feet a dancing,
The river of God fills our hearts with cheer.
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter,
And we rejoice for the river is here.

The river of God is teeming with life;
And all who touch it can be revived.
And those who linger on this river's shore
Will come back thirsting for more of the Lord.
(refrain)

Up to the mountain we love to go;
To find the presence of the Lord.
Along the banks of the river we run,
We dance with laughter giving praise to the Son.
(refrain)

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Rejoice, the Lord Is King -- arr. Lloyd Larson*

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK (*Deuteronomy 7: 6-9, Psalm 125, Romans 8: 28-39, Matthew 13: 44-52*)

Attendance on Sunday, July 16, 2017

8:15	36	St. Luke's Lutheran Church	
10:00	39	310 West Main Street	
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Total	78		

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.

THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM INCLUDES:

	8:15 Service	10:00 Service
ACOLYTES	Alex and Megan Edder	Eli Keller and Payne Crouch
GREETERS	Larry and Jean Parsons	Sue Beatty and Doris Herceg
LECTOR	Carl Smith	Doris Herceg
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