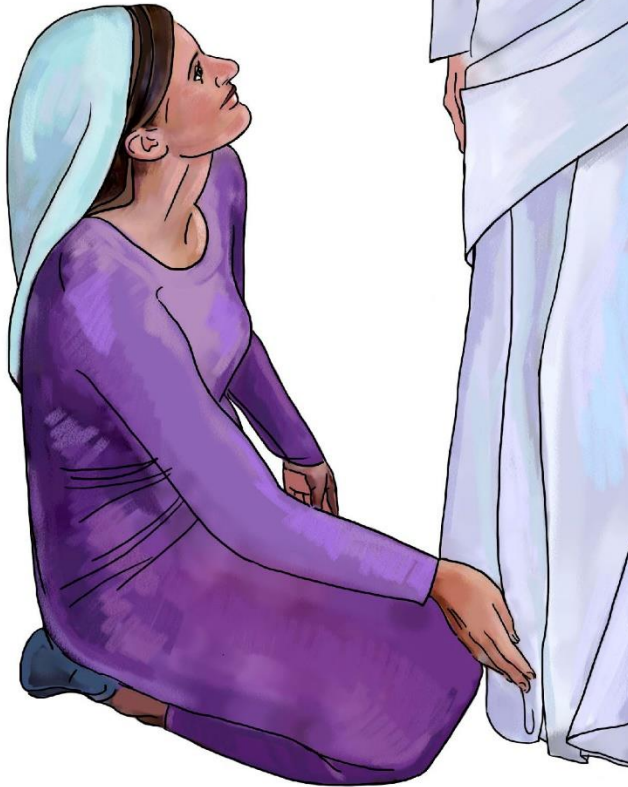


... all who touched it
were healed.

Mark 6:56, NRSV



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Sunday, July 25, 2021

8:15 and 10:00 am

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken

-- Mark Hayes, Arr. Douglas E. Wagner

The assembly stands.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ 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.

The assembly kneels.

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 us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

The assembly stands.

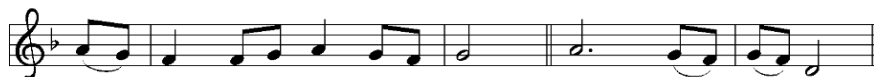
GATHERING SONG ***Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult*** (ELW 696)

GREETING

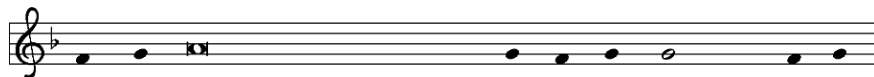
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

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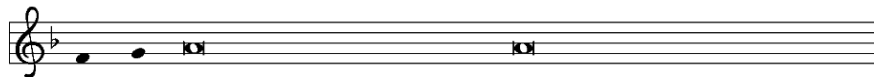
L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mer-cy.



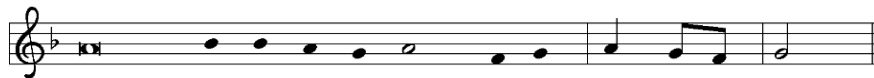
L: For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mer - cy.



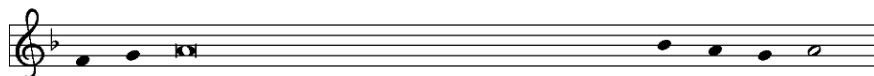
L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



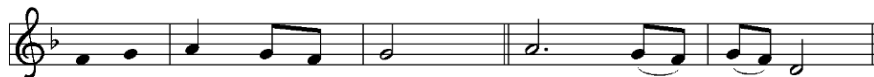
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.



L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mer - cy.



L: Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



C: A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

C: **Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: **Genesis 9: 8-17**

L: The first reading is from Genesis, the 9th chapter.

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: ⁹ “I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you ¹⁰ and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth.

¹¹ I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

¹² And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: ¹³ I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. ¹⁶ Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.”

¹⁷ So God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 136

L: Please let us read responsively Psalm 136.

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

His love endures forever.

² Give thanks to the God of gods.

His love endures forever.

³ Give thanks to the Lord of lords:

His love endures forever.

⁴ to him who alone does great wonders,

His love endures forever.

⁵ who by his understanding made the heavens,

His love endures forever.

⁶ who spread out the earth upon the waters,

His love endures forever.

⁷ who made the great lights—

His love endures forever.

⁸ the sun to govern the day,

His love endures forever.

⁹ the moon and stars to govern the night;

His love endures forever.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3: 14 -21

L: The second reading is from Ephesians, the 3rd chapter.

¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,

¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

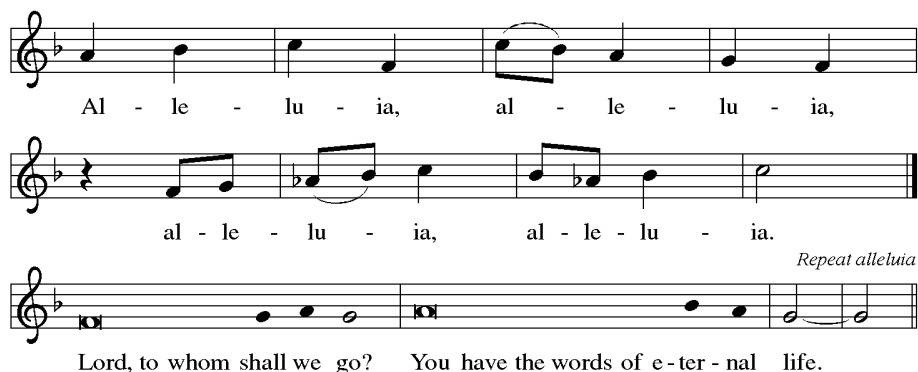
²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL: Mark 6: 45-56

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 6th chapter.

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

⁴⁵ Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶ After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to pray.

⁴⁷ Later that night, the boat was in the middle of the lake, and he was alone on land. ⁴⁸ He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. Shortly before dawn he went out to them, walking on the lake. He

was about to pass by them, ⁴⁹ but when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought he was a ghost. They cried out, ⁵⁰ because they all saw him and were terrified.

Immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." ⁵¹ Then he climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down. They were completely amazed, ⁵² for they had not understood about the loaves; their hearts were hardened.

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. ⁵⁴ As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognized Jesus. ⁵⁵ They ran throughout that whole region and carried the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he went—into villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY ***Praise and Thanksgiving***
(ELW 689)

NICENE 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**L: Lord in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.**

PEACE (Peace should be offered with a smile and a wave.)

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

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

***What a Fellowship, What a Joy
Divine*** (ELW 774)

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Festival for Organ -- James Mansfield

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-15, Psalm 145:10-21, Ephesians 4:1-16, John 6:22-35

WELCOME!

We are so excited that you have joined us today. You are important to our church family. Please complete the connect card in the pew before you leave worship this day. If you need to speak with a pastor or pastoral leader, please call the church office at 724-352-2333.

THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM INCLUDES:

	8:15 Service	10:00 Service
ACOLYTE	Amy Montag-Smith	Kelly Weston
LECTOR	Amy Montag-Smith	Kelly Weston
GREETER		Rachel Steiner
OFFERING COUNTERS	Kathy McRandal and Lil Bachman	

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Ronald Perkins	25-Jul	July 25
Mary Elder	25-Jul	Albert and Shirley Kobert
Kelsey Miller	25-Jul	
Kimberly Buss	31-Jul	July 28
Krystle Ekas	31-Jul	Dylan and Leah Plutyk

OUR JOYS, PRAYERS, CARES AND CONCERNS

Praise and Thanksgiving: for answered prayers (Liz Gordon's surgery), for all who helped to haul away unsold items from the sale, for Kyler William Bubb born 7/1/2021, son of Jason and Katie Bubb, brother to Nolan and Emery and grandson of Tom and Gretchen Gallagher

Healing, Cares & Concerns:

Roger Walker (chemo, lymphoma) Wendy Mendenhall's dad
Sonya Winters (chemo, breast cancer)
Patty (cancer)
Jim Humes (cancer)
Rochelle Harbison (cancer)
Ann (stage 4 stomach cancer, chemo)
Clara Pitschke (critically ill)
Kelly Kramich (cancer)
Mark Kollinger (back surgery recovery)
Bonnie Weaver (back surgery, ICU)
Bobbie Jo Shearer (hip surgery recovery)
Sue (pain)
Persecuted believers
Liz Gordon (surgery)
Carol Zagorski (brain tumor)
Nancy Daum (bacterial lung infection)
Joseph (burns)
Mary Precious (hospitalized)
Roy (radiation)
Lil Bachman (sciatic issues)
Jim F. (cancer)

Weekly NALC Church: St. Steven, Pittsburgh, Rev. Chip Frontz; St. Luke's ministry; for the Holy Spirit's leading to complete our call process.

Bereaved: Families of Homer Bartley, Sr. (Kim Lunn's grandfather), Brian Murphy

Monthly Mission: Days for Girls, Valencia Chapter



Thank you to everyone who came out to pack and haul away the remaining Yard Sale items. Your time and support is greatly appreciated.



The Angel

The August edition of The Angel newsletter is available on St. Luke's website (stlks.com). Hardcopies are located in the cafe. Please pick one up. Newsletters are mailed to our homebound and those who have requested a copy. If you or someone you know would like to receive a copy in the mail or if you would like removed from the mailing list, please let the office know. Deadline for article submission for the September edition is August 16th.



Welcome Days for Girls

Days for Girls (DfG) is turning periods into pathways and it is our monthly mission for July. They are working to increase access to menstrual care and education by developing global partnerships, cultivating Social Entrepreneurs, mobilizing volunteers and innovating sustainable solutions that shatter stigma and limitations for women and girls.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the DfG Valencia members were meeting on a weekly basis to cut and sew fabric for hygiene kits. The group did not let the pandemic stop their dedication, when they could no longer meet in person, they took their work home continuing to support girls and women around the world. This past year local kits have been provided to those in need on the Marshall Islands, Lebanon, and Honduras.

More information is available at daysforgirls.org or by contacting member Doris Herceg.



July 26

10:00 am - Sewing Group
6:00 pm Community Quiet Time

Aug 9

10:00 am - Sewing Group
6:30 pm - Council Meeting

Aug 12

5:00 - 8:00 Sunday School Swim Party

Aug 15

2:00 pm - Orchards Service

Aug 16

Angel Article Deadline

Aug 23

10:00 am - Sewing Group
6:00 pm Community Quiet Time

Reconnect Sunday School Swim Party

Let's go swimming and beat the heat!



August 12, 2021

SEBCO Pool

5:00 - 8:00 pm

Admission and pizza provided by St. Luke's. Please RSVP to Marge Kollinger (724-822-7760) or the church office (724-352-2333) by Sunday, August 8th, if you are planning to attend.



Twenty-five people from the community and congregation attended the organ concerts hosted by St. Luke's on July 15th. Attendees heard music by J.S. Bach, Andrew Lloyd Webber, and more. They were also invited to Sunday worship, the August 19 Stained Glass Window Tour and provided a bottle of water.

Missed the concert or just want to hear the organ again? A recording of the concert is on our website.

Mark your calendars... Ellen will play again on September 16.