

*St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
310 West Main Street  
Saxonburg, PA  
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**Sunday, July 2, 2017**

10:00

**PRELUDE**    *Higher Ground -- Arr. Joseph Prentiss*

**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**    *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.  
You are forever mine.**

## **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: Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;

**Response: from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.**

Call: For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;

**Response: you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

Call: Happy are the people who know the festal shout!

**Response: They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.**

Call: They rejoice daily in your name;  
they are jubilant in your righteousness.

**Response: For you are the glory of their strength,  
and by your favor our might is exalted.**

**All: Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD;  
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

*--Based on Psalm 89.*

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness (ELW 843)*

## **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      *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.**

**(repeat)**

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 10: 34-42**

**L:** The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, chapter 10.

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

<sup>34</sup> “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

<sup>35</sup> For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

<sup>36</sup> and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

<sup>37</sup> Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; <sup>38</sup> and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

<sup>40</sup> “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup> Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; <sup>42</sup> and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

**L:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **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.  
(repeat)**

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

### *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies: America the Beautiful*

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,  
2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,  
3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain:  
who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life:  
thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,

and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.  
till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.  
con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

## **EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF OUR LORD**

### **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.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**L: Lord, in your mercy,**

**C: Hear our prayer.**

## **EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF OUR LORD**

### **OFFERING**

## OFFERTORY

### *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.  
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

## 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.**

## 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 our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of  
everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!  
My heart is glad to say the words; you are holy, Lord.**

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

C: Amen

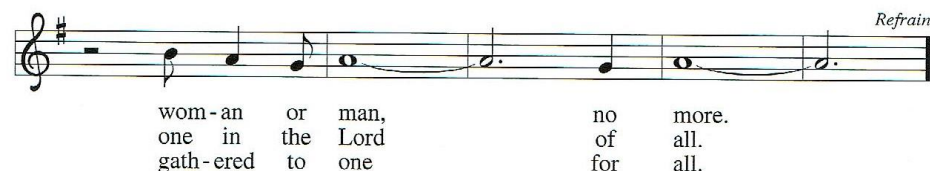
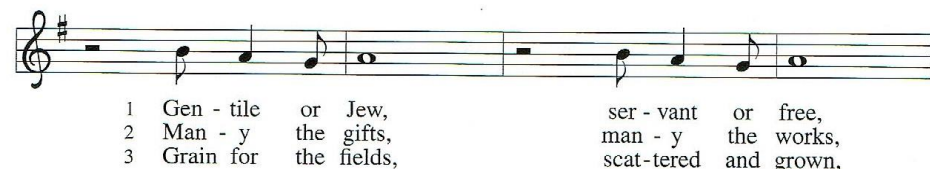
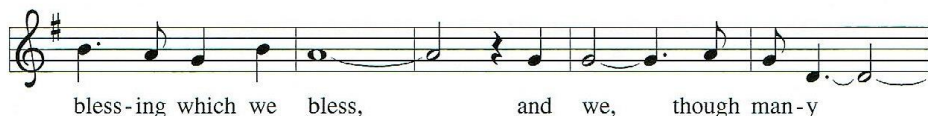
## COMMUNION

### COMMUNION SONG Jesus, Lamb of God

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name;

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.

### SONG DURING COMMUNION *One Bread, One Body*



## **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.

## **BLESSING FOR OUR NATION**

**SENDING SONG**     *God Bless America – Irving Berlin*

God bless America,  
Land that I love,  
Stand beside her and guide her  
Thru the night with a light from above;

From the mountains, to the prairies,  
To the oceans white with foam,  
God bless America,  
My home, sweet home.  
God bless America,  
My home, sweet home.

## **DISMISSAL**

L:     Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
C:     **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**             *God of Our Fathers -- Arr. Tedd Smith*

**PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK** (*Zechariah. 9:9-12, Psalm 145: 1-14, Romans 7:14-25a, Matthew 11:25-30*)

## **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 June 25, 2017

8:15	46	St. Luke's Lutheran Church
10:00	52	310 West Main Street
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**THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM INCLUDES:**

	8:15 Service	10:00 Service
ACOLYTES	Krystle Ekas and Alex Olczak	Payne Crouch and Eli Keller
Altar Guild	Audrey Lott and Wendy Mendenhall	Jackie Bice and Donna Bowman
ASSISTING MINISTER	Amy Montag-Smith	Travis Yates
GREETERS	Karen Foertsch and Linda Heade	Helen McLafferty and Judy Moser
USHERS	Ron Boltz and Tim Markwell	Tom and Katie Patterson
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