

*St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Sunday, June 16, 2019

Holy Trinity

1st Sunday after Pentecost

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Holy, Holy, Holy*

-- Mark Hayes, Arr. Douglas E. Wagner

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

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

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 *Come, Thou Almighty King (ELW 408)*

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31

L: A reading from chapter 8 of the book of Proverbs.

¹ Does not wisdom call out?

Does not understanding raise her voice?

² At the highest point along the way,

where the paths meet, she takes her stand;

³ beside the gate leading into the city,

at the entrance, she cries aloud:

⁴ “To you, O people, I call out;

I raise my voice to all mankind.

²² “The LORD brought me forth as the first of his works,
before his deeds of old;

²³ I was formed long ages ago,

at the very beginning, when the world came to be.

²⁴ When there were no watery depths, I was given birth,
when there were no springs overflowing with water;

²⁵ before the mountains were settled in place,

before the hills, I was given birth,

²⁶ before he made the world or its fields
or any of the dust of the earth.

²⁷ I was there when he set the heavens in place,

when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep,

²⁸ when he established the clouds above

and fixed securely the fountains of the deep,

²⁹ when he gave the sea its boundary

so the waters would not overstep his command,

and when he marked out the foundations of the earth.

³⁰ Then I was constantly^[c] at his side.

I was filled with delight day after day,

rejoicing always in his presence,

³¹ rejoicing in his whole world

and delighting in mankind.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Acts 2:14a, 22–36

L: A reading from chapter 2 of book of Acts.

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

²² “Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³ This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴ But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. ²⁵ David said about him:

“‘I saw the Lord always before me.

Because he is at my right hand,

I will not be shaken.

²⁶ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest in hope,

²⁷ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
you will not let your holy one see decay.

²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence.’

²⁹ “Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. ³⁰ But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay.

³² God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.

³³ Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. ³⁴ For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

“‘The Lord said to my Lord:

“‘Sit at my right hand

³⁵ until I make your enemies
a footstool for your feet.’”

³⁶ “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

L; The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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: John 8: 48-59

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, chapter eight.

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

⁴⁸ The Jews answered him, “Aren’t we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and demon-possessed?”

⁴⁹ “I am not possessed by a demon,” said Jesus, “but I honor my Father and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰ I am not seeking glory for myself; but there is one who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹ Very truly I tell you, whoever obeys my word will never see death.”

⁵² At this they exclaimed, “Now we know that you are demon-possessed! Abraham died and so did the prophets, yet you say that whoever obeys your word will never taste death. ⁵³ Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do you think you are?”

⁵⁴ Jesus replied, “If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me.

⁵⁵ Though you do not know him, I know him. If I said I did not, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and obey his word.

⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad.”

⁵⁷ “You are not yet fifty years old,” they said to him, “and you have seen Abraham!”

⁵⁸ “Very truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, I am!” ⁵⁹ At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *You Have Come Down to the
Lakeshore (ELW 817)*

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 OR OUR LORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

8:15 *Holy, Holy, Holy -- Peter Scholtes, Arr. Lani Smith*

10:45 *Holy, Holy, Holy - Jay Althouse*

(congregation joins on verse 4)

Verse 4:

Choir and Congregation

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Postlude: Holy, holy, holy!

Choir only

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine. Transform us to be the body of Christ that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; through Christ our Lord.

C: **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,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the
resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.**

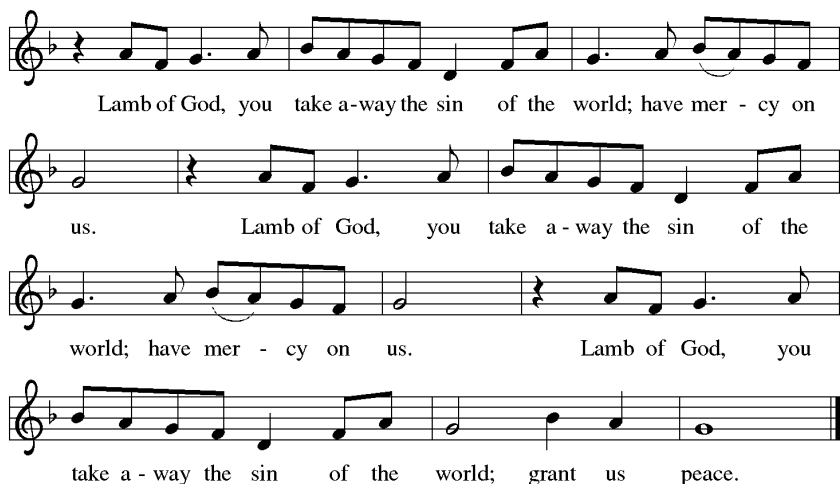
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L: Come, join the feast of victory for our God!

C: Alleluia, Amen.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words; you are holy
(repeat)

How Great is Our God

The splendor of the king
clothed in majesty,
Let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide,
It trembles at His voice, it trembles at His voice.

How great is our God! Sing with me, How great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!

Age to age, He stands and time is in His hands,
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful;
Where the streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name;
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,
When I walk thro' the wilderness, blessed be Your name;

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise;
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name;
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name;

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me;
When the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your name;
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering;
Tho' there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name;

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise;
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name;
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name;

You give and take away, You give and take away;
My heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be Your name."

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name;
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Let us pray.

O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.

C: **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 *Take My Life, That I May Be* (ELW 583)

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Postlude on "Italian Hymn" -- Edward Broughton*

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

Is. 65:1–9; Psalm 3; Gal. 3:23—4:7; Luke 8:26–39

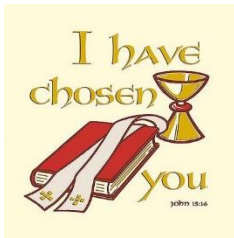
WELCOME!

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 9, 2019

8:15	56	St. Luke's Lutheran Church
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Celebrating 65 Years of Service to the Gospel



“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

- Jeremiah 29: 11

It’s rare when somebody stays in one profession all of his or her life. It’s even more precious when you spend it in the service of the Lord for the sake of others.

The Rev. Ralph Storm is celebrating 65 years of ordination today – an extraordinary milestone – as a minister of God. The Jeremiah passage served as his ordination scripture, and it has been a guiding principle for his life since he felt the stirring of the Holy Spirit in high school. Ralph has seen a lot in his years of ministry.

How has God used you to preach the gospel?

“I have always been open to his calling...wherever God wanted me, that is where I wanted to be.”

What did you learn from your ministry over the years?

“What the seminary didn’t teach you...you meet all kinds of people!”

What gives you the greatest joy in ministry?

“I have the ability to be involved in peoples’ lives. I remember toward the end of my active ministry, my wife kept saying, “Every time a person in the congregation dies, another piece of you seems to go.’ I would hear a lot from former parishioners, especially at Christmas. Remembering our ministry together, that has fulfilled me.”

What are you most thankful for in ministry?

“That God has been with me and has given me the strength and the wisdom to serve all these years.”

What do you consider your greatest blessing?

“To be able to have been a servant of the Lord, and the fulfillment of a dream that God would walk with me through these years. I could have never done this alone.”

**** For the full article see the July edition of the Angel newsletter.****

THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM INCLUDES:

	8:15 Service	10:45 Service
ACOLYTES	Megan Edder	Evan Weston
ALTAR GUILD	Shirley Ekas and Linda Heade	Lynn Fox and Donna Bowman
BREAD BAKER	Jackie Bice	
GREETERS	Linda Heade and Peggy Crawford	Sue Beatty and Doris Herceg
LECTOR/ASST. MIN	Cathy Boyd	Kelly Weston
OFFER. COUNTERS	Kathy McRandal and Lil Bachman	
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