

St. Luke's Saxonburg
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Sunday, November 19, 2017

PRELUDE *Come, Christians, Join to Sing - Penny Rodriguez*

THE GATHERING

Welcome/Announcements/Meet and Greet

Gathering Song *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got you and me, brother, in His hands
He's got you and me, sister, in His hands
He's got you and me, brother, in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the little bitty baby in His hands
He's got the little bitty baby in His hands
He's got the little bitty baby in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands

Offering *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.

Prayer and Thanksgiving

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

Dismissal of Children

We Are Called (ELW 720)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer of the Day

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

L: Let us pray. . . .

C: Amen.

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.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 25: 14-30

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, chapter 25.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the

talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Today's readings: Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18, Psalm: Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12, 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11)

Message

Musical Offering *Oh! I Want to Know You More - Lloyd Larson*

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

The 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.**

EXCHANGING OF THE PEACE

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.**

Closing Song *Step by Step*

**O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You,
O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You,
I will seek You in the morning,
and I will learn to walk in Your way;
And step by step You'll lead me
and I will follow You all of my days.**

**O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You,
O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You,
I will seek You in the morning,
and I will learn to walk in Your way;
And step by step You'll lead me
and I will follow You all of my days.**

**I will seek You in the morning,
and I will learn to walk in Your way;
And step by step You'll lead me
and I will follow You all of my days.**

DISMISSAL

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

Postlude *We're Marching to Zion - Mark Hayes*

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK (*Ezekiel 34: 11-16, Psalm 95:1-7a, Ephesians 15:1-23, Matthew 25: 31-46*)

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:

Greeter	Jodi Volchko
Usher	Mike Begeman
Praise Team	Chris Savannah
	Marilyn Merbach
	Jean Yohe

Attendance on Sunday, November 19, 2017

8:15	27	St. Luke's Lutheran Church
9:30	15	310 West Main Street
10:45	51	Saxonburg, PA 16056
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