

St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Sunday, November 19, 2017

24th Sunday after Pentecost

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

PRELUDE

8:15 *St. Luke's Bell Choir*

10:45 *Variations for Thanksgiving -- Colin Curtis*

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

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

P: In the name of the Father,
and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (ELW 693)

GREETING AND PRAYER

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.**

L: Let us pray.

Sovereign of the universe, your first covenant of mercy was with every living creature. When your beloved Son came among us, the waters of the river welcomed him, the heavens opened to greet his arrival, the animals of the wilderness drew near as his companions. With all the world's people, may we who are washed into new life through baptism seek the way of your new creation, the way of justice and care, mercy and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always! Again, I say rejoice!

Congregation: Thank you, God, for so many wondrous gifts.

L: For our homes and families, for our church and friendship, for food and fellowship.

C: **Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, we say rejoice.**

L: Thank you, God, for new life in Jesus Christ, for love, for belonging and for this time of thanks and praise.

C: **We all now rejoice and feast in the gifts and grace of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! (ELW 873)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18

L: A reading from chapter one of the book of Zephaniah.

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
“The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm.”

¹³Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.

¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

L: A reading from chapter 5 of First Thessalonians.

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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: 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.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *How Great Thou Art* (ELW 856)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF OUR LORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

8:15 *Table Song - David Haas*

10:45 *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers- Ronald A. Nelson*

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray.

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.

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 him 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

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

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.

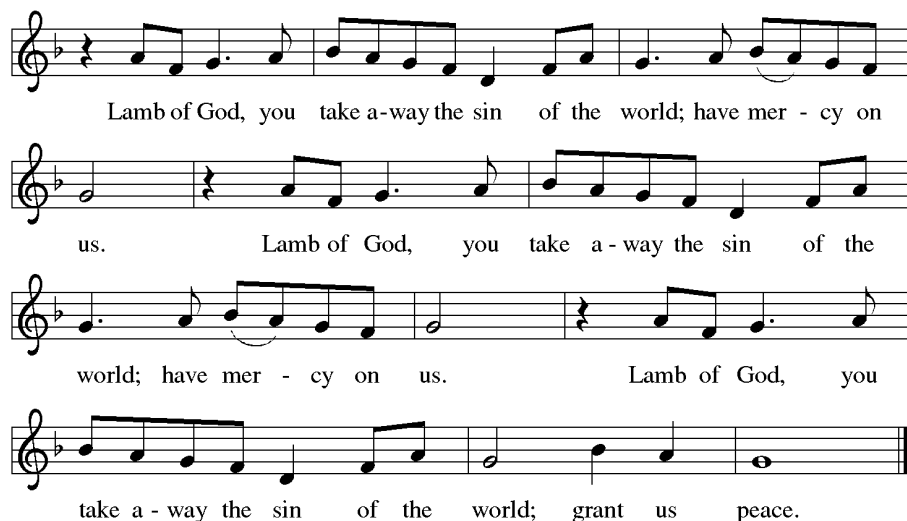
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

C: Amen

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG



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

Take My Life That I May Be (ELW 685)

We Give Thee But Thine Own (ELW 686)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

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.**

STEWARDSHIP LITANY: Psalm 100: 4-5

L: God is great, and greatly to be praised!

C: **We thank you, God, for families and friends. We thank you for the warmth of kitchens, quilts and good neighbors.**

L: God how great is your name throughout the earth!

C: **We thank you, God, for newborn kittens and faithful dogs, for pine trees and sunlight and crisp, clean air.**

L: Blessed be God, the rock of our salvation!

C: **We thank you, God, for the sound of laughter and the touch of love, for brand new mornings and for dreams held close.**

A: **Come into God's presence with thanksgiving -- make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise! Amen**

--Janice Jean Springer, from *Touch Holiness*, ed. Duck and Tirabassi (The Pilgrim Press, 1990), 100.

SENDING SONG *Sing to the Lord of Harvest (ELW 694)*

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

8:15 *Andante - John Stanley*

10:45 *Rise Up and Serve the Lord -- Patricia Lou Harris*

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

	8:15 Service	10:45 Service
ACOLYTES	Krystle Ekas and Alex Olczak	Payne Crouch and Cole Edwards
ALTAR GUILD	Shirley Ekas and Linda Heade	Lynn Fox and Laura Miller
GREETERS	Ruth Richards and Kathy McRandal	Carl and Grace Bracken
LECTOR/ASST. MIN	Amy Montag-Smith	Richard Beatty
OFFER. COUNTERS	Donna Shipe and Dave Fugate	
USHERS	Ron Boltz and Tim Markwell	Jim and Helen McLafferty

Attendance on Sunday, November 12, 2017

8:15	27	St. Luke's Lutheran Church	
9:30	15	310 West Main Street	
10:45	51	Saxonburg, PA 16056	724-352-2333
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