

St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Sunday, September 1, 2019

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Communion

10:00 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Sweet Hour of Prayer -- James Mansfield*

*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.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one
another.

Please kneel for silent self-reflection

L: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive 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: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

O God, Our Help in Ages Past (ELW 632)

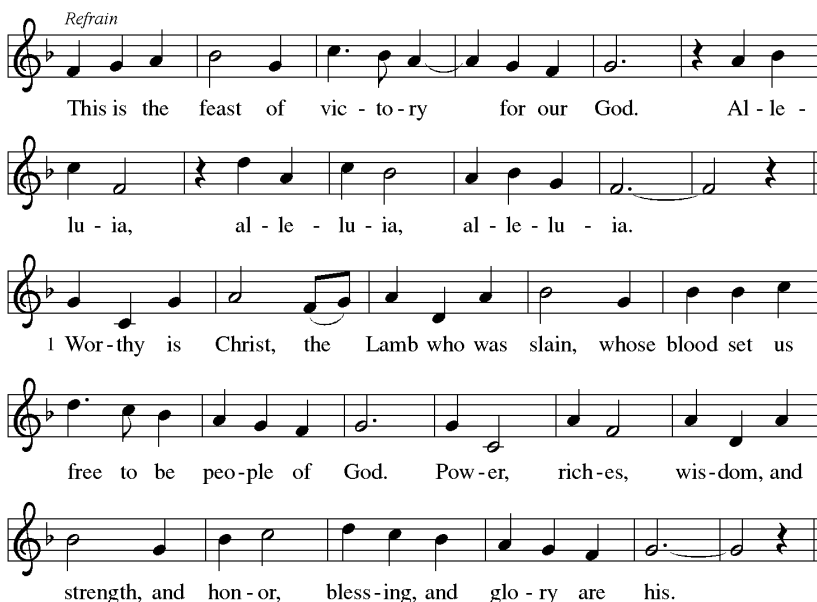
GREETING

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.
I 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.

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Proverbs 25:2-10

The first reading is from chapter 25 of Proverbs.

- ² It is the glory of God to conceal a matter;
to search out a matter is the glory of kings.
³ As the heavens are high and the earth is deep,
so the hearts of kings are unsearchable.
- ⁴ Remove the dross from the silver,
and a silversmith can produce a vessel;
⁵ remove wicked officials from the king's presence,
and his throne will be established through righteousness.
- ⁶ Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence,
and do not claim a place among his great men;
⁷ it is better for him to say to you, "Come up here,"
than for him to humiliate you before his nobles.

What you have seen with your eyes
⁸ do not bring hastily to court,
for what will you do in the end
if your neighbor puts you to shame?

- ⁹ If you take your neighbor to court,
do not betray another's confidence,
¹⁰ or the one who hears it may shame you
and the charge against you will stand.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 131

Please read responsively Psalm 131.

- ¹ My heart is not proud, LORD,
my eyes are not haughty;
I do not concern myself with great matters
or things too wonderful for me.

**² But I have calmed and quieted myself,
I am like a weaned child with its mother;
like a weaned child I am content.**

³ Israel, put your hope in the LORD
both now and forevermore.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 13: 1-17

The second reading is from chapter 13 of Hebrews.

¹ Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. ² Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. ³ Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

⁴ Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.

⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

“Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you.”

⁶ So we say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.
What can mere mortals do to me?”

⁷ Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

⁹ Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings. It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace, not by eating ceremonial foods, which is of no benefit to those who do so. ¹⁰ We have an altar from which those who minister at the tabernacle have no right to eat.

¹¹ The high priest carries the blood of animals into the Most Holy Place as a sin offering, but the bodies are burned outside the camp.

¹² And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood. ¹³ Let us, then, go to him

outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore. ¹⁴ For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come.

¹⁵ Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name.

¹⁶ And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

¹⁷ Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

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: Luke 14: 1-14

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, chapter 14.

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

¹ One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. ² There in front of him was a man suffering from abnormal swelling of his body. ³ Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in the law, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?” ⁴ But they remained silent. So taking hold of the man, he healed him and sent him on his way.

⁵ Then he asked them, “If one of you has a child^[a] or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day, will you not immediately pull it out?” ⁶ And they had nothing to say.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: ⁸ “When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. ⁹ If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. ¹¹ For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹² Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

**O Master, Let Me Walk with
You (ELW 818)**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Lord in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF OUR LORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*
-- Charles Crozat Converse, Arr. Madelyn Smith

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.**

MEAL

L: With consecrated Bread and Wine we gather as a congregation for the celebration of Holy Communion. We have heard the story of God's mighty acts and of His love shown to us in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We give thanks for the Real Presence of Christ given to us in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

With thanksgiving we remember that "In the night in which He was betrayed, He 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."

We were given assurance of our Lord's presence through the gift of His Holy Spirit. Now the Church brings to you in the Consecrated elements of communion this same bread of life and this same blessing, that you may be strengthened in faith through your participation in the Body of Christ.

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

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.

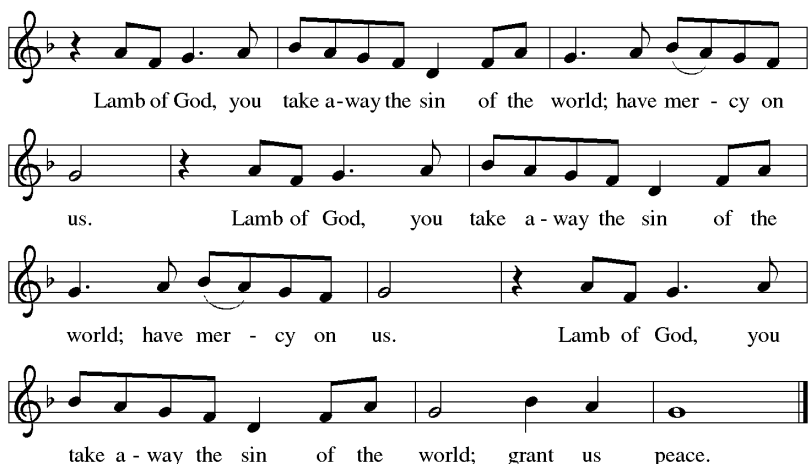
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

C: Amen

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG



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.

SONG DURING COMMUNION

As We Gather at Your Table

(ELW 522)

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.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak
(ELW 676)

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Festival for Organ -- James Mansfield*

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

Deut. 30:15–20; Psalm 1; Philemon 1–21; Luke 14:25–35

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
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READER/ASST MINISTER	Dave Fugate	Travis Yates
GREETERS	Ruth Richards and Kathy McRandal	Dick and Sue Smith
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Attendance on Sunday, August 25, 2019

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