

St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church
310 West Main Street
Saxonburg, PA
724-352-2333

Sunday, September 18, 2016

Lectionary 25

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Rally Day

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

8:15 *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart* - arr. Bill Ehrke

10:45 *Trusting Jesus* -- Arr. Mary McDonald

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

C 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *God of Grace, God of Glory* (ELW 705)

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 *Shine, Jesus, Shine* (ELW 671)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7

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

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵saying, “When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;
and the sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,

⁶buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”

⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

L: A reading from chapter two of First Timothy.

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions,
and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are
in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in
all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the
sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to
come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,

⁶who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a
herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a
teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

10:45 CHILDREN'S SERMON
KING'S KIDZ (JR. CHURCH AGES 5 TO 4TH GRADE)

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 16:1-13

L: The holy gospel according to Saint Luke.

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

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are

more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much.

¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

L: The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Borning Cry (ELW 732)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF OUR LORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

8:15 *Simple Gifts* arr. Jon Spong
David Kurowski – clarinet

10:45 *Listen With Your Heart* - Roger Thornhill and Brad Nix

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.**

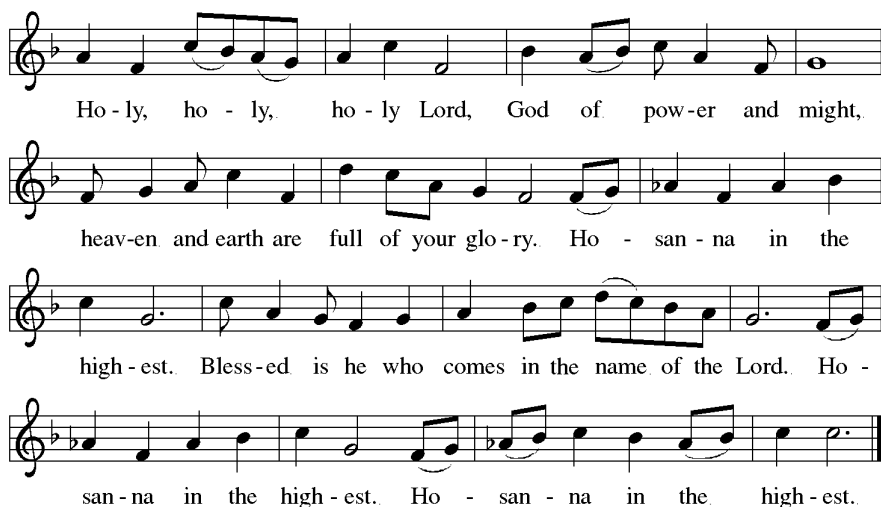
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give 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



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.

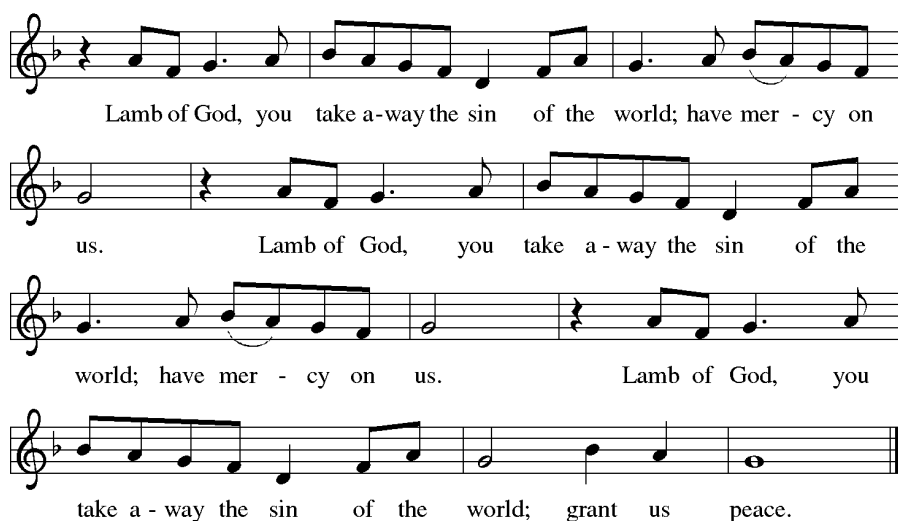
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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 HYMN *For the Beauty of the Earth* (ELW 879)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus 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 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* (ELW 836)

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

Amos 6:1a, 4-7, Psalm 146, 1 Timothy 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31

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, September 11, 2016

8:15	37	St. Luke's Lutheran Church
10:00	42	310 West Main Street
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	8:15 Service	10:45 Service
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CHILD. SERMON		Pastor Keller
GREETERS	Audrey Lott and Ruth Markwell	Dick and Sue Smith
LECTOR/ASST. MIN	Amy Montag-Smith	Larry Martin
OFFER. COUNTERS	Jackie Bice and Bob Bicker	
USHERS	Carl Smith and Dale Arthurs	Jason Fox and George Reuning

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