

St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
310 West Main Street  
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**Sunday, September 10, 2017**

**14th Sunday after Pentecost**

**8:15**

**PRELUDE**     *Here I Am Lord - Daniel L. Schutte*

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Please kneel for silent reflection and self-examination.*

**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.

### GATHERING SONG *For The Beauty of the Earth* (ELW 879)

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. 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 and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. 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 and hon - or and glo - ry and



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



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.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: Let us pray.

**C: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33: 7-11**

L: A reading from chapter 33 of Ezekiel.

<sup>7</sup>So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

<sup>10</sup>Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 119:33-40**

<sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way | of your statutes,  
and I shall keep it | to the end.

<sup>34</sup>**Give me understanding, and I shall | keep your teaching;  
I shall keep it with | all my heart.**

<sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of | your commandments,  
for that is | my desire.

<sup>36</sup>**Incline my heart to | your decrees  
and not to | unjust gain.**

<sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from be- | holding falsehood;  
give me life | in your way.

<sup>38</sup>**Fulfill your promise | to your servant,  
which is for | those who fear you.**

<sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach | that I dread,  
because your judg- | ments are good.

<sup>40</sup>**Behold, I long for | your commandments;  
by your righteousness en- | liven me.**

## **SECOND READING: Romans 13: 8-14**

L: A reading from chapter 13 of Paul's letter to the Romans.

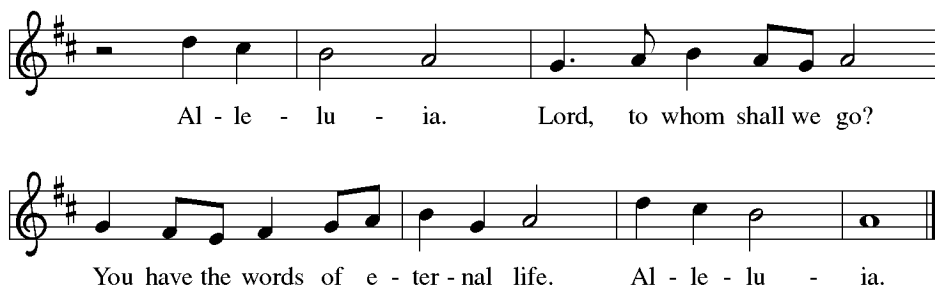
<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: Matthew 18: 15-20

**L:** The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, chapter 18.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one.

<sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

<sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

<sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.

<sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

**L:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*One Bread, One Body (ELW 496)*

## **CREED**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and  
glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY**

*In the Garden - C. Austin Miles*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**L:** Let us pray,

**C:** 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. Amen.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**L:** Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** hear our prayer.

## **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.

## **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

*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less (ELW 596)*

## DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE** *Rondeau - Jean Joseph Mouret*

**PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK** (*Genesis 50: 15-21, Psalm 103: 1-12, Romans 14: 1-12, Matthew 18: 21-35*)

## 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	10:00 Service
ACOLYTES	Austin Heade and Alex Kadunce	Adre Anderson and Molly Begeman
ALTAR GUILD	Gretchen and Tom Gallagher	David and Stefanie Fennell
ASSISTING MINISTER	Carl Smith	Dick Beatty
GREETERS	Jennifer Gundlach and Wendy Mendenhall	Helen McLafferty and Judy Moser
USHERS	Kathy McRandal and Ruth Markwell	Tom and Katie Patterson
OFFERING COUNTERS	Jeff Hartzell and Bill Gordon	

Attendance on Sunday, September 3, 2017

8:15	30	St. Luke's Lutheran Church	
10:00	48	310 West Main Street	
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# **St. Luke's Presents Christian Performing Arts On the Lawn**



## **Kiski Valley Community Band**

**Patti Marco, director**

**Today  
2:00 pm**

THE KISKI VALLEY COMMUNITY BAND WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1993 TO FULFILL THE DESIRE OF OUR VOLUNTEER MUSICIANS TO HAVE AN OUTLET FOR THEIR LOVE OF INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC. MEMBERS OF THE 45-MEMBER BAND RANGE IN AGE FROM HIGH SCHOOL AGE TO THOSE OVER 70-YEARS-OLD FROM COMMUNITIES IN THE ALLEGHENY-KISKI VALLEY OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA.