

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

10:00

PRELUDE *From the Inside Out*
-- Joel Houston, Arr. Larry Shackley

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL CALL TO CONFESSION

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity: the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Sisters and brothers, bear with one another in love, maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, and take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P: Holy and gracious God,

C: we confess that we have not led a life worthy of the calling to which we have been called. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not acted according to your will. We have grieved your Holy Spirit. Have mercy on us. Forgive us according to the riches of your grace. Make us holy and blameless before you in love, so that we might live to the praise of your glory. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. You who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG *We are Called*



1 Come! Live in the light!
2 Come! O - pen your heart!
3 Sing! Sing a new song!



Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are
Show your . . . mer - cy to all those in fear! We are
Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will



called to be light for the king - dom, to
called to be hope for the hope - less so all
reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
ha - tred and blind - ness will be . . . no more.
sis - ters and broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

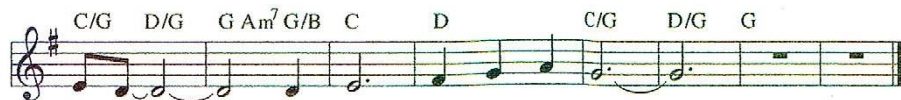
Refrain



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

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.**

CALL TO PRAISE

Call: Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.

**Response: Give me understanding, and I shall keep your
teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.**

Call: Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.

**Response: Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.**

Call: Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;
give me life in your way.

**Response: Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which is for those who fear you.**

Call: Turn away the reproach that I dread,
because your judgments are good.

**Response: Behold, I long for your commandments;
by your righteousness enliven me.**

--Based on Psalm 119.

HYMN OF PRAISE *Seek Ye First*

Optional descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al -

D F#m G D G

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God and its
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and

le - lu - ia, al - le -

D Em⁷ A⁷ D F#m

righ - teous - ness, and all these things shall be
you shall find; knock and the door shall be

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

G D G D Em⁷ A D

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

GOSPEL RESPONSE

Holy Ground

Chords: D, G², G, D, A/D, G²/D

We are stand - ing on ho - ly ground,

Chords: G, F#m⁷, Bm, Em, A⁷

And I know that there are an - gels all a - round.

Chords: G/A, D, D^{sus}, D, G/D, D, A/D, G²/D, G

Let us praise Je - sus now. We are

Chords: D/F#, G, D/F#, D/A, A⁷, D, DM⁷, G/D, D

stand - ing in His pres - ence on ho - ly ground.

GOSPEL: Matthew 15: [10-20] 21-28

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, chapter 15.

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

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL RESPONSE *Holy Ground*

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Bind Us Together, Lord*

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Bind Us Together

Refrain
F Dm Gm

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that

C⁷ F F

can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,

Dm Gm C F

bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love.

F C⁷ F F C⁷ F

1 There . . is on - ly one God. There . . is on - ly one King.
2 You are the fam - ly of God. You are the prom - ise di - vine.

F C⁷ F F C⁷ F B⁷/C *Refrain*

There . . is on - ly one Bod-y; that . . is why we can sing:
You are God's cho - sen de - sire, you are the glo - rious new wine.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *El Shaddai – Michael Card & John Thompson*

Meaning of the words:

El Shaddai – God Almighty

El Elyon na Adonai – God in the highest, Oh Lord.

Erkamka na Adonai – We will love you, Oh Lord.

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 *The River is Here*

1. Down the moun - tain the riv - er flows; And it
 2. The riv - er of God is teem - ing with life; And
 3. Up to the moun - tain we love to go; To

brings re - fresh - ing wher - ev - er it goes.
 all who touch it can be re - vived. And
 find the pres - ence of the Lord. A -

Through the val - leys and o - ver the fields; The
 those who lin - ger on this riv - er's shore will
 long the banks of the riv - er we run, We

A^b E^b B^b E^b

riv - er is rush - ing and the riv - er is here.
 come back thirst - ing for more of the Lord. The
 dance with laugh - ter giv - ing praise to the Son.

E^b A^b E^b

riv - er of God sets our feet a - danc - ing, The

E^b B^b E^b

riv - er of God fills our hearts with cheer. The

E^b A^b E^b

riv - er of God fills our mouths with laugh - ter, And

A^b E^b B^b7 E^b

we re - joice for the riv - er is here.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty -- Matt Hyzer*

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
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