

*St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Sunday, September 17, 2017

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Rally Day

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Come, Holy Traveler -- Patricia Lou Harris*

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

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

Congregation: Amen

L: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

L: 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 *Borning Cry* (ELW 732)

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 *Great is Thy Faithfulness* (ELW 733)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of
forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and
adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 50: 15-21

L: A reading from chapter 50 of the book of Genesis.

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said,
"What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in

full for all the wrong that we did to him?” ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 103: [1-7] 8-13

⁸LORD, you are full of compas- | sion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love;

⁹**you will not al- | ways accuse us,**
nor will you keep your an- | ger forever.

¹⁰You have not dealt with us according | to our sins,
nor repaid us according to | our iniquities.

¹¹**For as the heavens are high a- | bove the earth,**
so great is your steadfast love for | those who fear you.

¹²As far as the east is | from the west,
so far have you removed our transgres- | sions from us.

¹³**As a father has compassion | for his children,**
so you have compassion for those who fear | you, O LORD.

SECOND READING: Romans 14: 1-12

L: A reading from chapter 14 of Paul’s letter to the Romans.

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to

pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 18: 21-35

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

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

²¹Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt.

³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Beautiful Savior (ELW 838)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF OUR LORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

8:15 *How Can I Keep From Singing? -- arr. Edward Broughton*

10:45 *Go, Light Your World (Candle Song)*

- Chris Rice arr. Dennis Allen

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.**

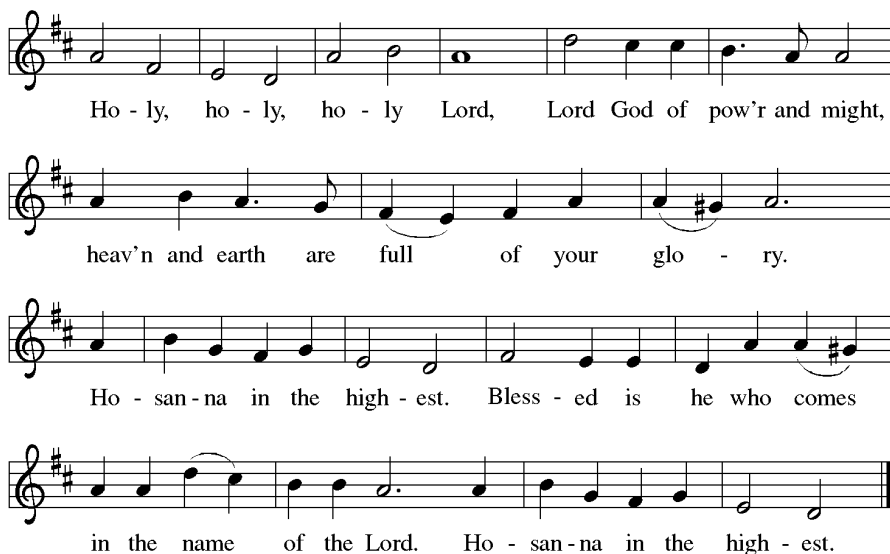
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.

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

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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

What Wondrous Love is This (ELW 666)

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

Shine, Jesus, Shine (ELW 671)

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Fanfare of Praise -- Jason W. Krug*

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK (*Isaiah 55: 6-9, Psalm 27: 1-9, Philippians 1: 12-14, 19-30, Matthew 20: 1-16*)

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 10, 2016

8:15	49	St. Luke's Lutheran Church	
10:00	33	310 West Main Street	
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WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM INCLUDES:

	8:15 Service	10:45 Service
ACOLYTES	Krystle Ekas and Alex Olczak	William Crytzer and Evan Weston
ALTAR GUILD	Gretchen and Tom Gallagher	David and Stefanie Fennell
GREETERS	Ruth Richards and Kathy McRandal	Dick and Sue Smith
LECTOR/ASST. MIN	Dave Fugate	Travis Yates
OFFER. COUNTERS	Jackie Bice and Bob Bicker	
USHERS	Dave and Judy Gundlach	Jason Fox and George Reuning



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