

*St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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**Sunday, September 27, 2015**

**18th Sunday after Pentecost**

**ELW setting 3**

**8:15 & 10:45**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

**8:15** *The Solid Rock* arr. Edward Broughton

**10:45** *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

-- Mark Hayes, Arr. Douglas E. Wagner

*(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: 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.

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 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 us,  
and for his sake God forgives us all our 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.

**C: Amen**

**ENTRANCE HYMN *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart* (ELW 800)**

### **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



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



**B** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**L:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**L:** Let us pray. . . .

**C:** **God of love, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them; keep us from those things that harm us; and guide us in the way of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **FIRST LESSON: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29**

**L:** The First Lesson is from the 11th chapter of Numbers.

<sup>4</sup>The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; <sup>6</sup>but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

<sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>So Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors’? <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

<sup>16</sup>So the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

<sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

<sup>26</sup>Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” <sup>28</sup>And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!”

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

## PSALM: Psalm 19:7-14

<sup>7</sup>The law of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom | to the  
innocent.

<sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to  
the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

<sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much  
fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is | great reward.

<sup>12</sup>**Who can tell how often | he offends?  
Cleanse me from my | secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them  
not get dominion | over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

<sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable | in your sight,**

**O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer.**

## **SECOND LESSON: James 5:13-20**

L: The Second Lesson is from the fifth chapter of James.

<sup>13</sup>Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup>Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.

<sup>15</sup>The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

<sup>16</sup>Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

<sup>19</sup>My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, <sup>20</sup>you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **VERSE**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-50**

**L:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter.

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

<sup>38</sup>John said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

<sup>42</sup>“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

<sup>49</sup>“For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

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

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

## **SERMON**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore (ELW 817)*

## **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;  
     by the power of the Holy Spirit  
         he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,  
         and was made man.  
 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.  
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and  
 glorified.  
 He 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**

**8:15** *Pie Jesu – Gabriel Faure*

*Clarinet soloist – David Kurowski*

**10:45** *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart - Robert Lau*



## THE PRAYERS

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 make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.  
C: Amen

## SENDING SONG *How Great Thou Art* (ELW 856)

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, remember the poor.  
C: Thanks be to God!

## POSTLUDE

8:15 *Now Thank We All Our God* arr. Lani Smith  
10:45 *God is My Strong Salvation* -- Arr. Gilbert M. Martin

**PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK** *Genesis 2:18-24, Psalm 8, Hebrews 1:1-4;2:5-12, Mark 10:2-6*

***Welcome!***

Please complete the blue 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	10:45 Service
ACOLYTES	Alex Edder and Alex Olczak	Natalie Savannah and Evan Weston
ALTAR GUILD		
CHILD. SERMON		Kelly Weston
GREETERS	Linda Heade and Doris Herceg	Bob and Nita King
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NURSERY		
OFFER. COUNTERS	Kathy McRandal and Jim McLafferty	
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Attendance on Sunday September 20, 2015

8:15	42	St. Luke's Lutheran Church
9:30	48/25	310 West Main Street
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