

*St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
310 West Main Street  
Saxonburg, PA  
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## **Sunday, September 03, 2017**

### **13th Sunday after Pentecost**

#### **PRELUDE**

*(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.*

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: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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 *Take My Life, That I May Be* (ELW 685)**

### **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.**

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE *O Savior, Precious Savior* (ELW 820)**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: Let us pray.

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15: 15-21**

**L:** A reading from chapter 15 of the book of Jeremiah.

<sup>15</sup>O LORD, you know;  
remember me and visit me,  
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;  
know that on your account I suffer insult.

<sup>16</sup>Your words were found, and I ate them,  
and your words became to me a joy  
and the delight of my heart;

for I am called by your name,

O LORD, God of hosts.

<sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,  
nor did I rejoice;

under the weight of your hand I sat alone,  
for you had filled me with indignation.

<sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unceasing,  
my wound incurable,  
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,  
like waters that fail.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD:

If you turn back, I will take you back,  
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,  
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,  
not you who will turn to them.

<sup>20</sup>And I will make you to this people  
a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you,  
but they shall not prevail over you,

for I am with you  
to save you and deliver you,

says the LORD.

<sup>21</sup>I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,  
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## SECOND READING: Romans 12: 9-21

L: A reading from chapter 12 of Paul's letter to the Romans.

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good;  
<sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

<sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

<sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.

<sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup>No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## **GOSPEL: Matthew 16: 21-28**

**L:** The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, chapter 16.

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

<sup>21</sup>From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.”

<sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

<sup>27</sup>“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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

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

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      *We Are Called* (ELW 720)

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

## **EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF OUR LORD**

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY**      *Mihkayla Perkins – trombone*

## 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.**

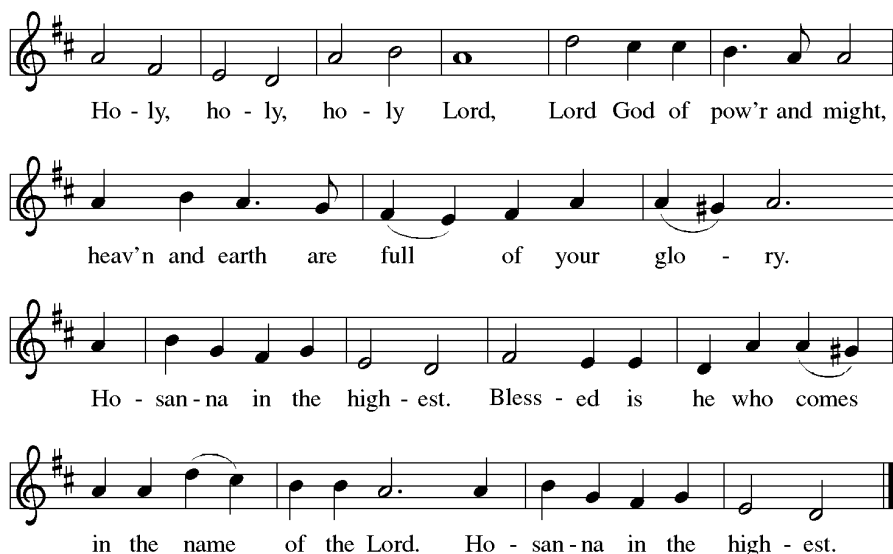
**L;**      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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.

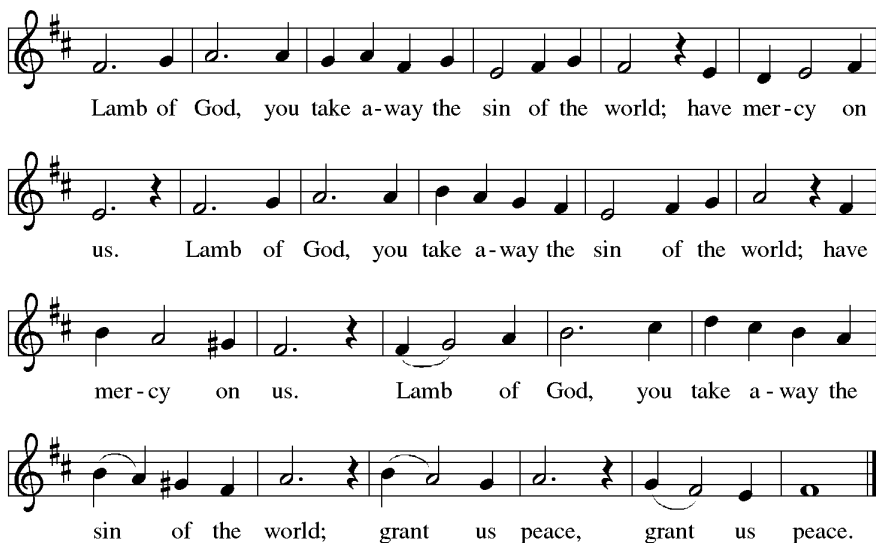
## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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.

## SONG DURING COMMUNION

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (ELW 631)*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**L:** Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life 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**

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

## **DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

**PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK** (*Ezekiel 33: 7-9, Psalm 32: 1-7, Romans 13: 1-10, Matthew 18: 1-20*)

### **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           |                                   | Molly Begeman              |
| ALTAR GUILD        | Tom and Gretchen Gallagher        | David and Stefanie Fennell |
| ASSISTING MINISTER | Cathy Boyd                        | Jamie Drennen              |
| GREETERS           | Karen Foertsch and Linda Heade    | Bob and Nita King          |
| USHERS             | Carl Smith and Dale Arthurs       | Richard and Sue Smith      |
| OFFERING COUNTERS  | Kathy McRandal and Jim McLafferty |                            |

### Attendance on Sunday, August 27, 2017

|         |    |                                            |
|---------|----|--------------------------------------------|
| 8:15    | 33 | St. Luke's Lutheran Church                 |
| 10:00   | 56 | 310 West Main Street                       |
| Nursery | 3  | Saxonburg, PA 16056                        |
| Total   | 91 | 724-352-2333 stlukechurch@consolidated.net |

## CHURCH STAFF

|                          |                                              |                              |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Reverend Roger G. Keller | Pastor                                       | 724-352-2333                 |
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| Pastor Keller's Home     |                                              | 724-360-2786                 |
| Jeannine Sanford, AiM    | Assoc. Min. of Pastoral Care & Visitation    | 724-594-5533                 |
| Chris Savannah           | Director of Music Ministry<br>Office Manager | 724-282-8044<br>724-352-2333 |
| Cortney Christoforetti   | Organist                                     | 724-352-2333                 |
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| Linda Heade              | Centennial Hall<br>Sexton                    | 724-352-3413                 |
| Bobbie Shearer           | Church Sexton                                | 724-352-0148                 |
| Kristen Begeman          | Nursery                                      | 724-352-2333                 |
| Judy Gundlach            | Prayer Chain                                 | 724-352-3543                 |



# **St. Luke's Presents Christian Performing Arts On the Lawn**



## **Kiski Valley Community Band**

**Patti Marco, director**

**Sunday, September 10th**

**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.

**BYOC (bring your own chair)**