

St. Luke Lutheran Church

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The Rev. Dr. Robert McKee

Evangelical Lutheran Worship
7th Sunday of Easter & Mother's Day

May 13, 2018

“HOW TO PRAY FOR HEALING AND RESTORATION”

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE. ASK ANY USHER.

Dear Members & Guests - Welcome to Worship!

God has greatly blessed us with your presence here today. Thank you for responding to his invitation.

If you have a prayer request, bright yellow forms are located on the back of the pews. They are collected during Offering in this morning's worship. You will also find pew pads in each pew, as it is passed to you during the service, we ask that all visitors & members sign in.

Name tags are available in the back of the church. Please wear your name tag to assist those of us with failing memories to remember your name!

SERVING US THIS MORNING

Ministers: All of the Members of this Congregation!

The Rev. Dr. Robert McKee – Pastor

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Children's Message: Pastor Bob McKee

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Greeter(s) - Front Door: Dee Delenikos & Karen Greguras

Greeter(s) - Side Door: Al Neubieser & Sally Hedman

Ushers: John Krogman & John Dhanaraj

Altar Guild: Janet Riddell, Lisa Peirce & Julie Schmidt

Background Worship: Joe Howard

Contemporary Worship Leader: Joe Howard

Worship Team: Joe Howard, Seth Henderson, Claudia Zichterman, Deb Mandac, Paul Mitchell, and Ron Zichterman.

Director of Music: Claudia Zichterman

Organist: Claudia Zichterman

Choir Director: Chris Frye

Bell Choir Director: Wil Mandac

Sound-Computer Tech: Brad Sime & Francis Prabhu

Altar flowers given today by John & Laura Dhanaraj, for God's Blessings.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

Joe Howard

PRELUDE

Claudia Zichterman

CALL TO WORSHIP

"THE RIVER"

WELCOME

Pastor Bob McKee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG:

"ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!" ELW #733
(vs. 1, 2, 5 & 6) (Red Hymnal)

INVOCATION

[P] 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.***

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[P] Let us pray...

[C] **Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME WITH PASTOR BOB MCKEE

SONG: ***"SEEK YE FIRST"***

SHARING OF THE PEACE

[P] The peace of the Lord be with you always.

[C] **And also with you.** (Share your peace, with one another, and then please be seated.)

GOD ENCOUNTERS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

1st Reading – 2 Chronicles 7:11-18

Read by Karen Greguras

So Solomon finished the Temple of the LORD, as well as the royal palace. He completed everything he had planned to do in the construction of the Temple and the palace. Then one night the LORD appeared to Solomon and said, "I have heard your prayer and have chosen this Temple as the place for making sacrifices. At times I might shut up the heavens so that no rain falls, or command grasshoppers to devour your crops, or send plagues among you. Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land. My eyes will be open and my ears attentive to every prayer made in this place. For I have chosen this Temple and set it apart to be holy—a place where my name will be honored forever. I will always watch over it, for it is dear to my heart.

"As for you, if you faithfully follow me as David your father did, obeying all my commands, decrees, and regulations, then I will establish the throne of your dynasty. For I made this covenant with your father, David, when I said, 'One of your descendants will always rule over Israel.'"

Psalm 32:1-7, 11

Led by Karen Greguras

[W] *Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.*

[M] Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.

[W] *When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.*

- [M] For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.
- [W] *Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will Confess my transgressions to the LORD."*
- [M] And you forgave the guilt of my sin.
- [W] *Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them.*
- [M] You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.
- [C] **Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!**

CHORAL OFFERING:

"RESTORATION"
(By Heather Sorenson)

Worship Choir

2nd Reading – James 5:13-18

Read by Olivia Mitchell

Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

[P] Lift up your heart and receive the Holy Gospel...

[C] **Glory to you, O Lord.** (spoken)

Gospel – John 17:6-19

Read by Pastor Bob McKee

In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death. This gospel reports the words of Jesus' prayer, a prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.

[Jesus prayed:] "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and

I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

[P] This is the Gospel of our Lord.

[C] **Praise to you, O Christ.** (spoken)

MESSAGE: **“HOW TO PRAY FOR HEALING Pastor Bob McKee
AND RESTORATION”**

SERMON HYMN: **“KEEP MAKING ME”**

APOSTLES’ CREED

[C] **I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

(*universal)

GATHERING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

(All members and guests, please sign in on the form in the pew pads when it is passed to you. Prayer requests are collected when plates are brought forward.

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

[A] Let us pray...

[C] **Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[A] Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

I. GOD FORGIVES HIS PEOPLE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

[P] In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] **Amen.**

[P] God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

[C] **Amen.**

[P] Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

[P] Most merciful God,

[C] **we confess that we are captive 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.**

[P] In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

[C] **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now. Amen.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION - THE EUCHARIST (be seated)

Our Lord Jesus is the host of his table. He invites all to come to him. Those who are baptized and believe in our Lord's presence "...in, with, and under the bread and wine..." are invited to commune by intinction. If you are not communing, please receive a

blessing of the day. We come to his table via the center aisle, returning to our seats via the side aisles. If you are unable to come forward but wish the gifts Christ has for you, please notify an usher, and the servers will come to you.

COMMUNION SONG

“ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY”

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

[P] The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

[C] Amen.

SENDING SONG:

“I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES!” ELW #619
(vs. 1-4 & 8) (Red Hymnal)

BENEDICTION

(Forgiven and fed, we are empowered to return to the world in service. Turn your attention to the receding cross of Christ, as he leads us back to the world with his final “good word” God’s Benediction.)

THE DISMISSAL

[A] Our worship continues; our service is just begun. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

[C] (with the joy of Christ) **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

POSTLUDE

Claudia Zichterman

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