

# *St. Luke Lutheran Church*

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The Rev. Dr. Robert McKee

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship**  
**Confirmation Sunday & 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Setting III**  
**May 21, 2017**

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## **“GOD STORIES”**

**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!

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Greeter(s) - Front Door: Angie Kendall & Karen Mumford

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

Ushers: John Krogman, John Dhanaraj

Altar Guild: Georgine Acly, Shirley Loo & Kathy Moore

Background Worship: Joe Howard

Contemporary Worship Leader: Joe Howard

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

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 Dee Lillie, in memory of Connie Lillie.

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Claudia Zichterman

CALL TO WORSHIP

*"TODAY IS THE DAY"*

WELCOME

Pastor Bob McKee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG: *"CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER"*

*ELW #781  
(Red Hymnal)*

## **INVOCATION (Please Stand)**

[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 and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S TIME WITH RON ZICHTERMAN**

**SONG: "MY GOD IS POWERFUL"**

## **GOD ENCOUNTERS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Acts 17:22-31**

**Read by Roy Tuason**

*In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the "unknown god" whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.*

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

### **Psalm 66:8-20**

**Led by Roy Tuason**

[M] Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of | praise be heard.

[W] *Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.*  
[M] For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.  
[W] *You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.*  
[M] You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.  
[W] *I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows—*  
[M] those that I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.  
[W] *I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.*  
[M] Come and listen, all you who believe, and I will tell you what God has done for me.  
[W] *I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.*  
[M] If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;  
[W] *but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer.*  
[C] **Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld unfailing love from me.**

## 2nd Reading – 1 Peter 3:13-22

Read by Matthew Pang

*Christians have a zeal for doing what is right in God's eyes no matter what the circumstances because in baptism we are saved and made alive. Thus our Christian beliefs and behavior are to be a matter of public record just as our baptism is.*

Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

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

## Gospel – John 14:15-21

Read by Pastor Bob McKee

*In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.*

Jesus said to the disciples: “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

[P] This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

## PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMANDS: JANELLE VILLA & NICO MORALES

[P] Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for *these people*, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of *their* baptism.

[S] We present Janelle and Nico who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

[P] Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for *these your servants*, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called *them* to yourself, enlightened *them* with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished *them* in the community of faith. Uphold your *children* in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

[C] **Amen.**

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

[P] I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

[Rx] **I renounce them.**

[P] Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

[Rx] **I renounce them.**

[P] Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

[Rx] **I renounce them.**

[P] Do you believe in God the Father?

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

[P] Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**[C] I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

[P] Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**[C] I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**GOD STORIES:**

**2017 Confirmands**

**AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

[P] You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*[Each Confirmand] I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

[P] People of God, do you promise to support *these confirmands* and pray for *them* in their life in Christ?

**[C] We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

[P] Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

[P] Stir up in Janelle *and Nico* the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

[A] Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

**[C] We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO JANELLE AND NICO WHO CONFIRMED THEIR FAITH TODAY!**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**SERMON SONG:**

**"CALL IT GRACE"**

## **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** *(Please stand)*

[P] Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

[C] **Amen.**

[P] Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

[P] God of grace and glory,

[C] **you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

[P] Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ loves you and † frees you from your sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

[C] **Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

[C] **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.

**“LAMB OF GOD”**

*(music found pg. 146)*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

**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: “MY HEART IS YOURS”**

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

[C] **Amen.**

*(music is located in red hymnal – service music hymn #204)*

[C] **Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done. Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name. Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy with SHOUTS of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**SENDING SONG “GO MY CHILDREN WITH MY BLESSING” ELW #543  
(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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