

St. Luke Lutheran Church

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The Rev. Dr. Robert McKee

Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Third Sunday after Pentecost

Setting IV
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“TRIUMPHING OVER DIVISION”

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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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Greeter(s) - Front Door: Marlene Custer & Joyce Masterson

Greeter(s) - Side Door: Wendy Callahan & Tude Della Maggiore

Ushers: John Krogman & John Dhanaraj

Altar Guild: Janet Riddell, Lisa Pierce & 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 Larry and Susan Brown, in memory of their parents.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

Joe Howard

PRELUDE

Claudia Zichterman

CALL TO WORSHIP:

"EVERLASTING GOD"

WELCOME

Pastor Bob McKee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG:

"A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD"

*ELW #505
(Red Hymnal)*

INVOCATION & KYRIE (Please Stand)

(music found on page 147)

[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.

[A] *In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*

[C] Lord, have mercy.

[A] *For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*

[C] Lord, have mercy.

[A] *For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.*

[C] Lord, have mercy.

[A] *For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.*

[C] Lord, have mercy.

[A] *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

[C] Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE “The Feast of Victory”

(music may be found on page 149)

[A] *This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.*

[C] Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia, Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[P] Let us pray...

[C] Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN’S TIME WITH LORRIE PETERSON

SONG: “LORD I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH”

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 – Genesis 3:8-15

Read by Roy Tuason

Immediately after Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit, they hide from God. Neither takes responsibility for their sin, instead blaming each other, the snake, and even God. The curse on the snake was understood as a messianic prophecy by the early church, who associated Eve's "offspring" with Christ.

[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

Psalms 130

Led by Roy Tuason

[M] Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

[W] O LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

[M] If you were to keep watch over sins, O LORD, who could stand?

[W] Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.

[M] I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

[W] My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.

[M] O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

[C] **For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

2nd Reading – 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Read by Olivia Mitchell

Life in the present is transitory and cannot compare with the eternal home God has prepared for us. So we do not despair no matter what life might bring because we know that as God raised Jesus from the dead, God promises to bring us into eternal life.

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase

thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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

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

Gospel – Mark 3:20-35

Read by Pastor Bob McKee

In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demon-possessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, sisters and brothers of Christ.

[Jesus went home;] and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

[P] This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

MESSAGE: “TRIUMPHING OVER DIVISION” Pastor Bob McKee

SERMON SONG: “CHRIST IS RISEN”

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] Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

[C] **Amen.**

[P] Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

[P] Eternal God our creator,

[C] **in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

[P] Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake,

God † forgives you all your sins.

[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 and forever. Amen.

"LAMB OF GOD"

(music found pg. 154)

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, 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: "HOW CAN IT BE"

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 #207)

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

SENDING SONG: "AT THE LAMB'S HIGH FEAST WE SING"

(vs. 1-5)

**ELW #362
(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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