

St. Luke Lutheran Church

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The Rev. Robert McKee

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

9th Sunday after Pentecost & Hymn Sunday

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“GIVE YOURSELF AWAY”

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

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Ushers: John Krogman, John Dhanaraj

Altar Guild: Laura Dhanaraj, Wendy Callahan

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: Joe Howard

Choir Director: Chris Frye

Bell Choir Director: Wil Mandac

Sound-Computer Tech: Brad Sime & Francis Prabhu

Altar Flowers given today by Sally Hedman, in memory of my parents.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Joe Howard

CALL TO WORSHIP

"COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING"

WELCOME

Pastor Bob McKee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG:

"IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE GOD ONLY WISE"

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] **Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover Creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME WITH ANDY WADSWORTH

CHILDREN'S SONG: **"SINCE JESUS CAME INTO MY HEART"**

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 – Isaiah 55:1-5

Read by Kathleen Peters

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all the people, with promises that previously had been limited to the line of kings. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

PSALM 145:8-9, 14-21

Led by Kathleen Peters

[W] The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

[M] LORD, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.

[W] *The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.*

[M] The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season.

[W] *You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.*

[M] You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.

[W] *You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.*

[M] You fulfill the desire of those who fear you; you hear their cry and save them.

[W] *You watch over all those who love you, but all the wicked you shall destroy.*

[C] **My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

2nd Reading – Romans 9:1-5

Read by Lisa Pierce

This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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

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

Gospel – Matthew 14:13-21

Read by Pastor Bob McKee

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

[P] This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

MESSAGE

"GIVE YOURSELF AWAY"

Pastor Bob McKee

MESSAGE SONG

"I SURRENDER ALL"

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, AND OFFERINGS

(All members and guests, please sign in on the form in the pew pads when it is passed to you. Prayer requests 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, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

[C] **Amen.**

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

[P] Eternal God our creator,

BENEDICTION

(Forgiven and fed, we are empowered to return to the world in service. Turn your attention to the repressing 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

Joe Howard

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