

St. Luke Lutheran Church

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The Rev. Dr. Robert McKee

Evangelical Lutheran Worship
13th Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2017

“THE RIGHT STUFF AWARD”

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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Greeter(s) - Front Door: Andy & Trish Wadsworth

Greeter(s) - Side Door: Roy & Theresa Tuason

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: Claudia Zichterman

Choir Director: Chris Frye

Bell Choir Director: Wil Mandac

Sound-Computer Tech: Brad Sime & Francis Prabhu

Altar Flowers given today by Carol Schweizer, Glory to the Lord.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Claudia Zichterman

CALL TO WORSHIP

“SOMETIMES BY STEP”

WELCOME

Pastor Gary Berkland

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG:

“CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS”

**ELW #855
(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] **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. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME WITH PASTOR GARY BERKLAND

CHILDREN'S SONG: *"EVERY MOVE I MAKE"*

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 – Jeremiah 15:15-21

Read by Sally Hedman

Jeremiah's delight in the word of the Lord is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words: "I am with you."

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. 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. 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. 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.

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. 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.

I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

PSALM 26:1-8

Led by Sally Hedman

[W] Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

[M] Test me, O LORD, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.

[W] For your steadfast love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

- [M] I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.
[W] I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.
[M] I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, that I may go in procession round your altar, singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
[C] **LORD, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.**

2nd Reading – Romans 12:9-21

Read by Danae Moreno

Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.

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

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. 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." 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." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

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

Gospel – Matthew 16:21-28

Read by Pastor Gary Berkland

After Peter confesses that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a "rock."

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. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." 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."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. 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?"

"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. 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."

[P] This is the Gospel of our Lord.
[C] **Praise to you, O Christ.** (spoken)

MESSAGE

“THE RIGHT STUFF AWARD” Pastor Gary Berkland

MESSAGE SONG

“MY HEART IS YOURS”

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, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

[C] **Amen.**

[P] Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

[P] Source of all life,

[C] **we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

[P] God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, † God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

[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.**

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: ***"JESUS"***

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: ***"LIFT HIGH THE CROSS"*** ***ELW #660
(Red Hymnal)***

BENEDICTION

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