

St. Luke Lutheran Church

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The Rev. Dr. Robert McKee

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

14th Sunday after Pentecost & RALLY DAY

September 10, 2017

“THE POWER OF AGREEMENT”

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

The Rev. Gary Berkland – Visitation Pastor

The Rev. Peggy White – Guest Pastor

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Children's Message: Mary Lou Robson

Eucharistic Assistant(s): Al Neubieser, Julious Villa, Jim White

Greeter(s) - Front Door: Rebecca Bonham, Mickey Lazaga

Greeter(s) - Side Door: Wil & Deb Mandac

Ushers: John Krogman, John Dhanaraj

Altar Guild: Janet Riddell, Lisa Pierce, Julie Schmidt, Ruth Eggen

Background Worship: Joe Howard

Contemporary Worship Leader: Georgine Acly

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 St. Luke Members, for God's abundant goodness.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PIANO & ORGAN PRELUDE:

"JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE"
(Arr. By Fred Bock)

Claudia Zichterman
& Joe Howard

CALL TO WORSHIP

"SING, SING, SING"

WELCOME

Pastor Bob McKee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT:

"THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE"
(By Linda Spevacek-Avery)

Worship Choir

GATHERING SONG: “*JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE*”

ELW #836
(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 Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S TIME WITH MARY LOU ROBSON

CHILDREN’S SONG: “*THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE*”

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 – Ezekiel 33:7-11

Read by Olivia Mitchell

God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God’s warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

PSALM 119:33-40

Led by Olivia Mitchell

[W] *Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.*

[M] Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.

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

MESSAGE

"THE POWER OF AGREEMENT"

Pastors Bob McKee
& Peggy White

MESSAGE SONG

"THERE IS POWER"

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*)

Pastor Peggy White

[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

Pastor Bob McKee

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: "BIND US TOGETHER"

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor Peggy White

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

[C] Amen.

SENDING SONG:

"BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS"

**ELW #656
(Red Hymnal)**

BENEDICTION**Pastor Bob McKee**

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

**** During the Postlude the congregation will process to the Outpost.****

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