

St. Luke Lutheran Church

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship
18th Sunday after Pentecost

Setting I
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“COMPLETE IN CHRIST”

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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: Doug & Doriann Shreve

Greeter(s) - Side Door: Chuck & Sandi Wilkening

Ushers: John Krogman, John Dhanaraj

Altar Guild: Janet Riddell, Lisa Pierce, Julie Schmidt

Background Worship: Margaret Steen and Kathleen Peters

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 St. Luke Members, God's Abundant Goodness.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Claudia Zichterman

CALL TO WORSHIP SONG: "ALL BECAUSE OF JESUS"

WELCOME

Pastor Bob McKee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG: "LORD JESUS CHRIST, BE PRESENT NOW"

**ELW #527
(Red Hymnal)**

INVOCATION & KYRIE (Please Stand)

(music found on page 98)

[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. Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE “The Feast of Victory”

(music may be found on page 101)

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.

Verse 1: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, and blessing, and glory are his.

Refrain

Verse 2: Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and Honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

Refrain

Verse 3: For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[P] Let us pray...

[C] **Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S TIME WITH ANDY WADSWORTH

SONG:

“HE’S ALIVE”

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 5:1-7

Read by Rebecca Bonham

The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "wild grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Psalm 80:7-15

Led by Rebecca Bonham

[W] *Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.*

[M] You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.

[W] *You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.*

[M] The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

[W] *You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.*

[M] Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

[W] *The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.*

[C] **Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.**

CHORAL OFFERING:

"BECAUSE HE LIVES"
(By Gaither and Schrader)

Worship Choir

2nd Reading – Philippians 3:4b-14

Read by Roy Tuason

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

Paul writes: If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of

Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

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

Gospel – Matthew 21:33-46

Read by Pastor Bob McKee

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

Jesus said to the people: "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?"

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

[P] This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

SONG:

"KEEP MAKING ME"**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.****CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** *(Please stand)***[P] Blessed be the holy Trinity, † 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.

"LAMB OF GOD"

(music found pg. 112)

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: "AMEN (BECAUSE HE LIVES)"

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 hymnal – service music hymn #205)

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

SENDING SONG: “WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDEROUS CROSS” ELW #803
(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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