

# *St. Luke Lutheran Church*

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The Rev. Dr. Robert McKee

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost & YOUTH SUNDAY    November 12, 2017**

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# **“MAKE OURSELVES READY”**

**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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**Lector(s):** Erin Peters & Naomi Smith

**Children’s Message:** Kirk Autsen & St. Luke Youth

**Eucharistic Assistant(s):** Al Neubieser & Julious Villa

**Greeter(s) - Front Door:** Marlene Custer & Mary Hendrickson

**Greeter(s) - Side Door:** Al Neubieser & Sally Hedman

**Ushers:** John Krogman & John Dhanaraj

**Altar Guild:** Janet Riddell, Lisa Pierce & Julie Schmidt

**Background Worship:** Clark Webster & Erin 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, for God’s faithful love.

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**PRELUDE**

*“WALTZ” by: J. Brahams*  
*“BOUREE” by: G.F. Handel*

Caitlyn Chan on Viola  
Joe Howard on Piano

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*“BE BOLD”*

**WELCOME**

Pastor Bob McKee

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TODAY WE HONOR OUR VETERANS**

*“VIDEO”*

**GATHERING HYMN:**

**“TODAY IS THE DAY”**

**INVOCATION**

[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 of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**CHILDREN’S TIME WITH KIRK AUTSEN & THE ST. LUKE YOUTH**

**SONG:**

**“GIVE ME OIL IN MY LAMP”**

**Naomi Smith  
Guest Drummer**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**GOD ENCOUNTERS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Amos 5:18-24**

**Read by Erin Peters**

*In the days of Amos people thought that the day of the Lord would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The Lord demands justice and righteousness in the community.*

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

**Psalm 70**

**Led by Erin Peters**

[W] Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O LORD, make haste to help me.

[M] Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded; let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

[W] Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me turn back because of their shame.

[M] Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say forever, “Great is the LORD!”

**[C] But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God. You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

**Read by Naomi Smith**

*Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.*

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

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

**Gospel – Matthew 25:1-13**

**Read by Pastor Bob McKee**

*Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.*

Jesus said to the disciples: "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

[P] This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

**YOUTH SKIT:**

**"MAKE OURSELVES READY"**

**St. Luke Youth**

**SERMON SONG:**

**"WHEN THE STARS BURN DOWN"**

## **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.)

**OFFERTORY:**

**Erin Peters**

## **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, who calls us into an everlasting hope, who guides us to springs of the water of life, who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.

**[C]** Amen.

**[P]** One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

[P] O God, our merciful redeemer,  
[C] **we confess the ways we live only for ourselves. We fail to see you in our neighbor's face. We turn our ears from voices that cry out. We pass by the hungry and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sin and strengthen us for service to all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

[P] In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for † his sake, God forgives you all your sin. Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God.

[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.

**WE WELCOME ALEXANDER, TRISTAN AND JUSTINE SKOV, SIGNA RASMUSSEN, MATTHEW PANG AND THEIR FAMILIES TO COMMUNE FIRST. ALEXANDER, TRISTAN, JUSTINE, SIGNA & MATTHEW ARE CELEBRATING THEIR FIRST COMMUNION TODAY!**

**COMMUNION SONG:                    "AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS"**

### **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                                "GOD IS ON THE MOVE"**

## **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**

**Praise Team**

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