

St. Luke Lutheran Church

"Energized by God's Love"

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The Rev. Daniel Tisdell

Evangelical Lutheran Worship
9th Sunday after Pentecost

Setting VIII
July 26, 2026



Dear Members & Guests - Welcome to Worship!
God has greatly blessed us with your presence today.
Thank you for responding to his invitation.

If you have a prayer request, please send it by email or voicemail to Letty
in the church office.

SERVING US THIS MORNING

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Greeters: Doug and Doriann Shreve (Front Door), TBD (Side Door)

Sunday School: Danae Moreno & Emily Bradshaw

Worship Team: Andy Wadsworth, Beth Stauter, Wil & Deb Mandac

Background Worship: Beth Stauter

Organist: Beth Stauter

Choir Director: Chris Frye

Bell Choir Director: Wil Mandac

Tech Team: Andy Wadsworth, Alan Martinez, Ethan ElAmir, Ethan Tan, Jordan Mandac,
Madeleine Gan, Scarlett Marquez, Tim Ambrose, Tim and Denise Tsang

Prayer Chain Coordinator: Marlene Custer

Hearing Assistance devices are available in the Library/AV Room.

ORDER OF *WORSHIP*

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Beth Stauter

PRELUDE

"TRANQUILITY"
(David Lasky)

Beth Stauter

WELCOME

Pastor Dan Tisdell

INVOCATION

(music found on page 184)

[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.**

KYRIE

[C] **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

[A] For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

[C] **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

[A] That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

[C] **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

[A] For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

[C] **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

[A] For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

[C] **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[A] Let us pray...

[C] **Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE WITH BETH STAUTER

GOD ENCOUNTERS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

1st Reading – 1 Kings 3:5-12

Because Solomon did not ask for long life, riches, or the defeat of his enemies, God gave him what he asked for: wisdom to govern the people well.

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love

to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you."

Psalms 119:129-136

OT => Old Testament windows (right) side of sanctuary

NT => New Testament windows (left) side of sanctuary

[NT] Your decrees are wonderful; therefore I obey them with all my heart.

[OT] When your word is opened it gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

[NT] I open my mouth and pant because I long for your commandments.

[OT] Turn to me and be gracious to me, as you always do to those who love your name.

[NT] Order my footsteps in your word; let no iniquity have dominion over me.

[OT] Rescue me from those who oppress me, and I will keep your commandments.

[NT] Let your face shine upon your servant and teach me your statutes.

[C] My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your teaching.

2nd Reading – Romans 8:26-39

These words celebrate the depth of God's actions for us. Through Christ's death for us and the activity of the Spirit praying for us, we are fused to God's love poured out in Jesus Christ. Nothing, not even death itself, is able to separate us from such incredible divine love.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be

conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

[C] Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(music found on page 188)

Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

[P] This is the Holy Gospel according to Matthew ...

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

Gospel – Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Read by Pastor Dan Tisdell

Throughout Matthew's gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near!" Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people's lives.

[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught

fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

“HUMBLE BEGINNINGS”

Pastor Dan Tisdell

HYMN OF THE DAY *“THE REIGN OF GOD, LIKE FARMER’S FIELD”* **ACS 952**

GATHERING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Prayer requests collected in the offering plates will be brought forward for the Prayers of the People.

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

[A] Let us pray...

[C] **Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.**

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)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[P & A] God of grace,

[C] **Hear our prayer.**

PEACE OF CHRIST

TRANSITIONAL PRAYER

[A] Let us pray...

[C] Oh God, each time I worship and take communion, I want to recommit my life, my heart, my thoughts, my everything to You. Fill me today with Your powerful Spirit and help me grow closer to you and to my neighbor. Amen.

MEAL

Sung by Pastor Dan Tisdell

The Great Thanksgiving

[P] The Lord be with you.

[C] And also with you.

[P] Lift up your hearts.

[C] We lift them to the Lord.

[P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[C] It is right to give our thanks and praise.

[P] It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . .

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

(music found on page 190)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of pow'r and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND BLESSING

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 on page 191)

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.

Lamb of God.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION - THE EUCHARIST (be seated)

Our Lord Jesus is the host of his table. He invites all to come to him. Everyone is welcome to commune with communion fellowship cups or by intinction with bread and your choice of wine or grape juice. If you are not communing, please receive a blessing of the day.

COMMUNION SONG

"TO BE LIKE YOU"

Led by Andy Wadsworth

(By Brook Ligertwood & Matt Crocker)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

[P] Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

[C] Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

"BE THOU MY VISION"

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BENEDICTION

[P] Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✝ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

[C] Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

[A] Our worship continues; our service is just begun. Go in peace to love and serve The Lord.

[C] **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

POSTLUDE

"BE JOYFUL IN THE LORD"

Beth Stauter

(By Marc Jordan)