

# *St. Luke Lutheran Church*

**"Energized by God's Love"**

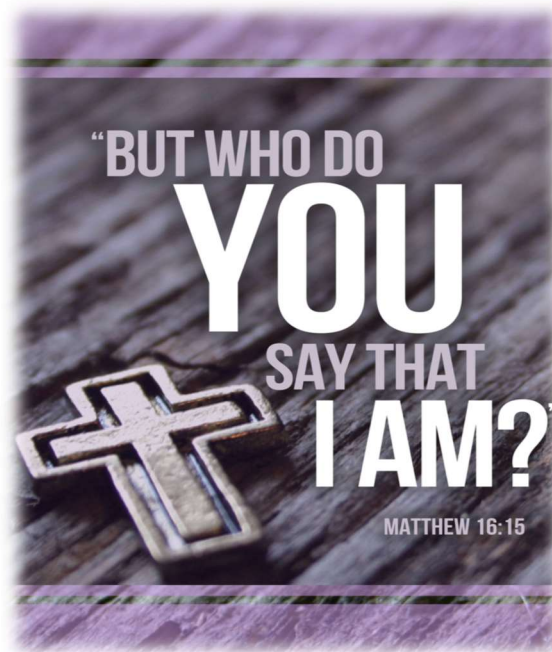
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The Rev. Daniel Tisdell

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship**  
**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Setting VIII**  
**August 23, 2026**

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**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.



**Sunnyvale Community Services**  
Preventing Homelessness and Hunger in Our Local Community

## SERVING US THIS MORNING

**Ministers: All of the Members of this Congregation!**

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**Lector(s):** Tim Tsang (1<sup>st</sup> Reading, the Psalm & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)

**Children's Message:** Beth Stauter

**Eucharist Assistant:** Danae Moreno & Penny Bauerly

**Altar Guild:** Wendy Callahan, Debbie Ryan, Wenchan Ma, Shirley Loo, Denise Tsang & Tim Tsang

**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.

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

**Beth Stauter**

**WELCOME**

**Pastor Dan Tisdell**

**PRELUDE**

***“THE SOLID ROCK”***

**Beth Stauter**

(By Ed Broughton)

**GATHERING HYMN**

***“MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS”***

**ELW #596**

**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] **O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE WITH BETH STAUTER**

**GOD ENCOUNTERS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Isaiah 51:1-6**

*Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God's deliverance will come soon and will never end.*

Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah, who bore you, for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation, for a teaching will go out from me and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly; my salvation has gone out, and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look at the earth beneath, for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats, but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

### **Psalm 138**

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

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

[NT] *I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.*

[OT] I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

[NT] *When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.*

[OT] All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

[NT] *They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.*

[OT] The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.

[NT] *Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.*

[C] **You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Romans 12:1-8**

*In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of*

*service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.*

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

**[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 16:13-20**

**Read by Pastor Dan Tisdell**

*At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.*

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] Praise to you, O Christ.

**MESSAGE**

**“WHO IS JESUS, REALLY?”**

**Pastor Dan Tisdell**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

***“BUILT ON A ROCK”***

**ELW #652**

**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] Merciful God,

[C] Receive 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

***“JESUS”***

**Led by Andy Wadsworth**

(By Chris Tomlin & Ed Cash)

## 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

***“WE ALL ARE ONE IN MISSION”***

**ELW #576**

## 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

***“PROMENADE”***

**Beth Stauter**

(By Theo DuBois, Arr. By George Blake)