

St. Luke Lutheran Church

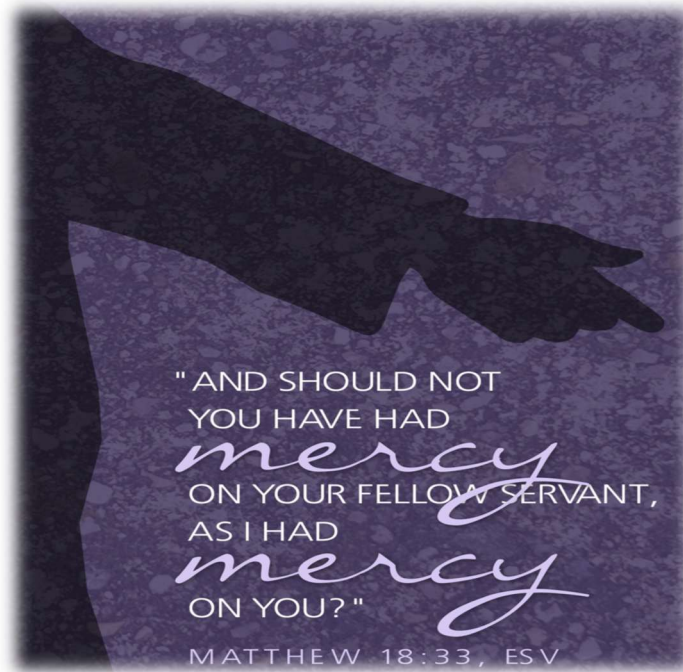
"Energized by God's Love"

Dynamisé par l'amour de Dieu

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The Rev. Daniel Tisdell

Evangelical Lutheran Worship
16th Sunday after Pentecost

Setting VII
September 13, 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.



Sunnyvale Community Services
Preventing Homelessness and Hunger in Our Local Community

SERVING US THIS MORNING

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Greeters: Don & Loretta Merry (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

WELCOME

Pastor Dan Tisdell

PRELUDE

“HE LEADETH ME, O BLESSED THOUGHT”

Beth Stauter

(Arr. By Dale Wood)

GATHERING HYMN

“TEN THOUSAND REASONS”

ACS #1097

INVOCATION

(music found on page 175)

[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] Lord, have mercy on us; O Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on us; O Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy on us; O Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy on us; O Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy on us; O Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on us; O Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

(music found on page 176)

Gloria, gloria, gloria, glory to God on high!

Gloria, gloria, gloria, glory to God on high!

And on earth peace to God's people. Glory to God.

And on earth peace to God's people. Glory to God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[A] Let us pray...

[C] O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE WITH KIRK AUTSEN

GOD ENCOUNTERS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

1st Reading – Genesis 50:15-21

After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Psalm 103[1-7]8-13

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

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

[OT] Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

[NT] *Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—*

[OT] who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

[NT] *who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;*

[OT] who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

[NT] *O LORD, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.*

[OT] You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.

[NT] *LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;*

[OT] you will not always accuse us, nor will you keep your anger forever.

[NT] *You have not dealt with us according to our sins, nor repaid us according to our iniquities.*

[OT] For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

[NT] *As far as the east is from the west, so far have you removed our transgressions from us.*

[C] As a father has compassion for his children, so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.

2nd Reading – Romans 14:1-12

This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.

Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.

For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(music found on page 179)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia,

alleluia! Alleluia!

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

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

Gospel – Matthew 18:21-35

Read by Pastor Dan Tisdell

When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.

Peter came and said to [Jesus,] "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow

slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

MESSAGE

"FORGIVENESS 101"

Pastor Dan Tisdell

HYMN OF THE DAY

"I COME WITH JOY"

ELW #482

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] Hear us, O God

[C] **Your mercy is great.**

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 181)

Holy, holy, holy Lord God,

God of might and power; holy is the Lord.

Holy, holy, holy, holy Lord God,

God of might and power; holy is the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna here on earth.

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

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna here on earth.

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

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 182)

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

O 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. 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.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

[P] Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

[C] **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN “PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE GOD OF HEAVEN” ELW #864

BENEDICTION

[P] The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. The God of grace ✝ bless you now and forever.

[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:

“TRUMPET TUNE AND AIR”
(By Henry Purcell, Arr. By Franklin Ritter)

Beth Stauter