



St. Luke Lutheran Church
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20th Sunday in Pentecost

**St. Luke Lutheran's 77th Anniversary
October 18, 2020**

9:30am Livestream

Gathering

Prelude: "Earth Carol" by Richard Purvis

Tom Skyler, organ

Welcome (Announcements)

Pastor Beth Brashear

Affirmation of Baptism

Presentation

I present Ashley Lindsay, Patty Farrell, Sandra and Lawrence Carasco, Pr. Melissa Reed, and Lee and Pr. Patti Welch as new members of St. Luke Lutheran Church.

Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these siblings, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

- Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

All: **I renounce them.**

- Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

All: **I renounce them.**

- Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

All: **I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: **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.**

Affirmation by the Assembly

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the relationship God established with you in holy baptism:

- To live among God's faithful people
- To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
- To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through your words and actions,
- To serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
- And to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

All: **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

People of God, do you promise to support pray for one another in your life in Christ?

All: **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn:

"Praise the Lord, O Heavens"

Red Book No. 823

**Praise the Lord! O heav'ns, adore him; praise him, angels, in the height;
sun and moon rejoice before him; praise him, gleaming stars and light.**

**Praise the Lord, for he has spoken; worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
laws which never shall be broken for their guidance he has made.**

**Praise the Lord, for he is gracious; never shall his promise fail.
God has made his saints victorious; sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation; hosts on high, his pow'r proclaim;
heav'n and earth, and all creation, laud and magnify his name!**

The Word

Children's Sermon

Pastor Patti Welch

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

Kathy Weeks, reader

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed:

² I will go before you
and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
³ I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I surname you, though you do not know me.
⁵ I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.
⁷ I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the Lord do all these things.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Connor Anderson, reader

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: **“Alleluia ”** by Jacques Berthier (Taizé Community)

Red Book no. **175**
Dan Hibbett, music leader

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 22: 15-22

Pastor Patti Welch

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?”

¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites?

¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” ²¹ They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²² When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sermon: **“To Whom Do You Belong?”**

Pastor Patti Welch

Prayers of the Church

Prayer leader: Ashley Lindsay

Prayer Chorus: **“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”** by Jacques Berthier (Taizé)

Red Book no. **751**

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen to me.

Lord’s Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil, for the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Anthem: **“The Day is Coming”** by Mark Miller, Laurie Zellman

Virtual Rejoice Choir

The lands in longing call out your name; the tongues are different, the prayer the same.

With humble spirits can we believe that God is bigger than we conceive?

The day is coming, the Lord will move with the hand of justice and the heart of love.

The will of heaven on this earth be done; the day is coming, oh, let it come.

With willing spirits, Lord, let us dare to kneel with strangers and join in prayer.
Grant in your mercy the hope that heals, the law of love your word reveals.
The day is coming, the Lord will move with the hand of justice and the heart of love.
The will of heaven on this earth be done; the day is coming, oh, let it come.

A barren wasteland we must reclaim, with hearts for bearing each other's pain.
Give us the courage to make a place to plant tomorrow's seeds of peace.
The day is coming, the Lord will move with the hand of justice and the heart of love.
The will of heaven on this earth be done; the day is coming, oh, let it come. Oh, let it come.

Sending

Ministry Opportunities:

Connect: Join us for our first ever Agape Meal!

Bring some bread and some juice, light a candle at your dinner table, and join us via Zoom for a meal of fellowship and remembrance of the love of Christ poured out for us.
See you this evening at 5pm!

Zoom Invite:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81851076251?pwd=VjdzYmJuNlFEYnJUWllxTXNjU3Zhdz09>

Meeting ID: 818 5107 6251

Passcode: 765914

Serve: Give to the ministries of St. Luke! Even though we cannot gather in person, we continue to grow Christian community and to share the love of God in Christ Jesus, both in Portland and beyond. This can only happen because we value the ministry that God does through us. We commit our lives to such ministry and community both through our time and actions – and through our giving. We invite you to give as you are able. Check our website www.stlukechurch.com for online giving, or text-to-give 844-909-2592!

Benediction

Sending Hymn: “Everlasting God” by Brenton Brown, Ken Riley

Modern Worship Team

Jim Steele, Kendall Cunningham-Parmeter, Tom Lynham, Molly Wheeler

Postlude: “Si-Ti Amen” African folk tune

St. Luke Marimbas
Jeff Powers, director

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