



Eighth Sunday of Pentecost
July 18, 2021
9:30am Livestream

St. Luke Lutheran Church
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Gathering

Prelude: "Adagio Cantabile" by J.S. Bach Tom Skyler, organ

Welcome (Announcements) Pastor Patti Welch

Table Talk Karen Stabeno, Church Council President

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen

Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day:

O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Red book no. 789

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care. In your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your fold prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.

We are yours; in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way; keep your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.

You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be; you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.

Early let us seek your favor, early let us do your will; blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.

The Word

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Jane Chan, reader

¹ Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ² Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³ Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The Righteous Branch of David

⁵ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22

Elise Moentmann, reader

¹¹ So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision"—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—
¹² remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.
¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴ For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵ He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷ So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸ for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²² in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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

Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia! Lord and Savior"

Congregation

"Alleluia! Lord and Savior; open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; Speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring."

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Rev. Sara Gross Samuelson,
Storyline Community, Milwaukie, OR

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³² And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴ As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. ⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴ When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵ and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

Sermon

Rev. Sara Gross Samuelson, guest preacher

Anthem:

“He is the Everlasting God” by Joseph Martin

Summer Choir (from the narthex)
Molly Wheeler, piano

He is the everlasting God. He is the holy One. He is the everlasting God of Abraham.

The nations glorify His name, all His majesty proclaim. He is the everlasting God. (repeat)

He has measured the heavens, held the seas in His hands. He has held the mountains, counted each grain of sand. The kings of earth all tremble, they bow before His throne.

Who is His adviser? For He is God alone.

Alleluia! Come join the celebration, break forth in jubilation. Come praise the God of Abraham.

The nations glorify His name, all His majesty proclaim. He is the everlasting, rejoice with cymbals crashing, He is the everlasting God!

Prayers of the Church

Prayer Leader: Joe Gantt

Response: Hear us, O God. **All: Your mercy is great.**

Apostle’s Creed

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

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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come 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.

Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Lord's Prayer

United by Jesus under one faith, but in many languages, let us pray as Jesus taught:

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.

Invitation to Communion

Jesus is the host of this table and all are welcome.

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome at God's table.

Come as you are. These gifts are for you.

Musical Reflection: "Bread of Heaven" by Dan Adler/arr. Jim Steele Modern Worship Team
Jim and Deb Steele, Kendall Cunningham-Parmeter, Molly Wheeler, Lee Welch

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray. **Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

Sending

Connect and Serve

Connect: Pr. Patti will be serving **drive-up Communion** (with bread and wine) today from 10:45-11:15 under the portico in front of the narthex. We will continue to offer drive-up Communion through Sunday, July 25th.

Connect: Mark your calendars! Our 2nd **Midsummer Nights at St. Luke** will be held on Wednesday, July 28th! Come as early as 7:30 p.m. Hip Hop Soulsation Dance Troupe will perform at 8 p.m. followed by the movie "Totoro" (great for all ages!) on Shalom lawn. TITO'S TAQUITOS open until 8:30 p.m. 20% give back to St. Luke. Order ahead: 503-406-5935!

Serve: Assist with worship. It takes many hands to bring Sunday in-person and hybrid worship to you. As we consider offering two Sunday worship opportunities this fall, your assistance is necessary. We are looking for **ushers** (contact Tom Ludwig at 503-522-6865 or tom@twigconsulting.com) and **Communion set-up and clean-up help** (contact Melody Drangstveit at melody.drangstveit@gmail.com).

Benediction

Sending Song: **"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"** Red book no. **551**

**The Spirit send us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God's favor to proclaim.**

**We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free; where hope is dim,
to share a dream and help the blind to see.**

**We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed and, all our days,
to cherish life, to do the loving deed.**

**Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim. God's Spirit has empowered us;
we go in Jesus' name.**

Postlude: **"Allegretto"** (Drottningholm Musique) by Johann Helmich Roman Tom Skyler, organ

Flowers at the altar are sponsored by Greg and Joanie Barclay in celebration of their 42nd wedding anniversary on July 15th.

Our guest preacher, **Sarah Gross Samuelson**, lives in the Ardenwald neighborhood of Milwaukie with her husband, Josh, dog Copper and their young son. Sara has a long history working in outdoor ministry, education and performing arts. She is an ordained pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and holds the title Reverend along with mom, wife, neighbor citizen, sister, friend, and sometimes screw-up.

She has memorized unseemly chunks of dialogue from Aaron Sorkin's productions, is openly prideful of the Pacific Northwest and its outdoor wonderlands and has a complicated relationship with her book-buying habits. She's passionate about justice for women and children and advocating for housing rights for all her neighbors and neighbors to be.

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