



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Rally Day

September 10, 2023

10:30 am Worship Service



St. Luke
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Gathering

*Everlasting God
Hear Our Praises*

Brenton Brown and Ken Riley
Reuben Morgan

Worship Team

Welcome and Announcements

Pr. Beth Brashear

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ✝ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete. **Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God **you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In ✝ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn *As We Gather at Your Table*

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Featuring St. Luke Ringers

Apostolic Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Word

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11

Jodi Swigart, reader

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Bonse Aba

Traditional Zambian Folk Song

Rejoice Choir

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

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Gospel Acclamation

pg. 102

“In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself,
entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.”

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:15-20

Pr. Patti Welch

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

Sermon

Sermon Response *God Is Here!* vs. 1 & 3

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Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People and Blessing of Teachers

Bernie Deazley, reader
and Pr. Patti Welch

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Prayer Response *God Is Here!* vs. 4

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Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The Offering

Offertory Music *Let Your Kingdom Come*

Bob Kauflin

Offertory Prayer

God of power, **God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving Dialogue pg. 107

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy pg. 108

Words of Institution

....to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen pg. 109

Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God pg. 112

Communion Hymns

Beautiful Savior #838

Remembrance Matt Maher and Matt Redman

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am #814

Post-Communion Prayer

Blessed be your name, **O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Benediction

Sending Hymn *God's Work, Our Hands* Tune: EARTH AND ALL STARS

Dismissal

Go in peace. God is at work in you. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Voluntary No. 2* Arlen Clarke