



20th Sunday of Pentecost
October 10, 2021

10:30am Livestream

St. Luke Lutheran Church

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Gathering

Prelude: "Called Home to Heaven" Meditation on HOLY MANNA by Fred Gramann
Tim Grabe, Lee Hayes, Susan Johnson, Amy and Landon Gantt, Chris Ulmer, Susan Weston,
Tom Skyler (organ handbells) St. Luke Ringers: Dan Hibbett director

Welcome (Announcements)

Pastor Patti Welch

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn:

"Praise the Lord! O Heavens"

Red Hymnal no. **823**

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.**

Kyrie

Red Hymnal: pages 98-99

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy!**

For peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy!**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy!**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy!**

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen, amen.

Canticle of Praise:

“This Is The Feast”

Red Hymnal: page 101

(Refrain) **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are his. (Refrain)**

Sing with all the people of God

and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might

be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (Refrain)

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia! (Refrain)

Prayer of the Day:

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Anthem:

“I Offer My Life” by Claire Cloninger, Don Moen

Dan Hibbett, solo

The Word

First Reading: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Dean Gustafson, reader

6 Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. 7 Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

10 They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.
11 Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. 12 for I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate.

13 Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.
14 Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. 15 Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16

Jane Chan, reader

¹² Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴ Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

Gospel Acclamation: **“Alleluia, alleluia.”** (Red hymnal pg. 102)

Congregation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (refrain)

(Leader) Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (refrain)

Gospel: Mark 10:17-31

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17 As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” 18 Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. 19 You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” 20 He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.”

21 Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” 22 When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

23 Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” 24 And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! 25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” 26 They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” 27 Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

28 Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” 29 Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, 30 who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. 31 But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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

Sermon

Pastor Patti Welch

Dedication of Banner of Remembrance

Today we dedicate this banner to remember and honor all the Indigenous children who went to residential schools. We pray for the survivors of the residential schools and for their families and descendants, who still suffer from the trauma inflicted by these schools. We give thanks for those who speak the truth, and who work to shine a light on injustice. We dedicate this banner in the name of compassion and the spirit of truth and reconciliation. Help us, God, to remember and act on this this every day.

Amen.

Hymn: **“Take My Life, That I May Be”** Red Hymnal no. **685**

Prayers of the Church Prayer Leader: Craig Christensen

Response: Lord, in your mercy. All: Hear our prayer.

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

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.

Communion Hymns:

"Lamb of God"

Red Hymnal p. 112-113

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.

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

Red hymnal no. 494

Musical Reflection:

Tom Skyler, organ

Post-Communion Prayer

O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending

Connect and Serve

Connect: Join us on Zoom on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9:00pm as we *Reckon with Racism* – our history here in Oregon – and how that impacts our life together today.

Wednesday's topic: **Black Experience in Portland Part I**

Zoom invite:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85836903733?pwd=U0xkWjE4aWZONkNNeTISZW51enJUUT09>

Meeting ID: 858 3690 3733

Passcode: 163807

Serve: Consider joining the **Communications Team!** Help St. Luke communicate all that we are and all that we do for the glory of God. This team has grown in importance over the years as social media, live-streaming, and the internet are playing a greater role in our connecting with one another and our neighbors near and far. Interested? Questions? Please contact Pr. Patti at pastorpatti@stlukechurch.com.

Benediction

Sending Song: **“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”** Red Hymnal no. **551**

Dismissal: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: **“All Glory Be to God on High”** arr. Timothy Albrecht Tom Skyler, organ

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