

The Fifteenth Sunday in Pentecost
September 5, 2010 † 8:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO SAINT LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH. Wherever you are on your faith journey, we're glad you're here today. Please use the Connection Card in your bulletin to give or request information. You can also call the pastors at 610.688.0122.

NURSERY CARE for infants and children through age 5 is provided in room 105 in the education wing. The nursery is staffed by Ann Braun, the administrator of the Radnor Nursery School, assisted by Saint Luke volunteers.



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Our Mission: To know, love and serve Christ

WORSHIP AND LITURGY NOTES

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship today, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of the Christ in the blessed sacrament and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.

Silence is appreciated once you have entered the sanctuary, and is also observed after the Sermon for reflection and during the Prayers of the Church for worshipers to offer personal prayers aloud or in silence.

Hymn Numbers which appear on the left side of the bulletin refer to the large bold numbers above the hymns in the red **Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)** hymnal. *An asterisk (*)* indicates that the hymn has been requested by a member of the congregation

Scripture Lessons for the day are found on an insert. We encourage you to bring your Bible to read along. The Lectors read from the *New Revised Standard Version*, copies of which are found in each pew.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

“Thaxted”

Cherwien

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ringing the Church Bell

WELCOME

Please stand as you are able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Recognizing our need for God's mercy,
let us confess our sin,
and seek reconciliation with God and each other.

a brief silence

God of justice and compassion,

**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed.**

**We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves,
We have not been faithful stewards of your creation.
We have failed to share the bounty of your harvest
with the poor and needy.**

**Forgive our sin, increase our faith,
strengthen us in service,
and bring us to everlasting life.**

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 we have been saved.

In the name of + Jesus Christ,
our sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.

Amen.

GREETING

The grace given to us in Christ Jesus,
the power of God who calls us with a holy calling,
and the help of the Holy Spirit living in us
be with you all.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you

and also with you

Let us pray. O God,

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Please be seated

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 30:15–20

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Jon Suloff

SECOND LESSON: Philemon 1:1–21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister,
to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God

⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love — and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment.

¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother — especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Please stand as you are able

VERSE



GOSPEL Luke 14:25–33

The Gospel according to St. Luke the Fourteenth Chapter:

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶"Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

RESPONSE

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

GOOD NEWS

Vicar Bryan Penman

Please stand as you are able

APOSTLES' CREED

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 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 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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

The Prayers begin: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence

The Prayers continue. Each petition concludes: Lord, in your mercy,

The Congregation Responds: **Hear our prayer.**

The Prayers conclude: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

The Congregation Responds: **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

The congregation greets one another in the name of the Lord.

Please be seated

OFFERING

VOLUNTARY

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Elmore

Please stand as you are able

OFFERTORY



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



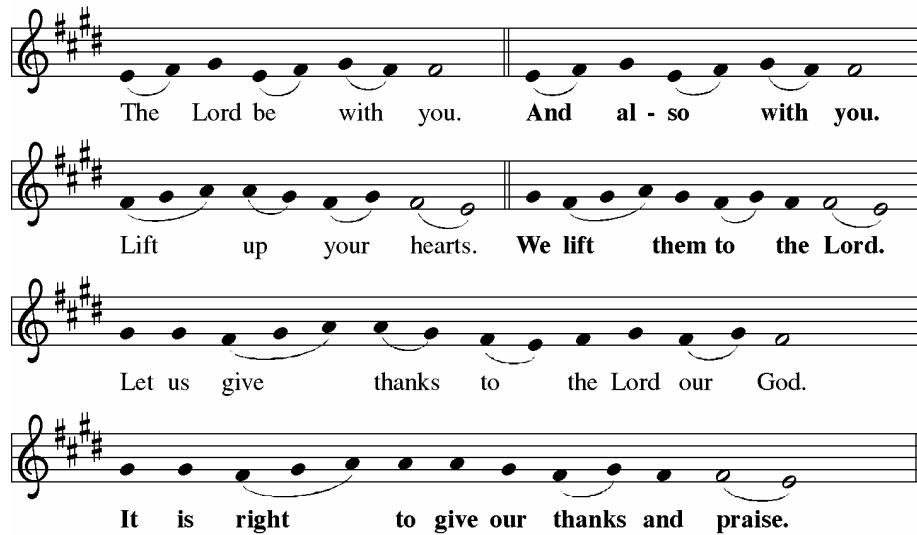
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. God of mercy and grace,

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

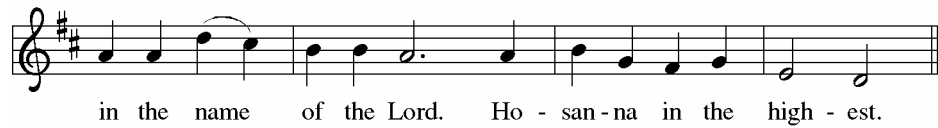
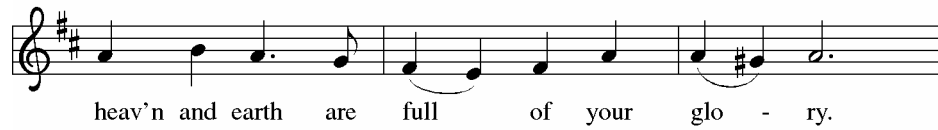
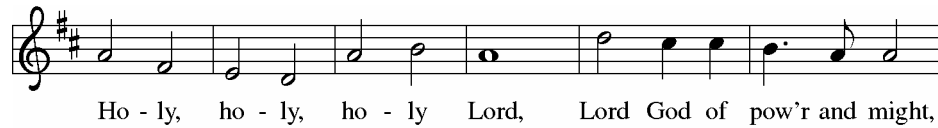


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary
that we should at all times and in all places
offer thanks and praise to you,
O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name
and join their unending hymn

SANCTUS



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,
in the harmonious world of your creation, the plants and animals,
the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise.

**When sin had scarred the world,
you sent your Son to heal our ills
and to form us again into one.**

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.

Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:

**as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.**

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

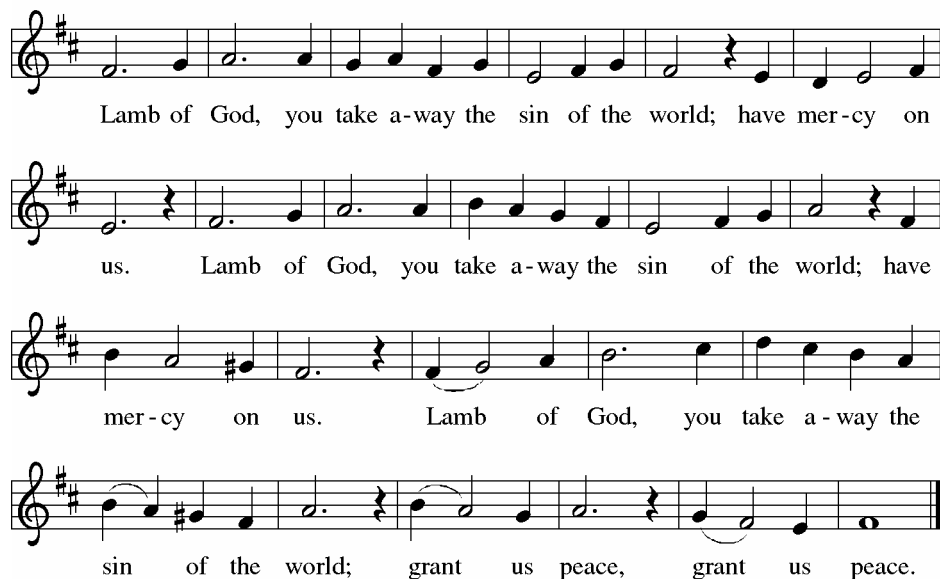
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

Lord we come to receive you with joy.

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please be seated

HOLY COMMUNION

If you need to receive communion in your pew, please alert an usher. Three communion stations will form outside the rail.

*Receive a wafer which may be dipped in the wine. (Those needing gluten-free wafers or grape juice, please go to the station at the far left of the altar.) **You are welcome to kneel at the rail for prayer afterward.** Return to your seat by side aisles. Anyone who is not communing but wishes to receive a blessing, please come forward as well.*

CHORALE PRELUDE "Hamburg"

Franks

Please stand as you are able

BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

PRAYER

Let us pray. God our Creator,

**at this table you have satisfied us with the good things of
your grace. Fix our hearts on your mercy and truth, that
our lives may reflect your love for all creation, through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth and forevermore

Amen

HYMN 660 “Lift High the Cross” CRUCIFER
DISMISSAL
Go in peace, to know, love and serve Christ.
 Thanks be to God. *(The Mission of Saint Luke)*
SORTIE “Recessional on Crucifer” Busarow

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

VOLUNTARY “Thaxted” Cherwien
David Cherwien (b. 1957) is Cantor at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Minneapolis and the director of the National Lutheran Choir.

VOLUNTARY “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” Elmore
Robert Elmore, the son of American missionaries, was born in Ramapatnam, India in 1913. A graduate of The University of Pennsylvania, he held several prestigious church positions including Central Moravian, Bethlehem, and Tenth Presbyterian, Philadelphia.

SORTIE “Recessional on Crucifer” Busarow
Donald Busarow (b. 1934) is the Director of Music at St. Matthew Lutheran Church and University Organist at Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio.