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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost – July 24, 2022

Contemporary Service

Our Guiding Story and Mission: The Road to Emmaus: Luke 24:13-35

As the Body of Christ, we proclaim the Gospel by serving and doing
God's will in a manner that meets the needs of our changing world.

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand as you are able

Gathering Song

Here I am to worship

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Verse 1:

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus:

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2:

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Bridge:

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
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To see my sin upon that cross

Call to Worship and Prayer

We come today into God's presence to celebrate his love in our midst.

C: We come secure and assured of God's salvation and joy found in Christ Jesus, His forgiveness won for us through Christ Jesus, His sustaining love and alluring will poured over us by the Holy Spirit.

Yet in this hour we also know and confess our weaknesses—

C: our faltering faith in Christ, our withheld love and forgiveness toward our neighbors, and our self-absorbed lives

Through baptismal waters we are joined to Jesus' death and resurrection,

C: by which we are forgiven and made new.

Let us Pray: Gracious God, in our time of worship, throughout the hours of our day

C: remain at the center of our thoughts and actions.

When all that we do seems to spin on and out of control,

C: draw us back to you.

Hold us together as individuals and as a community of faith in Jesus Christ.

C: Enable us to focus our lives on Jesus.

Help us to hit the mark when we aim to do your will.

C: Be for us a home, a center of gravity, a balance point, a source of loving support.

We come before your throne of grace with confidence,

C: that you will hear and answer us. Amen.

Opening Song: How great is our God

CCLI Song # 4348399 - Chris Tomlin | Ed Cash | Jesse Reeves

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Verse 1:

The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice

Chorus:

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

Verse 2:

And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

Bridge:

Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

Please be seated

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom for the sake of the few righteous people there, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.

Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

Second Reading: Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

The writer of this letter warns the congregation in Colossae about "the empty lure" of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection which is enacted in baptism.

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.]

Please stand as you are able

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the eleventh chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to childlike trust and persistence in prayer.

[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

The Message

Please stand as you are able

Hymn of the Day: **Change my heart, oh God**

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Chorus:

Change my heart oh God
Make it ever true
Change my heart oh God
May I be like You

Verse:

You are the potter
I am the clay
Mold me and make me
This is what I pray

An Affirmation of Faith

C: Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God. A star marked your humble birth,
And God said at your baptism,
“This is my Son, the Beloved...”

Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God.
Unlike other teachers, you taught with authority.
You healed the sick, opened blind eyes,
and called the dead to life.
The disciples saw you walking on the sea,
And they proclaimed, “Truly you are the Son of God.”
They saw you transfigured on the mountain,
and heard God say, “This is my Son...listen to him!”

Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God.
You entered Jerusalem with crowds shouting hosannas.
You heard the “Hosannas” turn to “Let him be crucified!”
And you died with the centurion’s witness of,
“Truly this man was God’s Son!”
Mary Magdalene and the other Mary
saw you risen from your tomb.
Your disciples saw you and heard your command
to make disciples of all nations.
Jesus, I believe.
Peter speaks for me when he says,
“You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God!”

Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Let us share his peace with one another. *(Congregation may share the peace with a gesture)*

Offering: Thank you for faithfully mailing your offering envelope or placing it in the container.

Offertory Song:

O Lord hear my prayer

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Verse 1:

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.

Verse 2:

The Lord is my song,
The Lord is my praise:
All my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song,
The Lord is my praise:
God, the wellspring of life.

Offertory Prayer:

As followers of Jesus, who is the way, the truth, and the life, let us pray like St. Francis prayed:

C: Lord make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is 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.

Benediction:

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths yet untrodden, through perils unknown.

C: Give us faith to go out with courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Song: 10,000 Reasons

CCLI Song # 6016351 - Jonas Myrin | Matt Redman

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Chorus:

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1:

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes Chorus

Verse 2:

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find Chorus

Verse 3:

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore Chorus (twice)

Tag:

Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

Ending:

Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name

Sending

Go in peace. Love and serve your neighbor.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Thank you for joining us!

We wish to extend a warm welcome to our Supply Pastor, Rev. Angela Hammer
and to all our visitors who have joined us in worship today.

We hope you will join us again!

Assisting in our worshipping community today (July 24):

Supply Pastor: The Rev. Angela Hammer

Worship Assistant: Mike DeLong

St. Luke Contemporary Worship Team: Vocal: Sarah Kneller Guitars: Linda Holt and Todd Snyder

Assisting in our worshipping community next week (July 31):

Lay Reader: Elaine Matternas

Worship Assistant: Donna Rhodes

July 17, 2022

Worship Attendance: 39 **YouTube online views as of 7/21/21:** 51 **Offering:** \$1,010

The altar flowers are presented by Diane Kutz in memory of her sister, Barbara Thompson Elder, who passed away on July 6, 2022.

This week at St. Luke

<u>Sunday, July 24</u>	8:30 AM	Contemporary Service
	9:30 AM	Coffee Hour
	5:30 PM-7:00 PM	Community Free Meal
<u>Tuesday, July 26</u>	10:00 AM	Band Together
<u>Thursday, July 28</u>	10:00 AM	Band Together
	11:30 AM-1:00 PM	Community Free Meal
<u>Next Sunday, July 31</u>	8:30AM	Service of the Word
	9:30 AM	Coffee Hour
	5:30 PM-7:00 PM	Community Free Meal

Request from the church office: Please be sure to communicate all activities and events to the church office, so the information published in the newsletter and in the weekly bulletin is accurate.

COVID GUIDELINES ARE STILL BEING FOLLOWED - Please use common sense when you are not feeling well. Be mindful of others so that we may continue to safely worship together. Masks are recommended for those who are unvaccinated & optional if you are vaccinated. Thank you for caring for your church family.

It is easy to stay connected to St. Luke! Check out our website at <https://www.stlukelutheran.org>. In addition to updates on current events, you will find links on the website to access our online worship services via Facebook or YouTube. Or, if you prefer, you can access online services directly via Facebook at www.facebook.com/StLukeEvangelicalLutheran, or on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWKROL7HVJEgtCMksioZwoA>.

The bulletin will continue to be emailed out weekly with printed copies available at Sunday worship. So, whether you attend in person or tune in online, it is easy to stay connected!

We welcome your feedback—recommendations, suggestions, or improvements regarding the current online transmissions. We also need volunteers to assist with the technical aspects of livestreaming and all the legwork and support this requires. Please send your feedback or volunteer availability to the Church Office.

NOTICE: SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A special congregational meeting will be held after our church service on August 7th. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss & vote on extending an offer to Pastor Angie Hammer to become our pastor with a shared 50-50 contract with St. Paul's, Penryn.

Prayers for:

Those who are ill, recovering, or shut-in, especially:

John Adams, Claudia Addison, Brenda Boyer, Leon Boyer, Amanda Cupernall, Alexandria (Lexxi) Ditzler, Cathy Dunkelberger, Henry Fasnacht, Deb Glassmoyer, Peg Griffe, Bill Gundrum, Kim Lenhart Hale, John Hassinger, Dean Hettinger, Lilly Higgins & Family, Richard and Nancy Hollen, Christopher Johnson (D Hettinger), Landon Kreider, Delores Leshner, Richard Leshner, Ken Light, Donald and Sue McClure, Steven McCracken, Casey McGarvey, Dana McKinney, Maureen Marinkov, Harold (Spike) Moore, Brian Navarre, Barry and Tom Nolt, Kathy O'Roark, Gerald and Ruth Parson, George Pastore, Ronald Ream, Lance Rhodes, Al Shade, Barry Shriver, Linda Simmers, Lloyd Smith, Richard Strohl, Caitlyn, Gretta and Mike Stuber, Robert Todisco, Landis Wenger, Josephine Wenrich, Janet Wharton, Josie Williams, Eddie Wolfe, Marian Yoder, Maggie Zartman, and Ashton Zohn.

Those who are serving in the military, especially:

Timothy Beamesderfer, David Deysher, Tyler Fleagle, Shane Gettler, Steven Ginder, Matthew Plummer, Greg Rocker, and Matthew Sanders.

Congregations and ministries with whom we share mutual ministry:

The congregations and pastors of the Heidelberg Ministerium and Lebanon Conference, Agape House, Lebanon Co. Christian Ministries, Lebanon Taizé Violence Intervention Women's Shelter, Lancaster/Lebanon Habitat for Humanity, Lebanon Rescue Mission, Support Connections of Lebanon County, Our Synod Bishop James S. Dunlop and his staff, and our ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and staff.

The St. Luke Vision to Mission Team - Kit Ahnert, Richelle Deysher, Elaine Matternas, Judy Plummer, Scott Rights, and Todd Snyder.

If you need Pastoral care, please contact the church office or one of the Council Members.

Coffee Hour – Volunteers are needed for coffee hour. Please see the signup sheet in the narthex.

Community Free Meals: Served: Thursday: 11:30 am to 1:00 pm and Sunday: 5:30 to 7:00 pm
Partners with St. Luke in the Thursday meals are members of the Heidelberg Community Church group - Zion Methodist, St. Paul's UCC, Trinity Methodist-Kleinfeltersville, Krall's Mennonite, Heidelberg Church of the Brethren, and Friedens Lutheran Church in Myerstown.

Help Wanted! Treasurer Wanted! If you are interested or know of someone who is interested in becoming the new church treasurer, please contact Jim Christman or Mike DeLong.

July - Monthly Ministry Emphasis: The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) that is held on the first of the month. Thank you again for your continued support.

Musical Gifts: Have a musical gift to share? Please contact Betsy Nolt if you would be willing to share your musical gift at a worship service during the summer months.

St. Luke History Books: \$20.00. Contact Anna Mae Grubb 717-273-7035 or mrgrubby@comcast.net.