



# St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church

Sunday, September 13, 2020

## 15th Sunday after Pentecost Service of the Word

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**Welcome to St. Luke's.** Whether you are visiting the Lima area or looking for a church home, we hope you find St. Luke's Lutheran Church to be a people who reflect the joy and peace and love we have in Christ. More than that, we hope you hear, with us, the good news of Jesus Christ crucified and risen for the forgiveness of sins.

**Ushers** and other members are here to help you if you need assistance.

**Large print bulletins** are available. Please see an usher if you would like to use one.

**What you can expect:**

We will practice social distancing - chairs are spaced 6 ft. apart

Worship will be a Service of the Word, without singing liturgy or hymns by the congregation.

The offering plate will be stationed on a table for drop-off before or after service.

Communion, sharing of the peace and post-service pastor greeting will not occur at this time.

**We ask that you please wear a mask or face covering. It is for the safety of those around you.**

Please stand, if able, for parts of the service marked †

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### *WELCOME*

*Mission Statement*

“Saved by grace  
Reaching out in faith”

**PRELUDE**

*“Prelude in F Major”*

*J.S. Bach*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS †**

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

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we are in bondage 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**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,  
and for his sake, forgives us all our sins.  
To those who believe in Jesus Christ  
He gives the power to become children of God  
and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**PEACE †**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **KYRIE †**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the 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**

## **CANTICLE †**

**Sing praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation**

We praise you, O God.

**We acclaim you as Lord;  
all creation worships you,  
Father everlasting.**

To you all angels, all the power of heavens,  
cherubim, and seraphim, sing in endless praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

The glorious company of the apostles praise you.

**The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.**

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

**Throughout the world the holy church acclaim you:  
Father, of majesty unbounded,  
your glorious, true and only Son,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

**Sing praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creations**

You, Christ, are the King of Glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.

When you became incarnate to set us free  
you humbly accepted the Virgin's womb.

**You overcame the sting of death,  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.**  
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come to be our judge.  
**Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.**

**Sing praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creations**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY †**

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**“Ten Thousand Angels”**  
Lonnie Collins, Solo

*Overholt*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*Noisy Offering*

**FIRST READING:**

**Genesis 50:15-21**

<sup>15</sup>Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" <sup>16</sup>So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. <sup>21</sup>So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13 spoken responsively (congregation speaks **BOLD** print)**

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

<sup>2</sup>**Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits**

<sup>3</sup>who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;



- <sup>4</sup>**who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**  
<sup>5</sup>who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- <sup>6</sup>**O LORD, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.**  
<sup>7</sup>You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.
- <sup>8</sup>**LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**  
<sup>9</sup>you will not always accuse us, nor will you keep your anger forever.
- <sup>10</sup>**You have not dealt with us according to our sins, nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**  
<sup>11</sup>For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is your steadfast love or those who fear you.
- <sup>12</sup>**As far as the east is from the west, so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**  
<sup>13</sup>As a father has compassion for his children so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.**

**SECOND READING:**

**Romans 14:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. <sup>2</sup>Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

<sup>5</sup>Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. <sup>6</sup>Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

<sup>7</sup>We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

<sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. <sup>11</sup>For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

<sup>12</sup>So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** <sup>5</sup>

**GOSPEL READING †****Matthew 18:21-35**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

<sup>23</sup>“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup>and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup>And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup>So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The Gospel of Our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.****SERMON****Pastor Steve Nelson****APOSTLES' 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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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**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 †**

*Response following each petition:* Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**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.**

**THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD †**

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things:  
you spoke light into darkness,  
called forth beauty from chaos,  
and brought life into being.

For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts:  
freedom from captivity,  
water on the desert journey,  
a pathway home from exile,  
wisdom for life with you.

For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness:  
forgiveness through the cross,  
life to those entombed by death,  
the way of your self-giving love.

For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**



Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us:  
renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love,  
for the sake of a world in need.  
Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS †

## BENEDICTION †

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless us now and forever. **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL †

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*“Joyful, Joyful, We adore Thee”*

*Leavitt*

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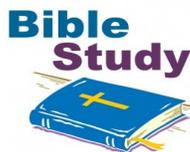
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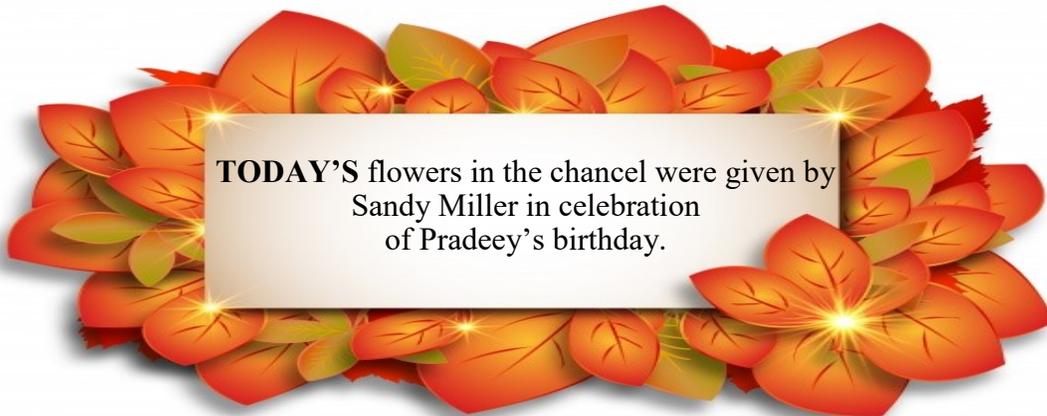
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Our Women's Bible Study Group Mary/Martha Circle is meeting Tuesday, September 22nd in the NLC at 11:00 am. There will be social distancing and masks can be worn. Bring your own sack lunch and drink.



TODAY'S flowers in the chancel were given by Sandy Miller in celebration of Pradeey's birthday.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	TODAY, SUNDAY, 9/13	NEXT SUNDAY, 9/20
Worship Leader Piano Special Music Child. Message Lector	Pastor Steve Nelson Sandy Miller Lonnie Collins <i>Noisy Offering</i> Sheila Miller	Pastor Mark Bauer Sandy Miller Open Jim Schwabero Dale Laukhuf



**Youth Group**

Anyone in grades 6-12 is welcome to join us for a movie night  
 Friday, September 25th 6-9pm  
 (in the NLC)

**The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe:**  
 (followed by a short discussion)

Please bring your own snacks and comfy chair or blanket as we will be safely distancing to watch.

## WHAT'S UP AT CUP?

CUP is Churches United Pantry;  
129 S. Pierce Street, Lima



The C.U.P. food item September is:  
**CANNED FRUIT**

CUP is still open and serving our hungry neighbors. Our schedule has been adjusted some what. We are only open on days we have enough volunteers to staff the pantry, and all hours are now 12-3, instead of varied hours. We found that the 12-3 shifts attract more people and we wanted to make the best use of our time at the pantry.

Many of our volunteers have returned and are bagging food. Some of our volunteers are understandably reluctant to return at this time. We are masked and socially distanced inside the pantry. We have taken a time-out from our in person 'choice' pantry model and are serving our clients with 'curbside' service. They get a variety of the food we have in the pantry. If they have special requests, we try to honor those requests, such as no pork, no refrigerator where we live, do you have fish, etc.

The Ohio National Guard have been a Godsend! They are taking the information to register our clients and are taking the food out to their vehicles and putting it in the vehicle. But, sadly they will be leaving us with September 4 as their last day. At this time we will need more volunteers to fill the void.

We are not doing our weekly Summer Produce program this year. Things are just too crazy AND the West Ohio Food Bank currently has a contract for a 'Farm to Table' program that has provided us with 15 pound boxes of produce, fruits, dairy products, and a meat box. We have been getting a fresh supply of at least 2 different boxes each day we are open and handing those out in addition to the packaged foods we have been providing. This is a real bonus for our families. On Friday, August 28, we are hosting a 'Pop-Up' food distribution sponsored by the West Ohio Food Bank. The food bank will be bringing in pallets of food, mostly the 'farm to table' boxes along with other foods, for distribution in our south parking lot. Depending on the success of this event, we may host more of them to benefit our clients with out transportation. The WOFB often have the Pop-Up distributions at their Kibby Street facility. For walkers, that is a distance to go and bring food back home.

For the foreseeable future we will be doing our 'curbside' delivery system of our food. If you are interested in volunteering at the pantry or at a Pop-Up event, please contact Mary Stepleton @ 419-235-6875 or [maryrsteps@gmail.com](mailto:maryrsteps@gmail.com)



**Adult Bible Study**  
**Wednesday evenings, starting Sept. 23rd at 7:00**  
**p.m.**  
**In the parlor**



## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

**September 13:** *Lonnie Collins*

**September 20: open**

**September 27:** *Tamara Pope*

**October 4:** *Brian Reeves*

**October 11:** *Dale Laukhuf*

**October 18:** *Rachael Lewis*

**October 25:** *Marcy Reeves*  
& *Angie Harzog*



### **Women's Book Study:**

*Casting Stone's: Writings on mental health, relationships, and hope*  
by Heidi Goemann

**Sunday, September 20th 4:00 PM**

*(at Elizabeth Eley's house)*

*THANKYOU to my family of St. Luke's for the many cards of sympathy at the passing of my brother Stan. Thank you Pastor Chuck for the graveside service. Choir, the daisy mum is beautiful at my front door and the gift card will be well used. I so appreciate your love and concern. SKM*

*Thank ☺  
you!*

**REMEMBER IN YOUR  
PRAYERS**

Pat Bitters  
Ruth Smith  
Scott Howard



*Shawnee Manor*  
Frances Stuber

*Mennonite Memorial Home*  
Bonnie Nielsen

*Lima Convalescent*  
Ruth Haman

*Lost Creek*  
Joan Fields

**Scripture readings for 9/13/2020**

Jonah 3:10- -4:11  
Psalm 145:1-8  
Philippians 1:21-30  
Matthew 20:1-16



**“NUMBERS” from Sunday, September 6, 2020”**

Attendance: 41

Giving: \$2,840.00 given to the glory of God for the  
work of the Gospel of Jesus Christ

***Staff***

Lead Interim Pastor - Pastor Chuck Boomhower (Cell:614-506-5595)  
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Choir Director – Brian Reeves  
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Custodian – Tyrone King

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