



St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church

Sunday, September 20, 2020

16th 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 †

WELCOME

Mission Statement

“Saved by grace
Reaching out in faith”

PRELUDE

“Earth and All Stars”

Krentz

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 †

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

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 acclaims 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 †

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Come, Ye Blessed”
Damen Martin, solo

Scott

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jim Schwabero

FIRST READING:

Jonah 3:10--4:11

¹⁰When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

^{4:1}But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” ⁴And the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”



⁹But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” ¹⁰Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

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

Psalm 145:1-8 spoken responsively (congregation speaks **BOLD** print)

¹I will exalt you, my God and king, and bless your name forever and ever.

²**Every day will I bless you and praise your name forever and ever.**

³Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised! There is no end to your greatness.

⁴**One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.**

⁵I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works.

⁶**They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will recount your greatness.**

⁷They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

⁸**The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

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:

Philippians 1:21-30

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God’s doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** ⁵

GOSPEL READING †**Matthew 20:1-16**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

The Gospel of Our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.****SERMON****Pastor Mark Bauer****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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

“To Go Be the Glory”
Damen Martin, solo

Hayes

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

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Shackley

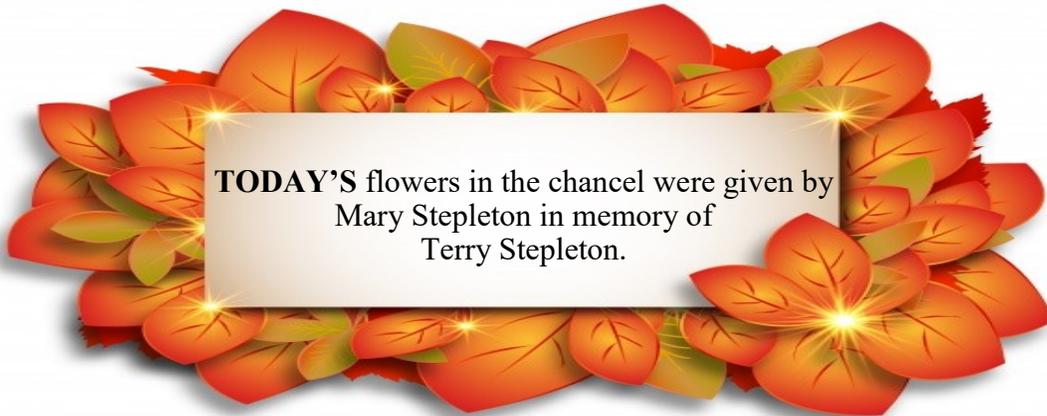
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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	TODAY, SUNDAY, 9/20	NEXT SUNDAY, 9/27
Worship Leader Piano Special Music Child. Message Lector	Pastor Mark Bauer Sandy Miller Damen Martin Jim Schwabero Dale Laukhuf	Pastor Charles Boomhower Sandy Miller Tamara Pope Marcy Reeves Kay Assenheimer



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

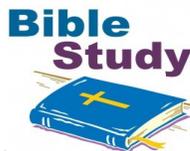
CUP is still open and serving our hungry neighbors. Our schedule has been adjusted some what. We are only open on days we have enough volunteers to staff the pantry, and all hours are now 12-3, instead of varied hours. We found that the 12-3 shifts attract more people and we wanted to make the best use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



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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

September 20: *Damen Martin*
September 27: *Tamara Pope*
October 4: *Brian Reeves*
October 11: *Dale Laukhuf*
October 18: *Gus, Ian & Steve*
October 25: *Marcy Reeves*
 & Angie Harzog
November 1: *Rachael Lewis*



Women's Book Study:

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

Today, September 20th 4:00 PM
(at Elizabeth Eley's house)



Adult Bible Study

Wednesday evenings, starting Sept. 23rd at 7:00 p.m.
in the parlor



Focusing on the 10 commandments: offered by Brett Onan

**REMEMBER IN YOUR
PRAYERS**

Pat Bitters
Ruth Smith
Scott Howard



Shawnee Manor
Frances Stuber

Mennonite Memorial Home
Bonnie Nielsen

Lost Creek
Joan Fields

Scripture readings for

9/27/2020

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Psalm 25:1-9
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32



“NUMBERS” from Sunday, September 13, 2020”

Attendance: 46

Giving: \$4,170.00 given to the glory of God for the
work of the Gospel of Jesus Christ

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