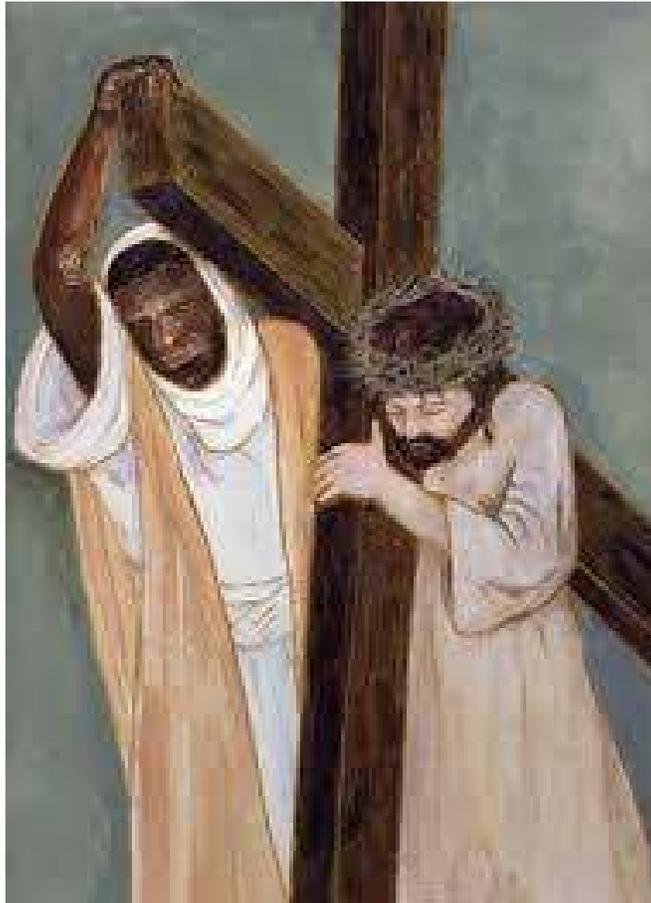


St. Luke Lutheran Church
Albuquerque, New Mexico
13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 29/30, 2020

St. Luke RADIANT
(in person and e-worship)



Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. – Matthew 16:24

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HOLY COMMUNION

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome to St. Luke Radiant in this “green season” of ordinary time, as we ask God to feed, nourish, and empower us so we might grow into an ever more gracious and self-giving community, reflective of Christ’s love for us. Today we will celebrate BOTH in-person communion (for those few persons gathering in the sanctuary at 10% capacity) AND “Lutheran Household Communion.” Although many are showing care and love for ourselves and our neighbors by not yet gathering physically, we nevertheless are able to receive the sacrament physically and fully, whether at church or gathered as God’s people in our own households. As Martin Luther wrote in his Small Catechism:

**These words, (“given for you” and “shed for you for the forgiveness of sin”)
when accompanied by the physical eating and drinking,
are the essential thing in the sacrament,
and whoever believes these very words has what they declare and state, namely,
“forgiveness of sin.”**

By hearing these words of our Lord Jesus Christ spoken during our worship service, and by physically receiving ordinary bread and ordinary wine (or grape juice) both in-person in the Sanctuary and in the sanctuary of our own households, we believe the Holy Spirit unites those whom physical distance and health concerns must separate, and Jesus Christ again humbles himself to become fully present to each of us, and all of us together.

Before this worship starts, each household is encouraged to:

1. Light a candle (be your own acolyte!) Or – light a lamp.
2. Open your Bible (a Bible app on your phone is fine) and find today’s readings.
3. Prepare a place at a table (coffee table or desk is fine) Do you have a flower you can put in a vase? A cross? Liturgical decorations for the greening, growing season of Ordinary Time (the Sundays after Pentecost)? (send us a snapshot of you and your “sanctuary space” and we’d love to place it in the OCTOBER Horizon Newsletter!)
4. **For the Sacrament of Holy Communion:**
Prepare a plate with one slice, piece, or loaf of bread to be broken and shared, and enough cups of wine (red, rose or white are all fine) or grape juice for each participant. Cover everything with a clean cloth or napkin.

FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING AT THE ST. LUKE SANCTUARY, WE WILL COMMUNE WITH PREPACKAGED WAFER & GRAPE JUICE. Instructions will be given in person at the service.

Prelude

Sat, 5 pm and e-worship

The Gift of Love

arr. John Carter

Sun, 10:30 am

Antiphon III, Opus 18, No. 3

Marcel Dupré

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose self-giving love overcomes all rifts, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(we take a moment of silent reflection)

Reconciling God,

we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives.

We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed.

By your grace, forgive us;

through your love, renew us;

and in your Spirit, lead us;

so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Beloved of God,

by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven.

Let us live now in hope.

For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,

4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.

that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot-steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

WORD

First Reading *(read responsively)*

Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult.

¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;

for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice;

under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.

²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD.

²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

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

Second Reading

Romans 12:9-21

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty,

but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

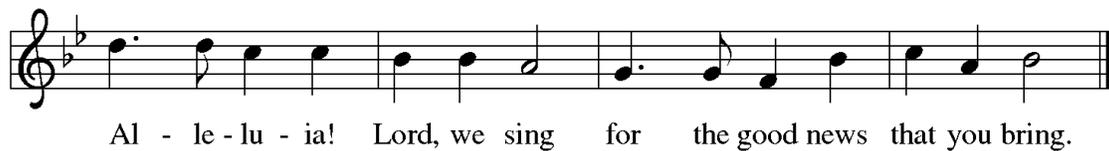
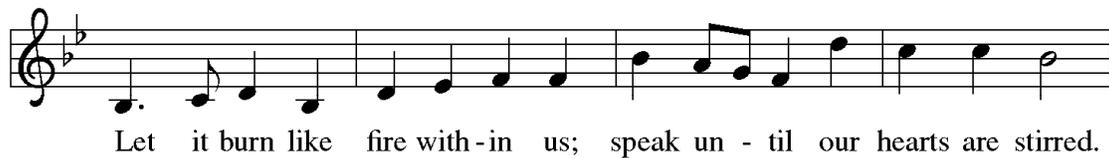
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Children's Message:

St. Luke Preschool:

46 children, 9 staff, 1 Great & Loving God... and a million gazillion blessings

Gospel Acclamation ELW S 205a



Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

Sermon

An Unexpected, Unwanted Cross

Pastor Christa

Hymn of the Day ELW 324

In the Cross of Christ I Glory
verses 1 and 4

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the
o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that
sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bid.

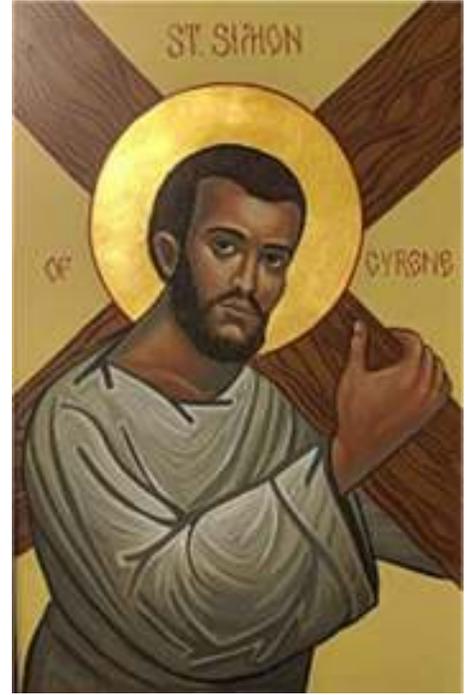
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The Apostle's Creed

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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.



Prayers of Intercession

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

Prayer Hymn W&P 93

Lord, My Strength

Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, lead me through the dark;
Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, heal this wan - d'ring heart.
Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, you and you a - lone:
Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, lead me safe - ly home.

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Music: LORD, MY STRENGTH, Dean Krippaehne
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- response after each petition: Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**
- response after the final petition: **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Within a household, we greet one another with a sign of God's peace and remember our siblings scattered across Albuquerque and throughout the world.

MEAL

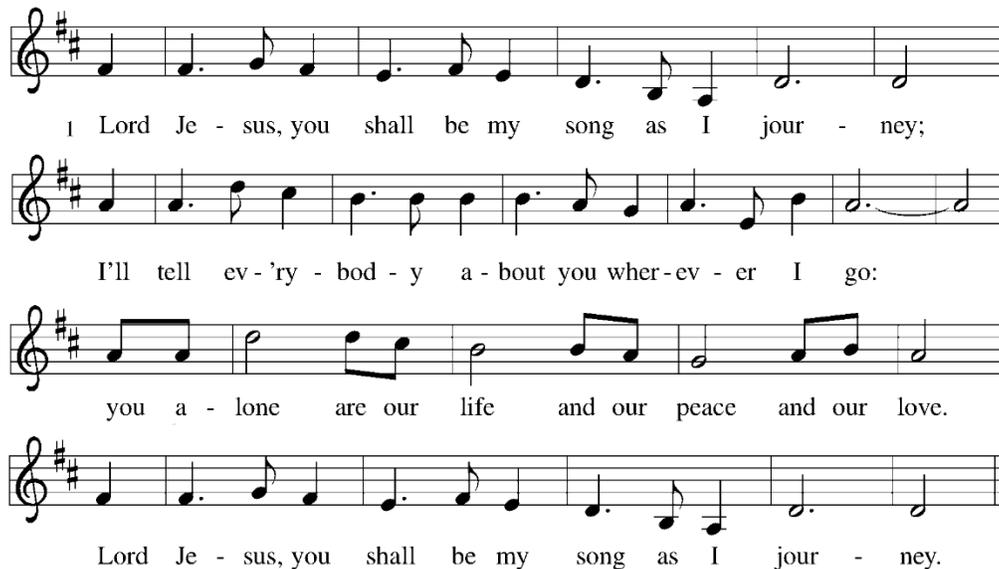
Offering

We are invited to joyfully give our tithes and offerings to join in God's unceasing mission through the Church. We may place our offerings in the basket in the aisle. We may also send gifts directly to St. Luke via mail or contribute via our online giving resources on our church website <http://stlukeabq.org/>.

*Our St. Luke "bucket of change" offerings for **AUGUST** will go to **ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response**, which brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the US and around the world. "When the dust settles, LDR stays to provide ongoing assistance to those in need."*

Offering Hymn ELW 808

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song



1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.

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Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

CHRISTIAN HOUSEHOLD COMMUNION



HOLY COMMUNION

*Each household uncovers the wine and bread prepared earlier.
All participants join in the parts printed in **bold**.*

The 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.

Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

Gathered in Christ's name in our church and in our households, we pray our many tables would become your One Holy Table, O LORD. With the beloved family of Christ throughout this city, with Christian households throughout the world, together *also* with angels, archangels and all the company of heaven, we praise your name, and join in one unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus) ELW S207

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

This Season of Ordinary Time, we remember with thanksgiving that, “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, Jesus 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.’”

This is the supper of our Lord Jesus Christ. This same bread and cup, shared in churches and households throughout the world, are here also given for us. Remembering Christ’s love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of God’s Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among God’s people throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your Church, world without end. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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

Friends of Jesus, Christ gives himself for you. Receive nourishment for your journey. **Amen.**

The Distribution of Communion

- *In person – Please open and receive the communion packets in your pews. Empty packets may be put into the paper bags at each pew.*
- *At home -- Please distribute the bread and the wine, saying to each person (or aloud for yourself):*



**The body of Christ, given for you;
The blood of Christ, shed for you.**

Communion Music

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

The Choirs of St Luke and St Timothy

The Bells of St Luke

Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

SENDING

Blessing (Benediction)

-response after the prayer: Amen.

Sending Hymn W&P 132

Step by step

David (Beaker) Strasser
arr. Nylea Butler-Moore

O God, you are my_ God, and I will ev-er praise you. O God, you are my_

6 God, and I will ev-er praise you. I will seek you in the morn - ing, and I will

11 learn to walk in your_ ways, and step by step you'll lead_ me, and I will

15 fol-low you all of my_ days. O days, and I will fol-low you all of my_ days, and I will

20 fol - low you all of my_ days, and step by step you'll lead

23 _ me, and I will fol - low you all of my_ days

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Sat, 5 pm and e-worship

God Sends Us Forth

Tony Alonso, arr. Mark Hayes

Sun, 10:30 am

Lord, In This Thy Mercy's Day,

Robert J. Powell

Following worship please go directly outside without staying behind in the Nave or Narthex to converse. You may converse with the pastors and others outside the building entrance while maintaining 6-foot distancing and wearing face coverings. Thank you very much for helping St. Luke to remain safe and healthy.

Participating in Today's Worship

Pastor Christa von Zychlin and Pastor Wayne Nieminen

Pianists: Avery Hendrickson and Kaylee Estrada

Organist: Patricia Oakley

Vocalists: Augustin Arrendondo, Jonathan Cain, and Molly Rosenshein

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