

# St. Luke Lutheran Church

Albuquerque, New Mexico

## Sermon on the Mount Series 3

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 26/27, 2020

**St. Luke RADIANT**

(in person and e-worship)



*Building a Fence around the Torah!*

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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 in-person communion (for those persons gathering in the sanctuary at below 40% capacity, as per governor’s guidelines) AND “Lutheran Household Communion” for those participating from home. 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 church 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  
*Prelude B-flat, Op 16 No. 2*  
Clara Wieck Schumann

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING

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

### Call to Worship (from A Wee Worship Book)

Leader: Among the poor,  
among the proud,  
Men: among the persecuted,  
Women: among the privileged.  
**All: Christ is coming to make all things new.**

Leader: In the private house,  
in the public space,  
Men: in the wedding feast  
Women: in the judgment hall,  
**All: Christ is coming to make all things new.**

Leader: With a gentle touch,  
with an angry word,  
Men: with a clear conscience,  
Women: with burning love.  
**All: Christ is coming to make all things new.**

Leader: That the kingdom might come,  
That the world might believe,  
Men: That the powerful might stumble,  
Women: That the hidden might be seen.  
**All: Christ is coming to make all things new.**

Leader: Within us, without us,  
Behind us, before us,  
Men: In this place, in every place,  
Women: for this time, for all time,  
**ALL: Christ is coming to make all things new.**





*Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -*  
 Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .



*so - tros. Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -*  
 mer - cy. Lord, . . have mer - cy on



*dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.*  
 us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.

## Gloria ELW S176



*¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!*  
 Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



*¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!*  
 Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



*Y en la tie - rra paz pa - ra a - que - llos que a - ma el Se - ñor.*  
 And on earth . . . peace to God's peo - ple. Glo - ry to God.



*Y en la tie - rra paz pa - ra a - que - llos que a - ma el Se - ñor.*  
 And on earth . . . peace to God's peo - ple. Glo - ry to God.

## 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, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace, hold fast and live out what you command, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

## WORD

### Psalm:

### Psalm 25:1-9

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD,  
I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Show me your ways, O LORD,  
and teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

<sup>8</sup>**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

<sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice  
and teach the lowly your way.

## Children's Message

### Gospel Acclamation ELW S179a

*¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!*  
*Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!*

*¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!*  
*Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!*

*¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,*  
*Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,*

*a - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le - lu - ya!*  
*al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!*

## Gospel

## Matthew 5: 13-20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fifth chapter.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup> 'You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

<sup>14</sup> 'You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup> 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them. <sup>18</sup> For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>20</sup> For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>21</sup> ‘You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, “You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.” <sup>22</sup> But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, “Raca,” is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, “You fool!” will be in danger of the fire of hell.

<sup>23</sup> ‘Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

<sup>25</sup> ‘Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup> Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

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

**Sermon**

**The Sermon on the Mount Part 3:  
“Build a Fence Around the Torah”**

**Pastor Wayne**

# Hymn of the Day ELW #771 "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heaven"

(Vs. 1-3)

## God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens



1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,  
2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;  
3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn - ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space;  
known the ec - sta - sy of wing - ing through un - trav - eled realms of space;  
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like - ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;  
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield - ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,  
May our dreams prove rich with prom - ise; each en - deav - or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.  
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.  
great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

Text: Catherine Cameron, b. 1927

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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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.

- 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 **SEPTEMBER** will go to **DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS**, which provides medical aid in nearly 60 countries to people experiencing violence, neglect, catastrophe, malnutrition, illness, primarily due to armed conflict, epidemics, natural disasters, & absence of health care.*

### **Offering Anthem**

***There is a Balm in Gilead**  
The Choirs of St. Luke and St. Timothy*

### **Offering Prayer**

Let us pray.

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables of grace in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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:

# Sanctus ELW S181



*nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho - san - na en el*  
*name . . . of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the*

*cie - lo, ho - san - na en la tie - rra. Ben -*  
*high - est, ho - san - na here on earth. . . .*

*di - to el que vie - ne en el nom - bre del Se - ñor.*  
*Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.*

Today again, in this Kairos moment, we remember with thanksgiving how, “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.**

## **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

With his body and blood, Christ gives himself for you. Receive now the forgiveness of sins, strength and nourishment for the journey of life. **Amen.**

## The Distribution of Communion

- *In person – Please open the communion packets you received with your bulletin and partake of communion. Empty packets may be put into the paper cup received with the packet.*
- *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.**

## Agnus Dei ELW S182



*Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;*  
*O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .*



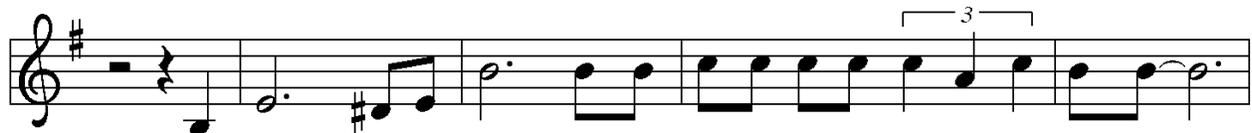
*ten pie-dad de no - so - tros,                      ten pie-dad de no - so - tros.*  
*have . . mer-cy up - on us,                      have . . mer-cy up - on us.*



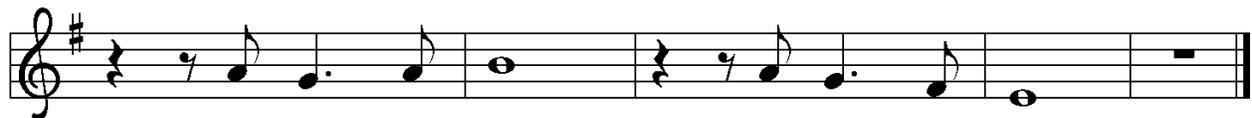
*Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;*  
*O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .*



*ten pie-dad de no - so - tros,                      ten pie-dad de no - so - tros.*  
*have . . mer-cy up - on us,                      have . . mer-cy up - on us.*



*Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;*  
*O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .*



*da - nos tu paz,                      da - nos tu paz.*  
*grant us your peace,                      grant us your peace.*

## 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.*



1 Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in  
 2 Build us up, Lord, build us up; let our



us a strong foun - da - tion. Lead us to do your  
 lives re - flect your glo - ry. Cast a - way all our



ho - ly will; form and shape your new cre - a - tion.  
 doubts and fears; help us tell the world your sto - ry.



Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we  
 Build us up, Lord, build us up; help us



guide and teach each oth - er, help us to share your love with the  
 bear good fruit for you, Lord, give us vi - sion and keep us



world: ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er.  
 sure. Grant us faith that's stead - fast and true.

*Refrain*



Grow - ing in Christ, we plant seeds for the king - dom; we fol - low in



faith what's be - gun! Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your



word to spread the news of your Son!

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## Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

Sat, 5 pm and e-worship

*Songs Without Words (C major), Op 102 No. 6*

*Felix Bartholdy Mendelssohn*

*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

Organist: John Garlisch

Saturday Vocalists: Augustin Arredondo and Jonathan Cain

Sunday Vocalists: Gabriela Di Pomazio and Molly Rosenshein

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