

St. Luke Lutheran Church  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
**Tenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
August 17, 2025      8:15 and 10:30 AM

Holy Eucharist at both Services and  
Dedication of a Memorial Gift  
in memory of Les Anderson  
at the 10:30 A.M. Liturgy



*“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us also run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the Pioneer and perfecter of faith . . .”* – Hebrews 12:1-2

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**Welcome to worship here** at St. Luke Lutheran Church ELCA. We gather around the story of Jesus! We are glad you have joined us to worship our Lord in this Service of Word and Meal. If you are visiting, longing to be a part of a community, want to join, are searching for faith, need a good-news-shaped word, or seek healing and peace, we invite you to sign the Guest Book in the Entry Narthex, complete the goldenrod "Connections" page, give us your contact information and the opportunity to respond and welcome and get to know you. Please return to worship with us again. Read our weekly announcements on the white GPS page. If you are in need of assistance or have questions of any kind, please speak with an usher, a Staff member, a Council member or Pastor Brad Brauer, our Interim Pastor. This is Christ's Church. Here the scriptures are opened and preached. Here is Christ's Welcome Table of grace and mercy. There is a place for you here. Join us in Jesus' mission.

**In today's Readings . . .** We listen to part of one Oracle of the rejected prophet Jeremiah. We listen to Hebrews remind us that we are surrounded by such a great cloud of "witnesses/martyrs/the saints." Pr. Brad's Sermon Series on Hebrews continues. We return to listen to Luke's earlier story of the infant Jesus and his dedication and purification at the Jerusalem Temple (Luke 2) in conjunction with the dedication of a memorial gift in memory of Les Anderson, making the connections between Simeon the old prophet near death and Les, our dear departed brother. God's Word breaks the stones like some great geologist's hammer. Jesus is the pioneer and perfecter of faith. We are invited to "run the race of faith with perseverance" and hope, looking to Jesus who has gone before us like some pioneer reconnoitering the difficult trail ahead. The saints in the heavenly grandstand cheer us on.

**Please join us to receive HOLY COMMUNION:** At St. Luke, all Christians who desire to receive Christ's presence and blessing, in, with and under the forms of bread and wine in the Holy Communion Meal are welcome to do so, regardless of your age or denomination. If you or your children are not yet baptized into the Christian faith, please contact the pastor who would love to help you begin to receive this sacrament of grace and belonging and learn about its meanings. As Lutheran Christians, we trust and teach what Martin Luther wrote in his Small Catechism: *"These words, (given for you) and (shed for you for the forgiveness of sins) 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 sins, new life, and salvation.'"* By hearing these words of our Lord Jesus Christ spoken, and by receiving ordinary bread and ordinary wine (or grape juice), we believe the Holy Spirit unites us with the Jesus of the past and the Christ of faith and with each other, even those whom physical distance and health concerns separate. Jesus Christ humbles himself to become fully present in his real body and blood, given to each of us, and all of us together. This Meal is for you. All are welcome here! Friend and stranger. All are welcome at the banquet of the Savior! Come up the center aisle to the Pastor or Assisting Minister and receive the bread into your open, flat palm/hand, go left or right and receive/or take the cup of wine/ juice from the server at Table. If you desire only a blessing, please do come and receive the sign of the Cross and a word of blessing and prayer. Cross your arms to indicate you are not communing but wish a simple blessing. Everyone, young and old, is encouraged to share in this Holy Communion Meal. These are the gifts of God for you, the people of God.

## Welcome & Announcements

### Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

This is the day which the Lord has made:

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Baptized into the Name of Christ Jesus, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, let us confess our sin and ask for the gift of forgiveness and new life.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

you free us to love others as we have been loved,

**but we neglect our neighbors and follow in our own ways.**

You lead us by your Holy Spirit of joy and peace,

**but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.**

You surround us with patience, kindness, mercy,  
and generosity,

**but we grow weary in doing what is right.**

**We are not always the people of love that your Son, Jesus, has called us to become.**

In your mercy, forgive us.

**Do not give up on us.**

**Heal us, break our bonds and chains,**

**free us for service in Christ's holy Name,**

**and show us the path of life. Amen.**

### Announcement of Forgiveness

You belong to Christ Jesus

and you are God's child through faith.

In the cross of † Christ,

and through the power of the Holy Spirit,

and by the authority and command of our Lord Jesus

I announce to you that your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

Be freed up now to love and serve in Jesus' Name. **Amen.**



1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"  
 2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,  
 3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"  
 those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.  
 and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;  
 Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;  
 from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.  
 all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"  
 "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832–1916, alt.  
 Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702

**Pastoral Greeting**

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the very Love of God, and the indwelling Presence and gifts of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you!**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, our sovereign judge eternal, Creator of the world, God of blessing, you love justice and peace but hate oppression, terror, and war; and you call us to share in your zeal for truth and right living. Give us courage to take our stand with the patriarchs of old, the prophets who spoke truth to power, the saints of all times and places, and all victims of bloodshed and greed in our world today. Following your servant Jeremiah and all the prophets, help us to look to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith and give us strong faith and vibrant hope, we ask this prayer in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## WORD

### First Reading

### The Prophet Jeremiah Chap. 23:23-29

*Because Jeremiah preached the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffered rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who spoke God's word, truth to power and empire, and the false prophet (e. g. Hananiah) who misled the people through dreams and prophecies of peace and a future secured by the pretender kings of Judah. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.*

<sup>23</sup> Am I not a God near by you, says the Lord? And am I (as you thought) far off? <sup>24</sup> Who can hide in secret places from Me so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord.

<sup>25</sup> I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy falsely . . . who lie in my name, saying, "I have dreamed! I have dreamed!" <sup>26</sup> How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back to Me—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own hearts? <sup>27</sup> They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name but worshipped Baal. <sup>28</sup> Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word in them speak my word faithfully. For what has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. <sup>29</sup> Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock into pieces?

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

### Psalm

### Psalm 82 *A Psalm of Asaph*

*Arise, O God, and rule the earth. (Ps. 82:8)*

<sup>1</sup> God stands to charge the divine council assembled,  
**giving judgment in the midst of the gods:**

<sup>2</sup> "How long will you judge unjustly,  
and show favor to the wicked?

<sup>3</sup> **Save the weak and the orphan;  
defend the humble and needy;**

<sup>4</sup> **rescue the weak and the poor;  
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

<sup>5</sup> They do not know, neither do they understand;  
**they wander about in darkness;  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.**

<sup>6</sup> Now I say to you, 'You are gods,  
and all of you are children of the Most High God;

<sup>7</sup> **nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,  
and fall like any prince.'**"

<sup>8</sup> Arise, O God, and rule the earth,  
**for you shall take possession all nations for your own.**

*The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this “cloud of witnesses,” we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.*

<sup>29</sup> *By faith* the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup> *By faith* the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup> *By faith* Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the Hebrew spies in peace. <sup>32</sup> And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, <sup>33</sup> who *through faith* conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup> Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented <sup>38</sup> of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and (slept) in caves and holes in the ground. <sup>39</sup> Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup> since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. <sup>12:1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and who has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

**All God’s Children Message**

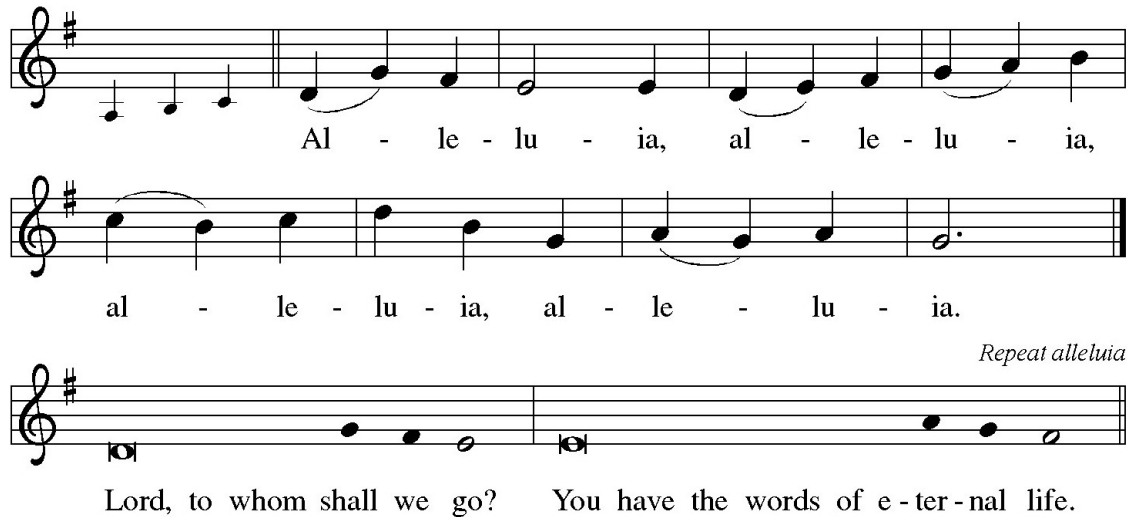
**Pastor Brad**

***“Ready, Set, GO! Running the Race Together!”***



## Gospel Acclamation

## ELW Setting 1



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
*Repeat alleluia*  
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## Gospel

## Luke 2:22-35

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 2nd chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### Jesus the Infant Is Presented in the Jerusalem Temple

<sup>22</sup> When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), <sup>24</sup> and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested upon him. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. <sup>27</sup> Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for *him* what was customary under the law of Moses, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took Jesus in his arms and blessed and raised God, saying,

<sup>29</sup> “Master, now lettest thou thy servant depart (die) in peace,  
according to your word,

<sup>30</sup> for my own eyes have seen your salvation,

<sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup> a light to reveal you to the Gentiles

and to be` (he will be for) the glory to your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup> And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup> so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul, too.”

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

## Sermon

**The Rev. Dr. Brad Brauer**

***“Who’s in the Heavenly Grandstand Cheering You On?”***



1 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way. Thou art the  
 2 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way. Search me and  
 3 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way. Wound-ed and  
 4 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way. Hold o'er my



pot - ter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me af - ter thy  
 try - me, Mas - ter, to - day. Pur - er than snow, Lord, wash me just  
 wea - ry, help me, I pray. Pow - er, all pow - er sure - ly is  
 be - ing ab - so - lute sway. Fill with thy Spir - it till all shall



will, while I am wait - ing, yield - ed and still.  
 now, as in thy pres - ence hum - bly I bow.  
 thine. Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine.  
 see Christ on - ly, al - ways, liv - ing in me.

Text: Adelaide A. Pollard, 1862–1934  
 Music: ADELAIDE, George C. Stebbins, 1846–1945

## Profession of Faith: The 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.**

**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 People

Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near. *A brief silence.*  
(Each prayer bid ends with . . . . Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**)

Response after the final petition: **Amen.**

## Peace

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. Then the assembly is seated.*

## Offerings are Received

We are invited to give joyfully our tithes and offerings to join in God's unceasing mission to and through the Church. Place your offerings in the basket in the aisle. You may also send gifts directly to St. Luke via mail or contribute via our online giving resources on our church website

***<http://stlukeabq.org/>***

You are also invited to give, in addition, to our Bucket of Change recipient and its ministry. **The Bucket of Change recipient for August is Cuidando Los Niños of Albuquerque.** Its mission: To break the cycle of homelessness for children and families by providing high-quality early childhood education, case management, supportive housing, & parent education. Website: CLNabq.org

## The Dedication of a Memorial Gift (10:30 A.M. liturgy)

Today we receive and dedicate a lovely memorial Gift in memory of Mr. Leslie Eugene Anderson: a 3-panel Bethlehem Creche Retablo in Spanish style by Santa Fe artist and santera, Monica Sosaya Halford (See the description of the Triptych at the end of today's bulletin).

- **The Presentation of the Gift at the Offering**
- **God is blessed and thanked . . . .** "Blessed are You, O Lord, our God . . . . You are the Lord of time, history, and eternity: the past, present, and future are held in the palm of your hand." With thankfulness in our hearts we remember all the saints and witnesses to your goodness who have gone before us and all who by their lives have testified to your love and grace. (ending with:)
- **Prayer of dedication . . . .** "Accept this Bethlehem Retablo Triptych . . . . in memory of our brother in the Faith, Leslie Eugene Anderson." As you raised up your Son Jesus our Lord from death to life, make us to be partakers in that new life you have promised to those who believe in you."
- **Prayer's conclusion . . . .** "Bring us all at length to your perfect kingdom, where with Les Anderson and all the saints in Heaven- you live and rule, with Your Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**
- Let us bless the Lord:  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Offertory Hymn (8:15 AM) ELW 879, vs 1 & 3

## For the Beauty of the Earth



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.  
Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

## Offertory Anthem (10:30 AM)

## God Is My Strong Foundation

Arranged by Richard Shephard

*St. Luke Pickup Choir*

God is my strong salvation,  
no enemy I fear;  
He hears my supplication,  
Dispelling all my care:  
If he, my head and master  
defend me from above,  
What pain or what disaster  
can part me from his love?

I fully am persuaded  
and joyfully declare,  
I'm never left unaided,  
my Father hears my prayer  
His comforts never fail me,  
He stands at my right hand;  
When tempests fierce assail  
me,  
They're calm at his  
command.

The ground of my profession  
is Jesus and his blood;  
He giveth me possession  
of everlasting good.  
To me his Spirit speaketh  
full many a precious word  
of rest to him who seeketh,  
A refuge in the Lord.

My merry heart is springing,  
It can no more be sad:  
With laughter and with  
singing,  
In God's own sunshine glad;  
For Christ is now preparing  
his city new and bright,  
Where saints his throne are  
sharing  
And faith is turned to sight.

## Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – **our selves, our time, our possessions, all signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of the Christ who offered himself for us, Jesus our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

## Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

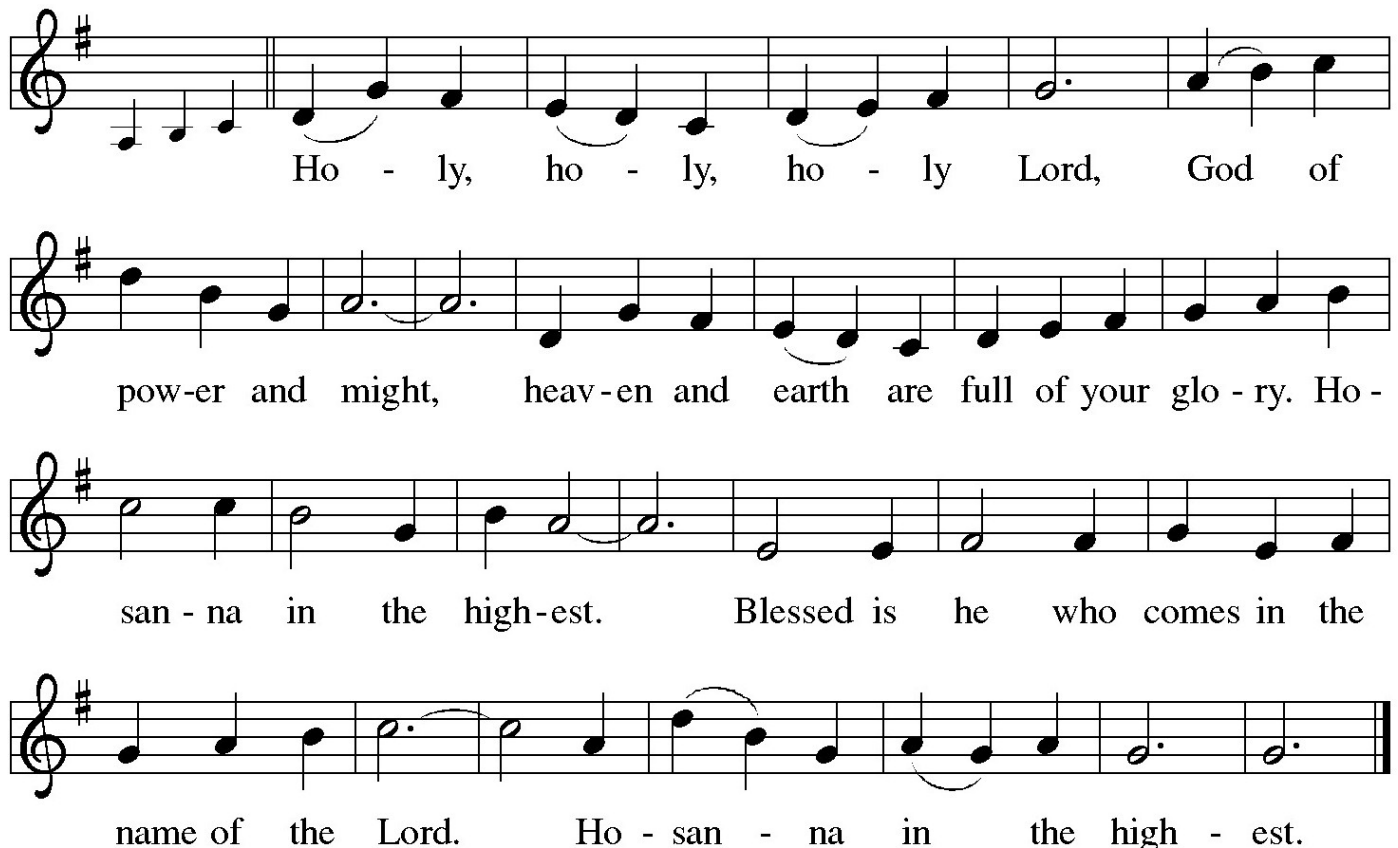
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
for the glorious resurrection of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;  
who in his dying has destroyed death,  
and in rising again has brought us the gift of eternal life.  
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter, John and Thomas,  
and all the witnesses of the resurrection,  
with all the crowd of heavenly witnesses and saints: Luke and Mary, Bartholomew, and Matthew  
with earth and sea and all of creation,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Sanctus

## ELW Setting 1



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

## **Thanksgiving at the Table continues . . .**

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father . . . Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.  
You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age and at this end of all the ages,  
the gift of your Son, our Savior, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed  
and who was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

*We remember now the events of his Last Supper Meal in the Upper Room of Passover . . .*

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus, at table,  
*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, he 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.*

With this bread and cup of blessing  
we remember our Lord's Passage from death to life  
and we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection new life and promise:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless this feast.

**Come, Gracious Creator.**

Grace our table with your presence, Lord,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Reveal yourself to us now in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
Breathe new life into us and send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those of your Servants of all times and places, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our Great High Priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of your Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*The presiding ministry may introduce the Lords's Prayer*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray together 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

The kingdom of God is set before you in sign and symbols.

Eat from Jesus' open Table and rejoice in the gifts Jesus offers: forgiveness, salvation, and eternal life.

-or-

O taste and see that the Lord is good. Come to the banquet, for everything is now ready.

*The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.*

*The ministers commune either after or before others commune.*

## Agnus Dei

## ELW Setting 1

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Communion

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond*

## The Distribution of Communion



*You are invited to move up the center aisle and receive bread (gluten-free bread is also available) from the pastor or assistant. Go left or right. Take a cup of wine (red) or grape juice (white) from the tray held by the assistant. After receiving it, please walk back by the side aisle where you can place your empty disposable cup in the basket. All are welcome. If you desire only a blessing, please do come and stand before the Pastor or minister with crossed arms to receive a blessing prayer and sign of the Cross.*

## Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, and his blessing, strengthen you, keep us all in that One True Faith, and bring us all to everlasting life. Depart from the Lord's Table in peace and joy.  
**Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift and feast of life. **In your mercy, strengthen us through these means, in faith towards you and in fervent love for one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Blessing

(8:15 A.M.)

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's Face shine upon you with grace and mercy.

May the Lord look upon you with kindness and give you peace.

**Amen.**

-or-

(10:30 A.M. )

May the God of steadfastness and grace encourage you to be God's saints.

**Amen.**

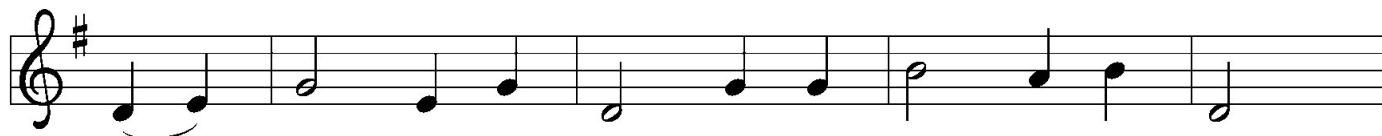
May God grant you to live in harmony with your brothers and sisters in the bonds of Shalom.

May the God of Hope fill you with joy in believing so that you may abound in hope by the power of God's Holy Spirit and run the race of faith with perseverance.

**Amen.**

The God of all grace + Bless you and keep you, now and forevermore.

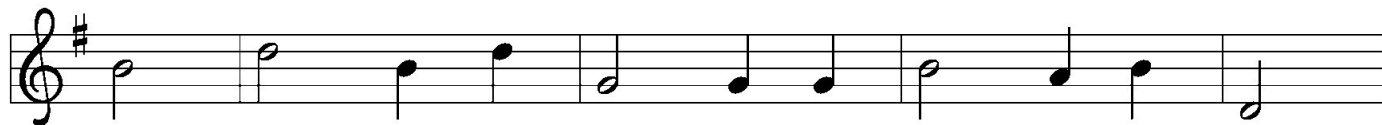
**Amen.**



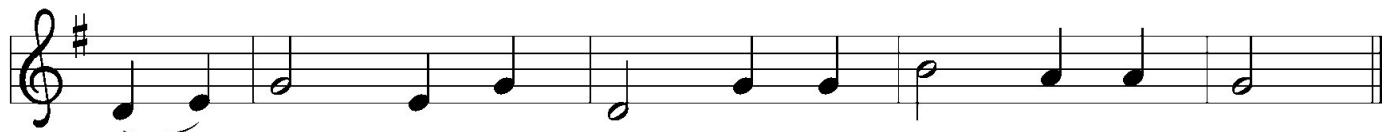
1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.  
 Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**

**Six Préludes Pour Piano**

**III. Presto agitato**

By H. Pachulski

## **New Spanish-style *Retablo* “Bethlehem Creche Triptych” Memorial Gift Dedicated Today, Sunday Aug. 17 at the 10:30 A.M. Liturgy, in Memory of Mr. Les Anderson**

Today, a new, traditional, Spanish-style *Retablo*, “ a Bethlehem Creche Triptych” in colored painted panels on wood with tin scene frames, 2005, by Santa Fe woman santera /artist Monica Sosaya Halford is dedicated during the Offering in memory of Mr. Leslie Eugene Anderson (1931- 2025).

The memorial gift, painted in 2005 by Monica, master of the tradition and “Dame” of the Santa Fe NM Traditional Spanish Market, and who may be the oldest working artist therein, with ancestors arriving here with the Onate family as early as 1598, was given anonymously by one of our St. Luke congregation members from her personal collection. Monica is an acknowledged master of the traditional colonial Spanish embroidery, “colcha,” paints saints’ images and *retablos* on doors and car tops, glass tiles, and animal hides.

The 3-paneled Bethlehem scene, from Luke 1: and 2:, was one of the last stories Les studied with the larger men of the church group who gathered around Luke’s story of Jesus’ birth. In that company, Les shared his faith and love for the Lukan Christmas story and his family’s traditions at Christmastime. With D’Ann and Les’ family present, we dedicate this memorial gift, remember Les, and give thanks for him and for his strong witness and faith.

The *Retablo*, a horizontal work of art, mounted on a Red board, much like an icon, 7.5” (high) by 18” (wide) will grace our Narthex in one of the yet unused spaces. It will fit so well with our native Pueblo art and furnishings. We invite you to see it “up close” on the table provided in the Narthex. We thank the anonymous donor for this wonderful gift. May it help us recall the life and faith of Les Anderson and the Gift of God’s Son Jesus our Savior at Bethlehem so long ago.

– The Rev. Dr. Brad Brauer, Interim Pastor

### **Scripture readings for Eleventh Weekend After Pentecost: August 23 & 24**

Isaiah 8:9-14; Psalm 103; **Hebrews 12:18-29**; Luke 13:10-17  
(Blessing of St. Luke Preschool, teachers and Staff at 10:30 service)

## Participating in Today's Worship

The Rev. Dr. Brad Brauer, Interim Pastor, Presider and Preacher

Sacristy Care: Dortha Carr

Pianist: Danielle Cordova

Nursery Care: Taylor Hollowwa

### 8:15 AM

Reader: Lorelei Bintz

Vocalist: Austyn Knecht

Sound: Andreas Hochstein

Ushers: Debbie Werner, Shirley Smith

### 10:30 AM

Reader:

Vocalist: St. Luke Pickup Choir

Sound: Maribel Alvarez

Communion Assistants: Karen Carlson, Kate Roesler

Ushers: Margery Musser, Tom Berardinelli

Altar Flowers: Given by Bob & Bonnie Paine, in thanksgiving for their 58<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

Sacristy Candle for August: Given by Daleen Olson, in loving memory of Bruce MacDonald

Pastoral Care: call the church office

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Michelle Barba, Business Manager † Angie Miller, Church Office Manager & Ministry Assistant

***My soul melts away for sorrow; strengthen me according to your word! - Psalm 119:28***

**Let us offer our prayers for the wideness of God's mercy for the whole world—**

**For the church universal, its bishops, for the newly baptized and confirmands, and for all the faithful, its ministry, and the mission of the gospel**

† Blessing upon Presiding Bishop-elect Yehiel Curry, Synod Bishop Meghan Aelobouni and the work of the Rockies Synod and its ministries, for the ministries of the ELCA in Jordan and the Holy Land and for her bishops and clergy seeking peace together with the Rabbis of Israel

**For the well-being of your creation; that we may be good stewards of all your gifts and share generously with all who are in need, for an increase of peace and justice in the world,**

† Especially in Gaza and the larger Middle East and in the Ukraine and for Oksana's family in Ukraine, for safety and an end to war and terror

† *Janie (from Daleen Olson), Thomas Young's medical work (from Cindy Callisto), Don, safety as he travels, Mark Mooty, Elisa, Felisa, Joshua Kiniaard (16 yrs, Andy, Nancy, Rob, Dave, Sam, Andrew, Scott & Beels, Emily, Seth, Nora & Logan, Kathy, Lisa Gail & Mary, Chele, Debra, Roseann Schneider, Sofia, Michael R, Joan & Dave, Kaela, Callie Coughenour, Kurt Coughenour, Russ Glauner, Magdalena Barba & family, Jean Klinke*

**For the nations and those in authority, rulers, legislators, and judges,**

† For this community; for peace and security for all peoples, for this assembly here at St. Luke Church, for our growth in faith and service for the poor, oppressed

† For the starving children and families in Gaza and in Sudan

† For August Bucket of Change recipient Cuidando Los Niños in Albuquerque

**For the sick and infirm of body, mind, and spirit, those who live with incurable diseases, AIDS, malaria, last stage cancer, and polio**

† For Erinn, for Renae (dealing with breast cancer and ATM Genetic mutation)

† For the hospitalized and recovering, especially those who will have surgery: Jason (son of Judy Moore), Steve Azar, Daleen Olson, Myra Lynch

† For the bereaved and sad: *Family & friends of Betty Jewell, Lori Erven and family at the death of her*

mother; family of Stephen Smith, that they might *have peace, and hope and receive your Presence and promises with faith*

**For the hungry and homeless on our streets and neighborhoods, for the mentally ill especially, for the lonely**

† Amy, Juvanna, and Frankie, and others we pass by unable to help them sufficiently

**For the congregation and its needs, and for its special concerns,**

† The Call Committee and the Church Council

† For the success of the Council's Retreat and visioning

† For our St. Luke Preschool and the children and families at the beginning of a new school year

† For Interim Pastor Brad, church committees/ministries, and staff

† Forrest Blech, Sandy Bowers, Bob & Sherri Domres, Karin Duda, Dorela Cole, Lorna Hill, Brenda Sanchez, Polly Brodbeck, Melda Burns, Leah Coughenour, Dottie Donohoe, Kay Dunbar, Lucille Few, Marie Lenard, Marv Plugge, Loretta Roe, Liz Wills

**For blessings of our faithful and loving Lord, we give thanks**

† Gabrielle Marie Jaderborg, finishing her Bachelor of Science degree in nursing and working at the Pediatric ICU; Grace, recovery from surgery (niece of Tom & Bev Berardinelli)

**We remember the faithful departed who now are at rest and all the saints in our lives most dear to us who have lived out the faith and taught us by their great examples; we give thanks for our time with them, and, as we believe Jesus died and rose again, we look forward to uniting with them in eternal life with Jesus**

† *Betty Jewell (from Cindy Callisto), Betty (Lori Erven's mother), Stephen Smith (friend of Betty Ann), Lois Rowland*

**Into your mercy we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting always in your mercy and love for us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Please submit your prayer requests to PrayerChain@StLukeABQ.org or contact the church office. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month.*