

Sunday
July 31, 2022

St. Timothy Lutheran Church

Sharing God's Love Together



If you are a visitor with us today, we welcome you in the name of Christ. We encourage our guests to join us in the communion meal because Jesus welcomes all to his table of grace, uniting and filling us for love and service. Christ is our host and our food, bearing to us God's forgiveness and grace through this harvest of field and vineyard.

LECTORY 18

JULY 31, 2022

INTRODUCTION

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

GATHERING

* Please stand

PRELUDE

WELCOME



*GATHERING HYMN

Now That the Daylight Fills the Sky

ACS 992

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major, common time, with a treble clef. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below each staff. The first staff contains three lines of lyrics: 1 Now that the day - light fills the sky, 2 Would guard our hearts you, 3 "All praise to cre - a - tor". The second staff contains: we from lift an - our hearts to would God shield on high, All praise ger's din you, e - ter - nal life; Word!. The third staff contains: that from God, e - in all we do turn or say, All praise vil sights would O Spir - our eyes, wise!" The fourth staff contains: would and keep free from harm to - day; We close ears to van - i - ties. sing as day - light fills the skies.

*GREETING

Pastor:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and
the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All:

And also with you.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major, common time. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with some words underlined and others in regular text. Measure numbers are present above the first and third staves.

1. Glory to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
glory to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.

2. Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might- y God and Fa-ther, we
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

3. Glory to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
glory to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.

4. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est;
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.
 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly
 Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther, A-men.
 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est;
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,
 and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Benevolent God,

All: , you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The congregation may be seated

WORD

READING:

COLOSSIANS 3:1-11

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.

Assisting Minister:

¹So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Assisting Minister: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

G Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL**

LUKE 11:1-13

Pastor:

All:

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸ Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰ But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Pastor:

All:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

PASTOR SANDI OLSON DECKER



*HYMN OF THE DAY

Hope of the World ACS 1085 verses 1, 2, 5



1 Hope of the world, O Christ of great com - pas - sion,
2 Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est heav - en,
3 Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,
4 Hope of the world, who by your cross did save us
5 Hope of the world, Christ ris'n from death vic - to - rious,



speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent.
bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life:
show - ing to wan - d'ring souls the path of light:
from death and deep de - spair, from guilt and sin:
who by this tri - umph con - quered grief and pain:



Save us, your peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,
still let your Spir - it un - to us be giv - en
walk close be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways
we ren - der back the love your mer - cy gave us;
we would be faith - ful to your gos - pel glo - rious;



who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.
to heal earth's wounds and end all bit - ter strife.
lure us a - way from you to end - less night.
work through our lives to bring your pur - pose in.
you are our Lord and will for - ev - er reign!

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Assisting Minister: Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

Assisting Minister: O God, you are wholeness. Where there is division in your church, bring reconciliation and healing. Guide the work of theologians, Sunday school teachers, seminary professors, and all who provide instruction for the building up of your church.

After each petition

Assisting Minister: Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

Pastor: Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

All: Amen.

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words:

All: Peace be with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

GATHERING OF THE GIFTS

We worship God with our tithes and offerings. Offerings may be given in the plate as you enter or leave worship, through automatic bank transfers, or by using the online giving option found on our website. qww.sttim.org

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray.

Merciful God,

All: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*DIALOGUE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

PREFACE

Pastor: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. You have revealed your glory as the glory also of your Son and of the Holy Spirit: three persons, equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, yet one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your everlasting glory. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY

Assisting Minister to uncover communion

C 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. 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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

*LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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

or 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

The congregation may be seated

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD



C 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

Pastor: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
All: **Amen**

COMMUNION HYMNS

Bread of Life, Our Hope and Meal

ELW 464

Be Thou My Vision

ELW 793

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray.

Assisting Minister: Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

All: **Amen**

Silence for reflection.

SENDING

*BLESSING

Pastor: Almighty God, Father,  Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

All: **Amen**

SENDING HYMN

Faith Begins By Letting Go

ACS 1004



- 1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,
- 2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem'ry's roots a - live
- 3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch-ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,



tak - ing risks and press-ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:
so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,
shar-ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;



pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.
not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
till we find the com-mon-place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

DISMISSAL

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Refreshments served in the lounge after the service

THIS WEEK'S LEADERS

Pastor: Rev. Sandi Olson Decker
Usher: Lucille Snyder-Pires
Altar Care: *Volunteer Opportunity*
Assistant Minister: Carrie Hoerauf
Cantor(>): Jon Gerdes
Sound: Jim Helgason
Video: Jody Emerson
Refreshments: Judy Olson & Helen Edwards

NEXT WEEK'S LEADERS

Usher: Matt Schulz & Debby Love-Suddeth
Altar Care: *Volunteer Opportunity*
Assistant Minister: *Volunteer Opportunity*
Cantor(s): Adrian & Bob Johannsen
Sound: Jim Helgason
Video: Jon Gerdes
Counters: *Volunteer Opportunity*
Refreshments: *Volunteer Opportunity*

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GOSPEL MESSAGE

July 24, 2022

LECTIONARY 17

God's Goodness Doesn't Sting

Sometimes when people are in need, they pray. And then they wait. They wonder. They wait some more, and pray some more. *Is God listening? Will God answer my prayer?* Some people may worry that they have done something to deafen God's ears to their needs. Maybe they fear they are unworthy to be heard and helped, or that their lives don't matter. Maybe they just give up on themselves and on God.

Jesus is well aware of the challenges of being a person of faith and trusting in God when life is tough. He invites people into a deep trust in God. Why? Because God gives us everything we want, even if it is bad for us? No! God doesn't give scorpions to sting us, even if we ask for them. Jesus invites people into a deep trust in God because of God's profound goodness. Jesus urges us to ask God for the sustenance we need: bread, fish, eggs, mercy, justice, love. God will give us such good things because God is so good.

The heart of Jesus' message is rooted in God's goodness. It is not centered on our worthiness, but on God's generous heart. God is good. God is merciful. God is compassionate. God responds to our need out of that benevolence. The Good One gives good things for those in need. This is who God is for us.

This doesn't resolve our tough and appropriate questions about when and how prayers get answered. It does tell us that we are invited to trust that we are cared for no matter what. We are provided for beyond our comprehension, not because of *our* goodness, but because of *God's*. We can come forward to Christ's table—hungry for acceptance, longing for the bread of mercy—and know we will receive that bread in our hands.

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UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

James, Apostle

Monday, July 25, 2022

James and his brother John were the sons of Zebedee, fishermen by trade before their call from Jesus. He was the first of the twelve apostles to be martyred, and his death is the only one recorded in scripture (Acts 12:1-2).

Johann Sebastian Bach, died 1750; Heinrich Schütz, died 1672; George Frederick Handel, died 1759; musicians

Thursday, July 28, 2022

These three German-born musicians have done much to enrich the life of the church. Schütz was an early master who focused on settings of biblical texts. Bach wrote over 300 cantatas along with works for organ and instrumental pieces, and has been called the "fifth evangelist" for the way he proclaimed the gospel in music. Handel's great work, Messiah, is a setting of scriptural texts.

Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany

Friday, July 29, 2022

Friends of Jesus, Mary and Martha are remembered for the hospitality of their home that they offered him—Martha focused on serving their guest, and Mary on listening to him. Their brother Lazarus was raised from the dead as a sign of the greater resurrection to come.

Olaf, King of Norway, martyr, died 1030

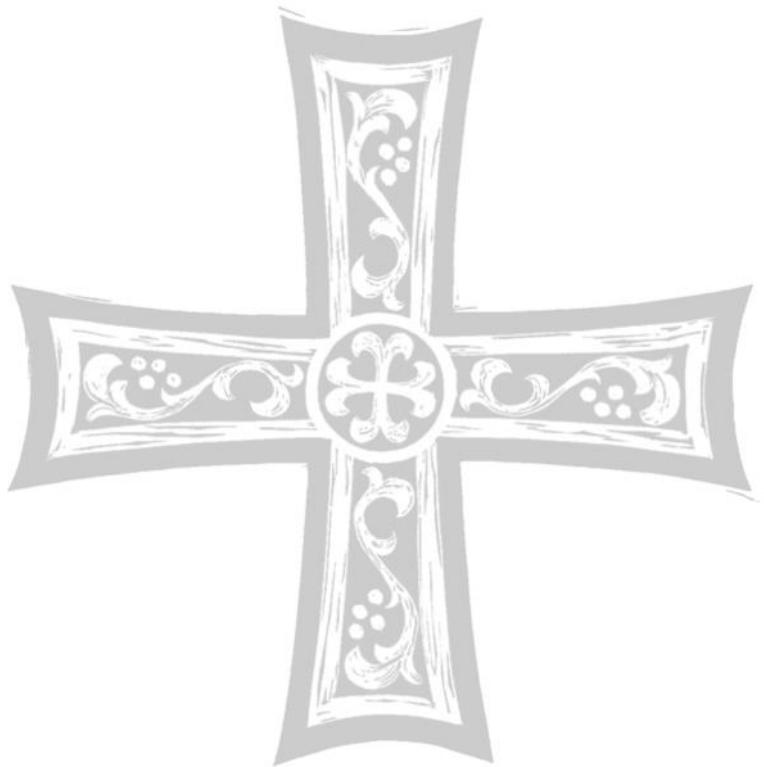
Friday, July 29, 2022

Considered the patron saint of Norway, Olaf went from a life of piracy to becoming Christian and declaring himself king of Norway. He revised the laws and tried to administer them fairly. Driven from Norway in a rebellion, he was killed in battle trying to regain his kingdom.

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Please call Dorothy Kirk with any new or changed prayer concerns at 375-1043.

Please remember in your prayers:

Family and friends of **Seumas Rogan**, a colleague of Steve Solomon

Family and friends of **Melody Wall**, a colleague of Steve Solomon

Delores Heyl who is recovering from a fall and a broken hip.

Dave Fleishman who has ALS.

Bernita McClain, Desma's aunt, whose cancer has returned.

Marjorie Knight, pray that she becomes stronger.

Diane Bakhit who is recovering for neck surgery.

Josh Bakhit who has a brain tumor.

Phyllis Cook who has a lung condition.

Ed Olson, undergoing cancer treatment .

Sandy Hoskin, continued recovery from a heart issue.

Colbie Schueneman, grandniece of Adrian, with a neurodegenerative disease.

For those living in war-torn regions and all refugees, especially Ukraine.

For the mission of this congregation, the Monterey Bay Conference, the entire Sierra Pacific Synod, our Interim Synod Bishop Claire Burkat, our leaders and for leaders throughout the world.

Please continue to pray for the ongoing concerns of these listed here.

Jim McMullins

Gloria Llenaresas

Riley Ann Holland

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NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Preparing for communion:** Our online Sunday worship will include communion. As you feel called, prepare to share in communion by setting aside some bread or crackers, and some wine or juice, as you have them available. If you need any of these items, please contact Ida Barber.
- **Offering:** Please remember your offerings to St. Timothy. Offering can be mailed to the church office, sent automatically using your bank, or given online by visiting our website www.sttim.org.

This Week

Sunday, 7/31	Worship	10:00 am
Wednesday, 8/3	Bible Study	2:00 pm
	I-help women	5:15 pm

Next Week

Sunday, 8/7	Worship	10:00 am
Wednesday, 8/10	Bible Study	2:00 pm