

Worship at Lutheridge

September 25, 2016

Holy Comforter Lutheran Church



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE: *Sing A New Song Unto the Lord* Church Choir &
Children's Ensemble

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the only Sovereign, who dwells in light;
Christ Jesus, who came to save sinners; the Holy Spirit, who lives within us.

C Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God of overflowing grace,

C we come to you with repentant hearts. Forgive us for shallow thankfulness.

**Forgive us for passing by the ones in need. Forgive us for setting our hopes on
fleeting treasures. Forgive us our neglect and thoughtlessness. Bring us home from
the wilderness of sin, and strengthen us to serve you in all that we do and say;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P There is joy in heaven over every sinner who repents. By the grace of God
in ☩ Christ Jesus, who gave himself up for us all, your sins are forgiven and you are
made free. Rejoice with the angels and with one another! We are home in God's mercy,
now and forever.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *Be Thou My Vision* All Stand & Sing

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my hart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.'

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Light of my soul, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ; the love of God Who shelters us and cares for us;
and the companionship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray,
O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with
your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.

^{1a}Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,

⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;

⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;

⁶who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the

presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

P The Word of the Lord
C Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

P The Holy Gospel according the St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.
C Glory to you O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.



[Jesus said:] ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus

by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ

THE SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Canticle of the Turning* All Stand & Sing



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



Refrain
 My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn.

Text: Rory Cooney, b. 1952, based on the Magnificat
 Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional
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CREED

Chorus: **I believe, I do believe, truly I believe it,
 truly I believe it, truly I believe it,
 I believe, I do believe, truly I believe,
 truly I believe it, truly I believe it.**

1. I believe in God the Almighty Lord Creator...
2. I believe in Jesus the Savior of all People...
3. And I do believe in the POWER of the Spirit...

Words and Music by John Ylvisaker © John Ylvisaker

PRAYERS

When petition ends with words “Lord, listen to your children praying,” then the Congregation responds with sung: **“Lord listen to your children praying. Lord send your Spirit in this place. Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love. Send us power. Send us grace.”**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always

C And also with you

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Inside Your Kingdom* Church Choir &
 Children’s Ensemble

OFFERING RESPONSE: *More Precious Than Silver* Stand & Sing

OFFERING PRAYER

P Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

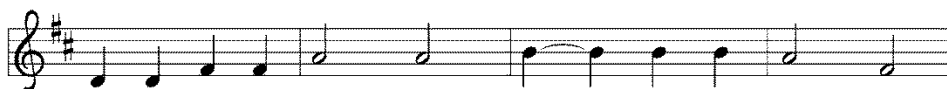
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

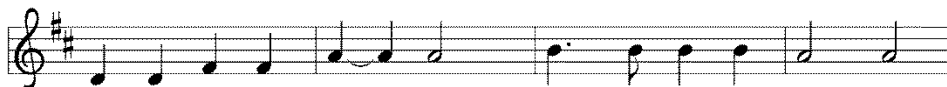
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Sing verses 1 & 2



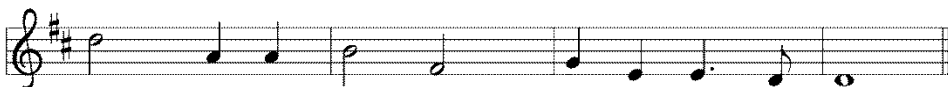
1	Ho - ly,	ho - ly,	ho - ly,	Lord	God	Al - might	- y!
2	Ho - ly,	ho - ly,	ho - ly!	All	the	saints	a - dore thee,
3	Ho - ly,	ho - ly,	ho - ly!	Though	the	dark - ness	hide thee,
4	Ho - ly,	ho - ly,	ho - ly!	Lord	God	Al - might	- y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly,	ho - ly,	ho - ly,	mer - ci - ful	and	might	- y!
cher - u - bim	and	ser - a - phim	fall - ing	down	be - fore	thee,
on - ly	thou	art	ho - ly;	there	is	none
Ho - ly,	ho - ly,	ho - ly,	mer - ci - ful	and	might	- y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.
 Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

LORD'S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD



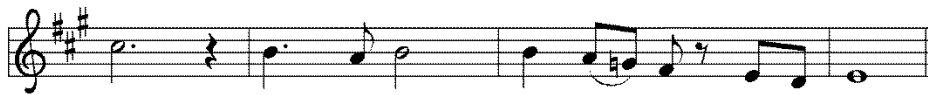
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



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, Lamb of God.

SONG DURING COMMUNION

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P Let us pray,

We come again to you, O God, giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy you have embraced us and healed us, making us one in the body of Christ. Go with us on our way.

Equip us for every good work, that we may continue to give you thanks by embracing others with mercy and healing; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

BLESSING (Sung in response)

CLOSING SONG: *The Lord Now Sends Us Forth* All Stand & Sing

The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
To make of all the earth a better place to live. (***Repeat***)

The angels are not sent into our world of pain
To do what we were meant to do in Jesus' name;
That falls to you and me and all who are made free.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today. (***Repeat***)

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C Thanks be to God.

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NOTE: Immediately following worship we will gather together for a meal and fellowship time at Lakeside Lodge. Simply head back toward the front entrance and take a hard right at the fork. (Maintenance building will be on your left.)

Attendance & Budget Report for Sunday, September 18, 2016

Attendance: 122

Budget Report

Current Offering Received 9/18/2016
Weekly Budgeted Expenses
Offering, Year-To-Date (YTD)
Offering less Actual Expenses Incurred, YTD
Offering less Budgeted Expenses, YTD

September 18, 2016

\$ 5,742.07
\$ 5,019.46
\$ 190,567.46
\$ 13,223.20
\$ 3,660.13

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Today, Sunday, September 25

10:30 am The Service

Wednesday, September 28

6:45 pm Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, September 27

7:00 pm Chamber Choir
Christian Education meets in fellowship hall
Nar-Anon

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK: September 25 - October 1

Today, September 25 Harold Singleton

September 29 Barbara Beale

September 26 Warren Heller

Claire Mitchell

Henrik Sarrazin

October 1

Ellen Fleming

September 28 Leo Kasmer

Andres Mendez

James Milton

Elizabeth Passer

George Roberson



BCO OCTOBER ITEMS OF THE MONTH:



Jelly



Rice



Mac & Cheese



PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Cathleen Allen
Shirley Causby
Brenda Dabrowski
Shawn De Nicholas
Ardean Ewing
Dot Holland

Zac Hullander
Tom Irwin
Chase Lineberger
Ann Outlaw & Family
Holly Peche
Sherry Perry

Marguerite Shive
Denise Taylor
Mark Reese
Beverly Reynolds

GREATER FAMILY OF GOD

Richard Abernethy
Paige Beaver
Jenny Beer
Barbara Bingham
Emma Davis Bremer
Graham Brezler
Libby Byrum
Father Frank Cancro
Tina Capwell
Clell Davis
J. Don Devine
Zachary Evans
Carol Baker Fox
Poss Garrett
Ronnie Garrison

Tammy Gordon
Brian Hedrick
Stacy Hunsucker
Dennis Jordan
Steven Keating
Marshall Kinley
Laura Lanuto
Jennifer Lineberger
Terry Mahaffey
Amy McGinnis
Gene McRorie
Don Moore
Jean Peters
Jim Poag
Taylor Propst & Family
David Prouty

Julio Quiros
Tim Reid
Dan Robinson &
Daughters Breanna & Mikayla
Anna Rudder
Megan Sigler
E. Taylor & Family
Carson Thomas
Sally Vanhoy
Bill Walker
Gloria Ward
Olivia Wilcox
Jeff Wiles
Bruce Zander

OUR SERVICEMEN

Matt Cisek
Leo Kasmer

Jason Gardner
Tom Kasmer

Dillon Kasmer
Mike Kelso



OUR MISSIONARY

Alyssa Buchanan in Manzini, Swaziland Africa

In order to ensure an up-to-date prayer list, a new list for the *Greater Family of God* will start on October 1. Please email or call the church office to add any name you wish to appear on the *Greater Family of God*. Also give us an "end date" for that name, or the name will remain for just one month.



Sympathy & Hope
are offered to the friends and family of
Louise Austin

BCO September Items of the Month:



Peanut Butter & Jelly

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE: 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 am The Service
Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 am — 3:00 pm

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