

† Pentecost XIX †



**“A Heavy Yoke”
1 Kings 12:1-33**

✠ The Divine Liturgy ✠

“Love the Creator & His Creation Like Jesus”
Saint Luke Lutheran Church | October 4, 2020

† Baptism — The Way of Faith †

Remembering Our Baptism Journey

Father, Creator of all heaven and earth, ✠ **you save us from our selfishness and make us your children through Baptism.** ✠ Through your Son, whose example we follow, ✠ **we die to Civilization's Way of arrogance, fear, and control.** ✠ Through your Spirit, who dwells among us, ✠ **we are reborn in Jesus's Way of faith, hope, and love.** ✠ We pray that you will complete this work of Baptism within us, ✠ **as we daily surrender to you and listen to your every word.**

(the Christ candle is lit to remind us that Jesus is present among us)

♪ Lord, baptize us and wash away our sin. Lord, baptize us and change our hearts within. Lord, baptize us and grow our discipline. Lord, we praise you, for all that you do! ♪ Lord, baptize us to never be afraid. Lord, baptize us to love all you have made. Lord, baptize us to share your help and aid. Lord, we praise you, for all that you do! ♪ (tune: LSB 677)

Surrendering to the Creator

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit ✠ **we surrender our minds, bodies, and whole lives to you.**

(we make the sign of the cross, touching forehead, heart, and shoulders)

We let go of control ✠ **and submit ourselves into your loving hands.** ✠ We leave behind our people-pleasing ✠ **and seek only your approval.** ✠ We walk away from our reliance on self, family, and nation ✠ **and trust you for everything we need.** ♪ *Take my life and all my heart, take my whole soul ev'ry part. Take my mouth and let it be, filled with your truth and mercy. ♪ Take my hands and let them love, with compassion from above. Take my feet and let them go, on the Way that Jesus showed. ♪ Take my things and my money, give me faith and set me free. Take my life and teach me how, to love all creation now. ♪ (tune: LSB 783)*

Pentecost Litany

Jesus has ascended to the Father, ✠ **but he has not left us as orphans.**

He has begun to return as he promised, ✠ **by pouring out his Spirit upon us.**

He dwells among us and all creation ✠ **and he has made us the Body of Christ.**

Song ✠ GC2 515 “We Are the Light of the World”

♪ Blessed are they who are poor and empty, theirs is the kingdom of God. Bless us, O Lord, make us poor and empty; bless us, O Lord, our God. ♪ (REFRAIN)

REFRAIN: *♪ We are the light of the world, may our light shine before all, that*

they may see the good that we do, and give glory to God. ♪
 ♪ *Blessed are they who are meek and humble, they will inherit the earth. Bless us, O Lord, make us meek and humble; bless us O Lord our God. ♪ (REFRAIN)*
 ♪ *Blessed are they who thirst for your justice, they will be satisfied. Bless us, O Lord, hear our cry for justice; bless us, O Lord, our God. ♪ (REFRAIN)*
 ♪ *Blessed are they who show others mercy, they will know mercy, too. Bless us, O Lord, may we show your mercy; bless us, O Lord, our God. ♪ (REFRAIN)*
 ♪ *Blessed are they who live your way of peace, they are the children of God. Bless us, O Lord, make us peaceful people; bless us, O Lord, our God. ♪ (REFRAIN)*

Prayer of the Day

The Lord Jesus be with you. ✠ **And also with you.** ✠ Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, set us free from the yokes of slavery we have brought upon ourselves. In the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

(sit)

Listening to the Creator

We gather at the feet of our Lord Jesus, listening to his word and allowing it to change and shape our minds, decisions, and lives. ♪ *Listen to what Jesus teaches, listen to him every day. Listen as you walk and follow, listen also as you pray. Listen to him every moment, listen with an open mind. Listen to find peace and patience, listen so you will be kind. ♪ (tune: LSB 770)*

Remembering the Saints & Martyrs ✠ Matthew the Gospel-Writer

Father, we give you thanks for your Spirit-filled saints and witnesses who have gone before us and have embodied the Way of Jesus. Today we remember Matthew who left his life as a tax collector behind to become one of the Twelve Apostles. He wrote down the Gospel of Jesus and preached that message in many lands before dying for his faith. Help us learn from his faith and example, **Amen.**

Chanted Psalm ✠ *Psalm 47*



♪ *The Lord Most High | is awesome,
 * the great ruler over | all the earth.
 He subdues nations | under us.
 * God has ascended amid | shouts of joy.
 God reigns over all | the nations,
 * God is seated on his | holy throne.
 All the earth belongs to the | Creator,
 * he is greatly exalted above | everything. ♪*

Law & Prophets ✠ 1 Kings 12:1-20

The Prophets reading comes from 1 Kings 12. ✠ **We listen with open hearts.**

This is the word of our Creator. ✠ **Thank you, Lord, for speaking to us.**

Epistle ✠ Romans 11:1-15

The epistle reading comes from Romans 11. ✠ **We listen with open hearts.**

This is the word of our Creator. ✠ **Thank you, Lord, for speaking to us.**

(stand)

† Holy Gospel † Matthew 22:34-46

We stand for the word of Jesus. 🎵 ***We praise our Lord Jesus who comes with healing in his hand. He frees us who are slaves of death, he raises us to stand. He fills us with his love and truth, he gives us all we need. We come to listen now and on his living word to feed.*** 🎵 (tune: LSB 444)

The holy Gospel comes from Matt 22. ✠ **Jesus, we listen, ready to follow you.**

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus. ✠ **We will trust and obey.**

(sit)

Message

† Repentance — The Way of Hope †

Confronting Our Past

Let us reflect on how the word of Jesus is speaking into our lives this day.

(silence for reflection)

For serving the false gods of self, family, and nation, ✠ **Father, forgive us.** ✠
For trusting the technology and works of human hands, ✠ **Father, forgive us.** ✠
✠ For being hypocrites who misrepresent your name, ✠ **Father, forgive us.** ✠
For not living in restful harmony with land, animals, and each other, ✠ **Father, forgive us.** ✠
For not listening to and caring for our fathers and mothers in Christ, ✠ **Father, forgive us.** ✠
For being violent to our bodies and your creation, ✠ **Father, forgive us.** ✠
For not keeping our sexuality within marriage, ✠ **Father, forgive us.** ✠
For trying to possess and control your creation, ✠ **Father, forgive us.** ✠
For not being vulnerable and truthful with others, ✠ **Father, forgive us.** ✠
For competing with others and not being content with our lives, ✠ **Father, forgive us.** ✠
Father, turn us back to walking in your Spirit. 🎵 ***Lord Father we have wandered and hidden from your face. Rescue your whole creation with your almighty grace. From trust in wealth and weapons and blindness to your Way, save us and all creation with your own hands, we pray.*** 🎵 (tune: LSB 449)

Will you turn away from the Way of Civilization and reaffirm the Creator's claim upon you through your Baptism into the Way of Jesus? ✠ **Yes, I renounce the Way of Civilization and pledge my full allegiance to Jesus.** ✠
Will you release all debts and grudges that you hold against anyone—including yourself and every member of this church? ✠ **Yes, I forgive all those who have hurt me, frustrated me, or owe me anything.** ✠

Our heavenly Father heals all those who return to his loving arms. You are forgiven and set free from all slavery to live life in the Way of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! ✠ Amen.

(stand)

Song ✠ *LSB 847 “Christ, Our Human Likeness Sharing”*

- ♪ *Christ, our human likeness sharing, heaven’s love on earth portrayed; Christ the Shepherd, tending, caring, in his death our ransom paid: Christ the Savior, Christ the Servant, be your life in us displayed. ♪*
- ♪ *Hear the word that Christ has spoken, help the weak, the hungry feed; see the pow’rs of darkness broken, sinners pardoned, captives freed: Christ the Savior, Christ the Servant, help us meet our neighbor’s need. ♪*
- ♪ *Christ, in ev’ry congregation build your temple, stone by stone, with your word as firm foundation for a faith matured and grown: Christ the Savior, Christ the Servant, make in us your gospel known. ♪*
- ♪ *Come, O living Christ, renew us, as of old in wind and flame; with the Spirit’s pow’r endue us, servants of your saving name: Christ the Savior, Christ the Servant, Christ whose kingdom we proclaim. ♪*

Waiting on the Creator

♪ *Our Father, bring your Rule and will to earth. Give what we need for worry-free rebirth. Bring peace among us and forgive us too, as we forgive and love in all we do. ♪ Protect us from all things that will mislead. Keep us from selfishness, violence, and greed. We place our lives into your hands this day. Teach us to listen and to walk your Way. Amen. ♪ (tune: LSB 637)*

(incense is lit to symbolize our prayers ascending to God and as its smell fills this space we are reminded of his presence among us)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, ♪ Lord have mercy. ♪

Our Father in heaven, make your name holy, bring your Rule, make your will be done—on earth as in heaven. ✠ Father, heal your creation that we have harmed and destroyed by reuniting heaven and earth through Jesus and your Spirit. Bring your loving discipline, judgment, and peace upon us, all those in authority, and all creation. Open the hearts of all, so we may trust and obey the word of Jesus. *Let us pray to the Lord, ♪ Lord have mercy. ♪*

Give us this day our daily bread. ✠ Father, be our provider and protector. Take care of us and heal our brokenness. Especially, we remember Charlene Sargent, Jack Wagner, Georgia & Jamey Story, Maggie Belcher, Sue Loehr, Jan Zugelder, Polly Browne, COVID-19 victims, the Disciple Garden, and those we name in our hearts... Father, give us exactly what we need this day and teach us to be content with that. *Let us pray to the Lord, ♪ Lord have mercy. ♪*

Forgive us our debts as we forgive those in debt to us. ✠ Father, forgive us and free us from all that enslaves us. Help us to walk away from our addictions to Civilization’s Way so we may walk in Jesus’s Way. Empower us to forgive the debts and sins of all who repent, even our enemies, in the same way you have forgiven us. *Let us pray to the Lord, ♪ Lord have mercy. ♪*

Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. ✠ Father, grow our trust in you and keep us from being tested when we are not yet ready. Free us from fear, self-indulgence, competition, ownership, and violence. Comfort us in the hope that your creation and children will be renewed and raised from the dead. *Let us pray to the Lord, ♪ Lord have mercy. ♪*

For all authority, power, and glory are yours—now and forever. ✠ Father, we thank you for all that you give—life, daily provision, and salvation from death and slavery. Empower us to celebrate your love through a life of patient courage, self-discipline, humility, generosity, and kindness. Help us to let go of being in charge so we might entrust our lives fully into your hands, trusting that you work all things to the good of those who love you. ✠ **Amen.**

† Communion — The Way of Love †

Sharing the Lord's Peace

We prepare to be united as one Body and communion at the Lord's table by sharing with each other the peace and love our Father has freely given to us.

(sit)

Offering

Everything belongs to our Father and is to be used to love each other in the same way Jesus has loved us. Therefore, we offer our entire lives as a living sacrifice to him while also offering gifts to support this communion.

Musical Offering

(stand)

Pledge of Allegiance

♪ We come before you, Lord, to bow. We lay our lives at your feet now. All things are yours, we own nothing! Our lives are in your hands this day. Give what we need, O Lord, we pray. Please protect us, provide for us! Watch over us, ever with us, always love us! ♪ (tune: LSB 816)

Lord Jesus, we pledge our obedience and every part of our lives to you...

I pledge allegiance to God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I pledge allegiance to Jesus the Christ, who is God's only Son and my Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. The third day he rose from the dead. He ascended to heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. He is coming to judge the living and the dead.

I pledge allegiance to the Holy Spirit, the holy universal Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life with God, now and always. Amen.

Thanksgiving

The Lord Jesus be with you. ✠ **And also with you.** ✠ Lift up your hearts! ✠ **We lift them to the Lord!** ✠ Let us give thanks to our Creator! ✠ **It is right to give him thanks and praise!** ✠ Praise and thanks are due to you, Father, ✠ **for you provide, protect, love, and renew us and all creation!** ✠ We are grateful that you bring heaven and earth together through Jesus's love for all creation!

♪ Joyful, joyful we adore you, Creator of all that lives! Earth and heaven praise and thank you, for your love and all you give! Fields and forests, fruit trees and birds, thunderstorms and starry skies, seas and mountains, and grazing herds, praising you who never dies! ♪ (tune: LSB 803)

† Words of Our Lord Jesus †

On the night before our Lord Jesus was crucified, he revealed his Way of rescuing all creation from the Way of Civilization. Before supper, Jesus humbly washed the feet of his students and enemies. He said, "Follow my example. Love each other in the same way I have loved you." During supper, Jesus then took the bread and broke it. He gave it to them, saying, "This is my body which is being given for you. Do the same for each other in my memory." After supper, Jesus then took the cup and gave thanks. He said, "This is my blood which is being shed for you, for the forgiveness of all of your sin. Do the same for each other in my memory." *♪ When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death Lord Jesus. So as we share this feast may we, remember your love for us. Help us now to follow your Way, and to walk in your goodness. Always make us one in you. ♪ (tune: LSB 384)*

Invitation to the Table

We gather around Jesus's table, trusting that he is truly giving his whole self to us through this bread, wine, and communion. We invite all the Baptized, who give their undivided allegiance to Jesus and are at peace with their brothers and sisters in Christ, to join us in this mysterious communion of heaven and earth. *♪ Oh come, Lord Jesus, come and dine, and give yourself through bread and wine. Feed us so we may have new birth, and bring your rule ov'r all the earth. Come now! Come now! Our Lord Jesus, and bring your healing love to us! ♪ (tune: LSB 357)*

(sit)

Sharing the Bread & Wine

(stand)

Sent to "Do the Same in My Memory"

Lord Jesus, you feed us with the bread of life ✠ **your body, given for us.** ✠ You judge us and heal us with your love and mercy ✠ **your blood, shed for us.** ✠ Now help us to do the same in your memory ✠ **as we care for our own bodies, share our whole lives with the church, and serve all your creation.** ✠ Lord, fill us with your Holy Spirit so we may always reflect your love. ✠ **Amen.** *♪ We follow our Lord Jesus, we walk where he leads us, he teaches us to live*

in his presence now. We trust in his mercy, he saves us from worry, he has overcome death and teaches us how. We love all creation, share ev'ry possession, we wait on the Lord in ev'rything always. He is present with us, he cares and protects us, he gives us all that we need for all our days. ♪ (tune: LSB 643)

Blessing

May the Father bless you and hold you in his hands. May the Son empower you to love all his creation in the way he has loved you. May the Holy Spirit fill your body and give you a peace that is free of all anxiety. ✠ Amen.

Song ✠ *LSB 850 "God of Grace and God of Glory"*

- ♪ *God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your pow'r; crown your ancient Church's story; bring its bud to glorious flow'r. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour. ♪*
- ♪ *Lo, the hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days, for the living of these days. ♪*
- ♪ *Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage lest we miss your kingdom's goal, lest we miss your kingdom's goal. ♪*
- ♪ *Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving whom we adore, serving you whom we adore. ♪*
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Disciple Garden Fundraising - We should be done (Lord, willing!)! Praise God and thank YOU for your generosity!
- Scripture Study - Join us on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm as we go through Paul's letters to Timothy and Titus.
- Table Talk - Join us on Mondays at 6:00 pm for our table talk discussions.

Weekly Calendar | October 4 - 11, 2020

Sun Oct 4	8:30-9:10 am	Individual Confession & Forgiveness
	9:30 am	The Divine Liturgy "A Heavy Yoke" 1 Kings 12:1-33
	10:45 am	Food & Fellowship
	11:15 am	Text of the Day Study
Mon Oct 5	8:30-11:30 am	Pastor Luke's Office Hours
	6:00 pm	Table Talk
Tues Oct 6	8:30-11:30 am	Pastor Luke's Office Hours
Wed Oct 7	8:30-11:30 am	Pastor Luke's Office Hours
	6:00 pm	Scripture Study: Timothy & Titus
Thurs Oct 8		
Fri Oct 9		Pastor Luke's Sabbath
Sat Oct 10		
Sun Oct 11	8:30-9:10 am	Individual Confession & Forgiveness
	9:30 am	The Divine Liturgy "The Flour Will Not Run Out" 1 Kings 17:1-24
	10:45 am	Food & Fellowship
	11:15 am	Text of the Day Study

Thought of the Week

"We should be obedient to God rather than those who have arrogantly made themselves leaders. We will bring great danger upon ourselves if we surrender ourselves to the purposes of men." (1 Clement)

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