



**HARD  
TRUTH**

# St. LUCAS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

## CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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### The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 21, 2022

#### The Season

During the Pentecost Season we give our attention to the teachings of Christ... to the Son of God's words. We gather each week to let the Holy Spirit do the work Jesus promised he would do in the way Jesus promised he would do it—through his Word.

#### The Series

With a sense of extreme urgency, Jesus shares truths we need to hear, even if we do not want to hear them. As Jesus teaches hard truth, he challenges conventional wisdom. He reverses the normal and natural order of things. This should not surprise us, considering this Teacher's life and work are the opposite of what one would expect. Listen! Take to heart what Jesus says! For his Word, though it contains hard truth, gives eternal life.

August 13 & 14

We Want Peace, but God's Word Divides

**August 20 & 21**

**The First will be Last; the Last will be First**

August 27 & 28

The Humble will be Exalted; the Exalted will be Humbled

September 3 & 4

Put Down what You Love; Pick up what You Loathe

September 10 & 11

The Found are Left; the Lost are Found

#### The Sunday

What Jesus teaches today through his Word is a hard truth. The doorway into heaven is narrow. Scripture consistently teaches that those individuals who are certain they will be first through that door are more likely to be last, if they make it through at all. Instead, the one who believes he is the last one God should let into his kingdom and that his only chance of getting in is through the grace of Christ will enter first.

#### Prayer before Worship

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

I thank you, loving Lord, for cleansing me of my sins and adopting me into your family through the miracle of Holy Baptism. As I worship today, help me remember what my baptism means to me. Lead me to feel genuine sorrow for my sins and empower me to put down the sinful nature that still lives in me. Lift me up as I hear your promise of forgiveness and give me strength to live a life pleasing to you. Amen

# O Bless the Lord, My Soul

CW 623



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with-in me join and  
2 O bless the Lord, my soul, nor let his mer-cies lie for-  
3 'Tis he for-gives your sins, 'tis he re-lieves your pain, 'tis  
4 He fills the poor with good; he gives the suf-f'ers rest. The  
5 His won-drous works and ways he made by Mo-ses known but



aid my tongue to bless his name whose fa-vors are di-vine.  
got-ten in un-thank-ful-ness and with-out prais-es die.  
he that heals your sick-ness-es and makes you young a-gain.  
Lord has judg-ments for the proud and jus-tice for th'\_op-pressed.  
sent the world his truth and grace by his be-lov-ed Son.

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Stand



O Lord, o - pen my lips,



and my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



Has - ten to save me, O God;



O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.

*Pentecost* The Spirit of the Lord fills the world:

**praise and thanks to God!**

## O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

CW 208

1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,  
 2 For the Lord is a great God  
 3 The sea is his, for he made it,

1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.  
 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.  
 3 and his hand formed the dry land.

1 Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,  
 2 The deep places of the earth are in his hand;  
 3 O come, let us worship and bow down,  
 4 For he is our God,

1 let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.  
 2 the heights of the hills are al - so his.  
 3 let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er.  
 4 and we are the people of his  
 pasture and the sheep of his hand.

*Be seated*

# Psalm

Psalm 103B



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his feet your  
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple  
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble  
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him



trib - ute bring. Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
in dis - tress. Praise him, still the same as ev - er,  
frame he knows. In his hand he gent - ly bears us,  
face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be - fore him;



ev - er - more his prais - es sing; Al - le - lu - ia,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless, Al - le - lu - ia,  
res - cues us from all our foes; Al - le - lu - ia,  
all who dwell in time and space, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! praise the ev - er - last - ing King!  
al - le - lu - ia! glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!  
al - le - lu - ia! wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows!  
al - le - lu - ia! praise with us the God of grace!

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## First Reading

Isaiah 66:18–24

*Those who seemed far from his kingdom will be among the first to enter eternal glory.*

<sup>18</sup>“And I, because of what they have planned and done, am about to come and gather the people of all nations and languages, and they will come and see my glory.

<sup>19</sup>“I will set a sign among them, and I will send some of those who survive to the nations—to Tarshish, to the Libyans and Lydians (famous as archers), to Tubal and Greece, and to the distant islands that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory among the nations. <sup>20</sup>And they will bring all your people, from all the nations, to my holy mountain in Jerusalem as an offering to the LORD—on horses, in chariots and wagons, and on mules and camels,” says the LORD. “They will bring them, as the Israelites bring their grain offerings, to the temple of the LORD in ceremonially clean vessels. <sup>21</sup>And I will select some of them also to be priests and Levites,” says the LORD.

<sup>22</sup>“As the new heavens and the new earth that I make will endure before me,” declares the LORD, “so will your name and descendants endure. <sup>23</sup>From one New Moon to another and from one Sabbath to another, all mankind will come and bow down before me,” says the LORD. <sup>24</sup>“And they will go out and look on the dead bodies of those who rebelled against me; the worms that eat them will not die, the fire that burns them will not be quenched, and they will be loathsome to all mankind.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

Hebrews 12:18–24

*Being first in God’s eyes has to do with the gracious work of the mediator of the new covenant.*

<sup>18</sup>You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; <sup>19</sup>to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, <sup>20</sup>because they could not bear what was commanded: “If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death.” <sup>21</sup>The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, “I am trembling with fear.”

<sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, <sup>23</sup>to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup>to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Stand

## Gospel

Luke 13:22–30

*Jesus teaches that the last will be first and the first will be last.*

<sup>22</sup>Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem.

<sup>23</sup>Someone asked him, “Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?”

He said to them, <sup>24</sup>“Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. <sup>25</sup>Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, ‘Sir, open the door for us.’

“But he will answer, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from.’

<sup>26</sup>“Then you will say, ‘We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.’

<sup>27</sup>“But he will reply, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!’

<sup>28</sup>“There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out. <sup>29</sup>People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. <sup>30</sup>Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be seated

# 698 Seek Where You May to Find a Way

CW 698



1 Seek where you may to find a way that leads to  
 2 Seek whom you may to be your stay, none can re-  
 3 Seek him a-lone who did a-tone, who did your  
 4 My heart's de-light, my crown most bright, O Christ, you



your sal - va - tion. My heart is stilled, on Christ I build,  
 deem an - oth - er. All help - ers failed; this man pre - vailed,  
 souls de - liv - er. O seek him first, all you who thirst  
 are for - ev - er. Not wealth or pride or for - tune's tide



he is the one foun - da - tion. His Word is  
 the God - man, Christ our broth - er. This Ser - vant -  
 for grace that fails you nev - er. In ev - 'ry  
 our bond of love shall sev - er. You are my



sure, his works en - dure; he o - ver - throws all  
 Lord our life re - stored; we're jus - ti - fied, for  
 need seek him in - deed; to ev - 'ry heart he  
 Lord; your pre - cious Word shall light my way each



e - vil foes; through him I more than con - quer.  
 he has died, the guilt - less for the guilt - y.  
 will im - part his bless - ings with - out mea - sure.  
 daunt - ing day. O teach me, Lord, to trust you!

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# Sermon

Isaiah 66:18–24

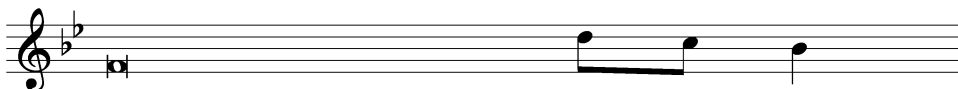
God will Gather People from All Nations

1. He will send out messengers
2. He will gather in believers

Stand

## We Praise You, O God

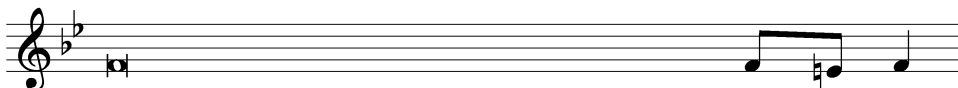
CW 210



- 1 We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord;
- 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of heav'n - ly hosts,
- 3 The white-robed army of martyrs praise — you.



- 1 all creation worships you, Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing.
- 2 heaven and earth are full — of your glo - ry.
- 3 Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



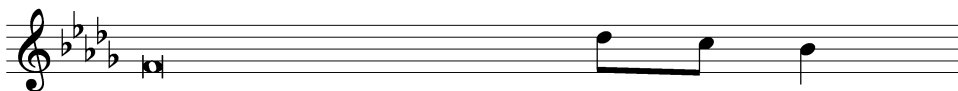
- 1 To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,
- 2 The glorious company of apostles praise — you.
- 3 Father of majesty unbounded; your glorious, true, and on - ly Son;



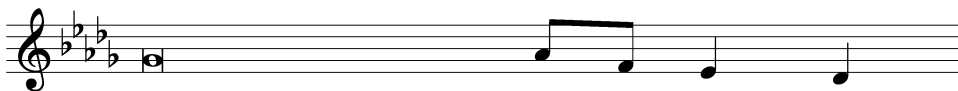
- 1 cherubim and seraphim, sing in end - less praise:
- 2 The noble fellowship of proph - ets praise — you.
- 3 and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide.



- 4 You, Christ, are the King of glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther.



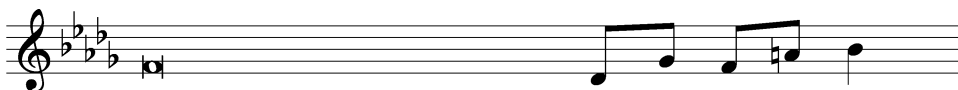
5 When you became man to set us free,  
6 You sit at the right hand of God



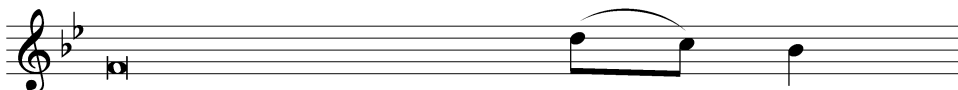
5 you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin.  
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



5 You overcame the sting of death  
6 We believe that you will come



5 and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.  
6 to be our judge.



7 Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple,



7 bought with the price of your own blood,



7 and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

## Lord, Have Mercy

CW 213



Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful and answer me.



**Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger. And in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

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.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.



Let us praise the Lord.



Thanks be to God.



The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



A - men.

# Hymn

CW 908



1 Go forth and preach the gos - pel to all who are in need.  
2 Go forth and preach the gos - pel to all who live in fear,  
3 Go forth and preach the gos - pel; go spread the news a - broad!



As wit - ness to the Sav - ior, go teach by word and deed.  
and share the joy - ful mes - sage that God is al - ways near.  
Pro - claim to ev - 'ry na - tion the great - ness of our God.



The Spir - it is up - on us, and sends us to de - clare  
The Spir - it is up - on us, and sends us forth in peace  
The Spir - it is up - on us, that all may un - der - stand



good news of God's for - give - ness to peo - ple ev - 'ry - where.  
to bring the poor glad ti - dings, that mer - cy may in - crease.  
the prom - ise of sal - va - tion re - vealed to ev - 'ry land.

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## Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Timothy Henning

Organist: Laura Schulz

Usher: Matthew Stoltz & Steve Wolter

Morning Prayer from Christian Worship

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## Announcements

**School events to look forward to:** August 3rd - Registration Night 5-7 PM

- August 24 - First Day of School – Opening Service at 8:00 am. The congregation is invited.
- August 25 - Fall Sports Meeting
- August 31 - Preschool Preview Night

**KML Installation Service** Join us in person or via livestream on Friday, August 26, at 9:07 AM as we offer our praise to God for allowing KML to begin the 49th year of instructing our youth in the truth of God's Word. New faculty members will be installed during the service:

- Mr. Ross Gottschalk – Word of God (part-time 1 year call)
- Mr. David Leyrer – Science, Math
- Pastor Dan Marggraf – Word of God
- Mr. Luke Meihack – Health, P.E.
- Mr. Darrell (Buddy) Roecker – English, Jr. Charger Coordinator

**Sunday School and Family Bible Study begin September 11.** We could use one or more new teachers for Sunday School. More teachers will make it possible to alternate weeks so that one teacher is not obligated for every week. Volunteer helpers are welcome as well. If you would like to serve the Lord and our children as a teacher or helper, please contact Pastor Henning.

**The topic for Sunday Bible Study** will be *Bible Parables and Word Pictures*. This Bible study clarifies many of the metaphors and analogies that are an integral part of God's Word. The first weeks of the study focus on parables and their relationships to the kingdom of God and applying principles for interpreting parables. Later weeks explore words God uses to paint pictures of major scriptural truths.

**Midweek Bible Studies** will begin September 13 (6:30 pm) and September 15 (10:00 am) and will discuss *10 Lies about God*. We will discuss how these inaccurate beliefs distort relationships with God and loving, Bible-based corrections that participants can use in response. The study includes ten lessons to help participants respond to false teachings about God and defend what the Bible teaches

## Celebrating God's Blessings

### Birthdays:

Calla Herther 21	Amanda Prost 24
Dennis Jeserig 21	Cordell Strack 24
Everett Peck 21	George Eggert 24
Nora Herther 21	Stephanie Lauters 26
Quentin Hanson 21	Susan Backhaus 26
Joseph Symicek 23	Zachary Demler 26

### Anniversaries:

None

## Calendar

### August 20-26

#### *Suggested Readings for the week*

Saturday:	2 Samuel 12:1-25 2 Samuel 13:1-1:43 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Worship 6 pm	Usher: Peters
Sunday:	1 Kings 1:1-4, 15-35 1 Corinthians 12:14-31 Worship 9 am	Ushers: Stoltz & Wolter
Monday:	1 Kings 2:1-27 1 Corinthians 14:1-16:24	
Tuesday:	1 Kings 3:1-15 1 Kings 3:16-4-34 2 Corinthians 1:1-22	
Wednesday:	1 Kings 5:1-18 1 Kings 6:1-7:50 2 Corinthians 1:23-2:17 First Day of School at St. Lucas Lutheran – Opening Service 8 am	
Thursday:	1 Kings 7:51-8:21 2 Corinthians 3:1-18	
Friday:	1 Kings 8:22-30,46-63 2 Corinthians 4:1-18 School Chapel Service 7:45 am	
Saturday:	1 Kings 9:1-9; 10:1-13 2 Corinthians 5:1-21 Worship w/Communion 6 pm	Usher: Beyer
Sunday:	1 Kings 11:1-26 2 Corinthians 6:1-18 Worship w/Communion 9 am	Ushers: Schact & Strack

*St. Lucas Lutheran Church strives to be a congregation that is  
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