

St. Luke's Lutheran Church—Sacramento/Elk Grove
Holy Communion—November 15, 2020
Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost

We will be celebrating Holy Communion today. You are invited to have a small piece of bread and a small glass of wine or grape juice ready. If you won't be receiving the elements today, you will receive a blessing.

Prelude

Jane Fanucci, Organist/Pianist

Gathering

Confession and Forgiveness

Congregational responses are in bold print.

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

Amen.

Let us pray. God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

Gracious God, Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and have given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The pastor announces God's forgiveness.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

“Onward Christian Soldiers”

- 1. Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.
Christ, the royal Master, leads against the foe;
Forward into battle see His banners go!**

Refrain:

*Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.*

2. Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane,
But the church of Jesus constant will remain.
Gates of hell can never 'gainst that church prevail;
We have Christ's own promise, and that cannot fail. *Refrain*

3. Onward then, ye people, join our happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices in the triumph song.
Glory, laud, and honor unto Christ the King,
This through countless ages men and angels sing. *Refrain*

Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Word**First Reading**

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Marlene Kiser, Reader
Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Second Reading

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

1Thesalonians 5:1-11

Children's Time**Sermon**

"The Armor of Faith and Love"
Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Hymn of the Day

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

1. Stand up, stand up for Jesus! ye soldiers of the cross;
Lift high His royal banner, it must not suffer loss:
From vict'ry unto vict'ry, His army shall He lead,
Till every foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.

2. **Stand up, stand up for Jesus! Stand in His strength alone,
The arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own;
Put on the gospel armor, and watching unto prayer,
Where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.**

3. **Stand up, stand up for Jesus! the strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song;
To him that overcometh a crown of life shall be;
He with the King of glory shall reign eternally.**

Confirmation

Victor Basquez Jr.

Prayers of Intercession

Laura Tice, Prayer Leader

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Meal

You are invited to make an offering in support of the mission of St. Luke's to "Spread the Good News, Serve those in need, and Share the victory of Jesus throughout the world." Options for giving are available on our website, www.slelca.org/giving. Thank you.

Special Music

"Be Strong In The Lord"

Triss and Carl Hoppman

Consecration of Pledges

Communion

First Communion for Victor Basquez Jr. and Anthony Basquez

Sending Hymn

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

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1. **Lead on, O King Eternal,
The day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest
Thy tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation
Thy grace has made us strong;
And now, O King Eternal,
We lift our battle song.**

2. **Lead on, O King Eternal,
Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper
The sweet amen of peace.
For not with swords' loud clashing,
Nor roll of stirring drums;
With deeds of love and mercy
The heav'nly kingdom comes.**

3. **Lead on, O King Eternal,
We follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning
Where'er Thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted o'er us,
We journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of might.**



Thank you for your generous support of ongoing concerns in our community.



We are collecting **socks** for Loaves & Fishes and Union Gospel Ministry. Socks are the most needed and the least donated item to shelters.

New socks can be dropped off during Sunday's Drive-through Prayer or contact Merle Zbrog for pick up.

Due to the current pandemic, we have had to rethink our usual holiday giving. This year, we are collecting **\$5.00 gift cards from fast food chains**. The gift cards will be distributed to those in need in our local community. You can bring cards as you attend Sunday's Drive-through Prayer, you can drop them in the mail slot at the church, or you can call to arrange a pickup. Please have the cards at the church **no later than December 13, 2020**. Would you like to participate in the distribution of the cards? Contact Linda Duffek or Cathy Davis and we will add you to our group.