

St. Luke's Lutheran Church—Sacramento/Elk Grove
Holy Communion—September 13, 2020
Fifteenth 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
Karen Linfor, Peggy Moser, Acolytes

Invocation

Rev. Carl Hoppman, Presiding Minister

(Congregational responses are in bold print.)

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

Confession and Forgiveness

Let us pray. If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand? Yet with you is forgiveness and so we confess.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

God turns to you in love. "I will put my Spirit in you, and you shall live" says the Lord. All your sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for you. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"

ELW #608

**1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me;
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.**

Refrain:

***Come home, come home;
you who are weary come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, O sinner, come home!***

**2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me? [Refrain]**

**3 O for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me. [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. O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Word

First Reading

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Debi Lentsch, Reader
Genesis 50:15-21

Second Reading

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Romans 14:1-12

Children's Time

Sermon

"What Do I Need to Learn?"
Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Hymn of the Day

"Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive"

ELW #605 v 1,2,4

**1 Forgive our sins as we forgive
You taught us, Lord, to pray,
But you alone can grant us grace
To live the words we say.**

**2 How can your pardon reach and bless
The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let
Old bitterness depart?**

**4 Lord, cleanse the depth within our souls
And bid resentment cease;
Then, bound to all in bonds of love
Our lives will spread your peace**

Prayers of Intercession

Pat Webb, 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. Thank you.

Special Music

"You Are My All in All"
Karen Linfor, Peggy Moser

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Holy and generous host, you set a table where we feast as friends. Prepare us to witness to your goodness with every gift you have given us to share, that all people may know your peace through Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n 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.

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have accomplished for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sending

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen

Sending Hymn**“Go, My Children with My Blessing”**

ELW #543

**Go, my children, with my blessing, Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are my own.
In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.**

**Go, my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story;
Here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.**

**Go, my children, fed and nourished, Closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you;
Here his tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.**

Dismissal

**Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**