

**St. Luke's Lutheran Church—Sacramento/Elk Grove**  
**Holy Communion—September 20, 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

**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**

**"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

ELW #733 v 1, 3

**1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.**

**Refrain**

***"Great is Thy faithfulness!" "Great is Thy faithfulness!"  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—  
"Great is Thy faithfulness, " Lord, unto me!***

**3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!  
[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. Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual loving kindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**Word****First Reading**

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Karen Linfor, Reader  
Jonah 3: 10-4:11

**Second Reading**

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Philippians 1:21-30

**Children's Time****Sermon**

"What's In It For God"  
**Gospel:** Matthew 20:1-16

**Hymn of the Day**

"There's a Wideness In God's Mercy"

ELW #588 v 1, 3, 4

**1** There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
Like the wideness of the sea;  
There's a kindness in His justice,  
Which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows  
Are more felt than up in Heaven;  
There is no place where earth's failings  
Have such kindly judgment given.

**2** For the love of God is broader  
Than the measures of our mind;  
And the heart of the Eternal  
Is most wonderfully kind.  
But we make His love too narrow  
By false limits of our own;  
And we magnify His strictness  
With a zeal He will not own.

**3 'Tis not all we owe to Jesus;  
 It is something more than all;  
 Greater good because of evil,  
 Larger mercy through the fall.  
 Make our love, O God, more faithful;  
 Let us take you at your word,  
 And our lives will be thanksgiving  
 For the goodness of the Lord.**

### Prayers of Intercession

Christina Hisamoto, 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](http://www.slelca.org). Thank you.*

### Special Music

"Have You Thanked The Lord?"  
 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****“O Living Bread from Heaven”**

ELW #542 v 1,3,4

**1 O living bread from Heaven,  
How well you feed your guest!  
The gifts that you have given  
Have filled my heart with rest.  
O wondrous food of blessing!  
O cup that heals our woes!  
My heart, this gift possessing,  
In thankful song o'er flows!**

**3 You gave me all I wanted,  
This food can death destroy;  
And you have freely granted  
The cup of endless joy.  
My Lord, I do not merit  
The favor you have shown,  
And all my soul and spirit  
Bow down before your throne.**

**4 Oh, grant me then, well strengthened  
With heavenly food, while here  
My course on earth is lengthened,  
To serve you, free from fear;  
And bring me home to praise you  
Where none can peace destroy,  
Where I will ever raise you  
Glad songs in endless joy.**

**Dismissal**

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