



WORSHIP BULLETIN

RITE II SERVICE, 10:00AM
17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

PRELUDE

Arr. by John Purifoy, There's a Land that is Fairer than Day

RINGING OF THE BELLS

OPENING HYMN *words: Joachim Neander; music: Erneuerten Gesanbuch, 390, vss. 1-3*

¹ Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, The King of creation; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation: join the great throng, psaltery, organ and song, sounding in glad adoration.	² Praise to the Lord, over all things he gloriously reigneth: borne as on eagle wings, safely his saints he sustaineth. Hast thou not seen how all thou needest hath been granted in what he ordaineth?
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³ Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way
and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy
shall ever attend thee;
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
who with his love doth befriend thee.

WELCOME & OPENING ACCLAMATION

<i>Presider</i>	Blessed be God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.
<i>People</i>	And blessed be God's kingdom now and forever. Amen

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

All **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Presider Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

FIRST TESTAMENT

Proverbs 31:10-31

A capable wife who can find?
She is far more precious than jewels.
The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.
She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.
She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.
She is like the ships of the merchant,
she brings her food from far away.
She rises while it is still night
and provides food for her household
and tasks for her servant-girls.
She considers a field and buys it;
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.
She girds herself with strength,
and makes her arms strong.
She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.
Her lamp does not go out at night.
She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her hands hold the spindle.
She opens her hand to the poor,
and reaches out her hands to the needy.
She is not afraid for her household when it snows,
for all her household are clothed in crimson.
She makes herself coverings;
her clothing is fine linen and purple.
Her husband is known in the city gates,
taking his seat among the elders of the land.
She makes linen garments and sells them;
she supplies the merchant with sashes.
Strength and dignity are her clothing,
and she laughs at the time to come.

She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
She looks well to the ways of her household,
and does not eat the bread of idleness.
Her children rise up and call her happy;
her husband too, and he praises her:
“Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all.”
Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the city gates.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 1

- ¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- ² Their delight is in the law of the Holy One, *
and they meditate on that law day and night.
- ³ They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
- ⁴ It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- ⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous;
- ⁶ For the Holy One knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

EPISTLE

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

words: Timothy Rees; music: Cyril V. Taylor, 379, vs 1

¹ God is Love, let heaven adore him;

God is Love, let earth rejoice;

let creation sing before him

and exalt him with one voice.

God who laid the earth's foundation,

God who spread the heaven above,

God who breathes through all creation:

God is Love, eternal Love.

GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

GRADUAL HYMN, VERSE 3

³ God is Love; and though with blindness
 sin afflicts all human life,
God’s eternal loving-kindness
 guides us through our earthly strife.
Sin and death and hell shall never
 o’er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever
 o’er the universe must reign.

HOMILY *A time of silence follows the homily.*

The Rev. Alex Leach

All We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Presider Let us pray to God with our hearts and minds, saying together “Hear our prayer.”

Intercessor We pray for the Church. That we may be united in love, care for our neighbors, and grow in our faithfulness to God’s Way.

Congregants may add their own prayers and petitions

Intercessor Holy God,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Let us pray for our nation and for our government. We pray for our elected officials, as well as those who work behind the scenes to maintain our public life together.

Congregants may add their own prayers and petitions

Intercessor Holy God,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Please pray for the state of the world. Pray for those places that are in great need and suffering. Pray for our whole planet’s climate, for places experiencing drought and places experiencing flooding.

Congregants may add their own prayers and petitions

Intercessor Holy God,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Pray for this church community of St. Luke’s. Ask God to help us deepen our walk with Christ, to seek the Holy Spirit’s direction for our community, and offer thanksgiving for the many blessings found in this place.

Congregants may add their own prayers and petitions

Intercessor Holy God,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Hold in your heart the cares and concerns of your neighbors. Pray for those who have been impacted by the fires. Pray for those in your community who you know need help or are in any distress. Pray for yourself in whatever burdens you carry.

Congregants may add their own prayers and petitions

Intercessor Holy God,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We hold in prayer all those who have died. Pray also for those who grieve and mourn the loss of friends, neighbors, and loved ones.

Congregants may add their own prayers and petitions

Intercessor Holy God,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Presider Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

CONFESSION

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

People **God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

Presider May the peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

BIRTHDAYS, CELEBRATIONS, AND MILESTONES

Presider Watch over your child(ren), O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* heart may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of *their* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Presider But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15,16*

OFFERTORY HYMN words: *New Version Psalms of David*; music: *H. Wilson, R. Smith*, 658

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| ¹ As longs the deer for cooling streams
in parched and barren ways,
so longs my soul, O God, for thee
and thy refreshing grace. | ³ Why restless, why cast down, my soul?
Hope still, and thou shalt sing
the praise of him who is thy God,
thy health's eternal spring. |
| ² For thee, my God, the living God,
my thirsty soul doth pine:
O when shall I behold thy face,
thou Majesty divine? | ⁴ To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom we adore,
be glory, as it was, is now,
and shall be evermore. |

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Presider God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Presider From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the servants of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Presider Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.**

Presider And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

All **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Presider And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People **We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Presider Lord God of our Mothers and Fathers: God of Sarah & Abraham, Rebecca & Isaac, Rachel, Leah, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Presider Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

People **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A brief silence

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*For those at home or who do not wish to receive bread, we offer this
prayer of spiritual communion:*

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Creator and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

Hymnal 1982, #296

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and
singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

FINAL BLESSING

Presider May the blessing of God Almighty; the Source, the Incarnate Word,
and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. **Amen.**

CONCLUDING HYMN *words: James Montgomery; music: Ralph V. Williams, 480, vs.1-2*

¹ When Jesus left his Father's throne, he chose an humble birth; like us, unhonored and unknown, he came to dwell on earth. Like him may we be found below, in wisdom's path of peace; like him in grace and knowledge grow as years and strength increase.	² Sweet were his words and kind his look, when mothers round him pressed; their infants in his arms he took, and on his bosom blessed. Safe from the world's alluring harms, beneath his watchful eye, thus in the circle of his arms may we for ever lie.
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THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Arr. by John Purifoy, Holy, Holy, Holy

Coffee Hour will be on the Labyrinth
immediately following the service.

Visit our website for information on how to be involved
www.stlukeswoodland.org

*Sign up for weekly e-mail updates for information on opportunities to help and to learn.
Contact our Church Administrator for details, at stlukechurchwoodland@gmail.com*

Weekly Meetings

- **Centering Prayer, Sundays, 7pm, Sanctuary,** contact Tom Eaton
- **Book Study, Mondays, 5:15pm, via Zoom,** contact Tom Eaton
- **“The Social Justice Bible Challenge”, Wednesdays, 7:15 pm,**
via Zoom, contact Margaret
- **Queer Alliance, Thursdays, 6:30 pm via Zoom,** contact Mairic James

Monthly Meetings

- **Resource Navigators**
1st Mondays, 3:30-5pm, Guild Hall,
stlukechurchwoodland@gmail.com or 530-662-7152 x3
- **Temenos**
2nd & 4th Saturdays, 8am – Noon, Welcome anytime! brucewatts1@me.com
- **Daughters of the King**
2nd Saturdays, 10-11:30am, Guild Hall
stlukechurchwoodland@gmail.com or 530-662-7152 x3
- **Men’s Group**
2nd Saturdays, 8:30am, mackw0414@gmail.com
- **Outreach Breakfast at 4th & Hope**
1st Saturdays, 4th & Hope, mackw0414@gmail.com
- **Micah Forum**
2nd Tuesdays, 6pm, leannherig@gmail.com
- **Vestry Meeting**
3rd Mondays, 6:30pm, Guild Hall
- **Becoming the Beloved Community Study Group**
4th Tuesdays, 6:15-7:30pm, leannherig@gmail.com