

Service of Worship

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 25, 2017

10:30 am



Ebenezer
LUTHERAN CHURCH

+ GATHERING +
We gather to learn love for one another.

Welcome to Ebenezer!

We hope you are blessed by your time in worship today. Please complete the "Welcome" insert and place it in the offering plate as it is passed.

Restrooms are located in the Education Building.

Devices for the hearing impaired are located on designated pews. For assistance, please see an usher.

A nursery for children three-years old and younger is available, beginning 9:15 am, for Sunday school and worship. The nursery is located across from the library in the Education Building. Our attendants are trained and willing to help. Parents are welcome to use the nursery for part or all of the worship service.

As you enter the worship space, please be sure to silence your cell phones.

Preservice Music

We stand as able.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
full of compassion and mercy,
abounding in steadfast love.

Amen.

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,
let us confess our sin against God and one another.
We kneel as able or remain standing. Silence is kept for reflection.

Eternal God our creator,
in you we live and move and have our being.
Look upon us, your children,
the work of your hands.
Forgive us all our offenses,
and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires.
By your grace draw us near to you,
our refuge and our strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit given to us.
In the mercy of almighty God,
Christ died for us while we still were sinners;
and for his sake, God † forgives you all your sins.
Amen.

All stand and face the processional cross.

Gathering Hymn *How Firm a Foundation* Hymn 796

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

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

We welcome one another to worship and then we sit.
Welcome and Announcements

+ WORD +
God speaks to us in Bible readings.

Children's Message

First Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-13
(Pew Bible pages 708-709)

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Romans 6:1b-11
(Pew Bible page 1030)

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

We stand.
Gospel Acclamation



Gospel

Matthew 10:24-31
(Pew Bible page 888)

The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:
The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.
We sit.

Sermon

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor Amundson

We stand.

Hymn of the Day

Will You Come and Follow Me

Hymn 798

Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

After the assisting minister introduces the prayers, we stand or kneel as able, for the petitions.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The presiding minister concludes the prayers.

All stand.

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

We sit.

An offering is collected to support the mission of the church.

+ MEAL +

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven."

Reception of the Offering

Musical Offering *His Eye is on the Sparrow* Civilla Martin
Suzanne Amaral, soprano

*Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,
Why should my heart be lonely, and long for heav'n and home,
When Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.*

*"Let not your heart be troubled," His tender word I hear,
And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;
Though by the path He leadeth, but one step I may see;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.*

*Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,
When songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him, from care He sets me free;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.*

We stand.

Offertory Song *Holy Ground* Geron Davis

*We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around.
Let us praise Jesus now.
We are standing in his presence on holy ground.*

Offering Prayer

*After the gifts have been presented, the prayer is said:
Let us pray...Amen.*

Great Thanksgiving

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

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.

The thanksgiving continues with the preface for the day or season; We respond: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

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

What is Holy Communion?

Holy Communion is our participation in the meal that Jesus celebrated with his disciples on the night before he was crucified. As Jesus' disciples now this meal is a participation in our Lord's life: he feeds us, forgives us, and unites us.

This meal, sometimes called "Eucharist" (meaning "thanksgiving"), connects us to our Lord and to all his people across time and space.

Eucharistic Prayer

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.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

Our Lord's body let us take together.

We sit.

Communion

Distribution Music

*Lamb of God...
For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

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Hymn 494

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How we Commune
*Welcome to the table of
the Risen Christ!*

All baptized worshipers
are invited to partake of
the Eucharist, regardless of
denominational affiliation.

Come down the center
aisle and either kneel or
stand at the rail in front of
the altar. Take the bread
and dip it into
the cup of wine.

If you require gluten-free
wafers or grape juice,
please let the ministers
know. Return to your seat
by way of
the side aisles.

If you are unable to come
forward please come down
the side aisles on either
side after the "Invitation"
and communion will be
brought to you. If you need
to remain in your seat
please notify an usher.

Any who do not wish to
receive communion may
fold their arms across
their chest to receive a
blessing at the altar.

In Christ Alone

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

Verse 4

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

When all have returned to their places, we stand or kneel.
Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray...**Amen.**

We stand.

+ SENDING +

We are blessed to go and serve God in the world.

All turn and face the processional cross.

Sending Song *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Hymn 807

Blessing

Dismissal

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Serving in Worship Today

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| The Rev. Gary Dreier | <i>Presiding</i> |
| The Rev. Melvin E. Amundson | <i>Preaching</i> |
| Marcia Lucius | <i>Assisting</i> |
| Andreas Herzog | <i>Lector</i> |
| Lynn Ballentine | <i>Element Bearer</i> |
| Karen Hardy, Colleen Siniard | <i>Communion Assistants</i> |



“Reaching out to draw others to Christ.”

- We place Jesus first in all that we do ·
- We share Christ wherever we are ·
- We welcome a diversity of believers and skeptics to experience Christ with us ·
- We seek to deepen our faith and discipleship ·
- We embrace the gifts of each and all ·

Strategic Directions

- We will offer worship opportunities with Biblically based, doctrinally sound preaching and inspiring music, energizing ourselves to do God’s work.
- We will welcome our neighbors and invite them to participate in all church programs.
- We will respond to the needs of all God’s people, seeking justice and peace, locally and globally.
- We will commit our time and resources to support God’s work through the South Carolina Synod and the ecumenical community.
- We will provide dynamic Christian education, immersing ourselves in God’s word.
- We will foster a sense of congregational community and genuine concern for the well-being of our members.



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