



**WORSHIP OCTOBER 18, 2020**  
**THE COMMEMORATION OF ST LUKE, EVANGELIST.**  
**THE 20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*This morning we commemorate Luke the evangelist, the author inspired to write the Gospel that bears his name and the Acts of the Apostles. Luke was a Gentile physician who accompanied Paul on his Evangelistic journeys. This Gospel shares sources with both Matthew and Mark, and its unique content includes the Christmas narrative, as well as the parables of the Good Samaritan and Prodigal Son. Written for a community that was growing beyond Israel and Jewish believers, Luke proclaims the promised Messiah as Savior of all nations. Luke's symbol is the winged ox, representing sacrifice, service and strength.*

*Welcome to worship! We are one family of faith even as we worship in-house and wherever we are sheltering in place. Let us gather together in heart and spirit, encouraging, praying and caring for one another.*

**GATHERING**

Announcements and time for prayer and preparation.

**CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

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

Let us pray *Silence for reflection*

Almighty God,

to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid:

cleanse the thoughts of our hearts

by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you

and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. C **Amen.**

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

Faithful God, **have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves.**

**We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.**

**We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.**

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,**

**and turn us again to life in you**

**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,

and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own.

As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority,

I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,

in the name of the Father + Son and Holy Spirit.

Live in freedom and peace to do God's work in the world. **Amen.**

GREETING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Let us pray: - *Silence*- Almighty God, you inspired your servant Luke to reveal in the love and healing power of your Son. Give your church the same love and power to heal, and to proclaim your salvation among the nations to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our healer, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



## THE READINGS

The first reading is from Isaiah 45:1-7

<sup>8</sup>Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears!

<sup>9</sup>Let all the nations gather together, and let the peoples assemble. Who among them declared this, and foretold to us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses to justify them, and let them hear and say, "It is true."<sup>10</sup>You are my witnesses, says the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me.

<sup>11</sup>I, I am the LORD, and besides me there is no savior.

<sup>12</sup>I declared and saved and proclaimed,  
when there was no strange god among you;  
and you are my witnesses, says the LORD.

<sup>13</sup>I am God, and also henceforth I am He;  
there is no one who can deliver from my hand;  
I work and who can hinder it? The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

*Silence for Reflection*

The Magnificat is read responsively by verse.

The congregation's response is in **bold** type.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;  
**For God has looked with favor on his lowly servant.**

From this day all generations will call me blessed;  
**the Almighty has done great things for me  
and holy is God's name.**

God has mercy on those who fear him,  
In every generation.

**God has shown strength with his arm  
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,**

Casting down the mighty from their thrones  
and lifting up the lowly.

**God fills the hungry with good things  
and the rich God has sent away empty.**

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,

to remember his promise of mercy,  
**The promise made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be  
world without end. Amen.**

*Silence for Reflection*

The second reading is from 2 Timothy 4:5-11

<sup>5</sup>As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

<sup>6</sup>As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

<sup>9</sup>Do your best to come to me soon, <sup>10</sup>for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. <sup>11</sup>Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. The Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

Alleluia! Praise be to the God of Israel,  
Who has raised up a mighty Savior;  
**A light to reveal You to the nations,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace, Alleluia!**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the first chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The Gospel, Luke 1:1-53; 24:44-53, is offered.*

[Luke writes:] <sup>1</sup>Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, <sup>2</sup>just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, <sup>3</sup>I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, <sup>4</sup>so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.

<sup>24:44</sup>[Before he ascended, Jesus said to the disciples and their companions:] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”<sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup>and they were continually in the temple blessing God. The Gospel of our Lord! **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Teaching the Word/Sermon

### **CONFESSION OF FAITH & PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

In confidence and trust, let us confess our faith:

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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 CHURCH

Sustained by the promised hope of healing and new life, we join our voices and prayers with God's people in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, we give thanks for the witness of your servant Luke, the evangelist, whom we remember and commemorate today. Send your Holy Spirit among your church, and make us witnesses to Your Gospel. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of praise, the heavens and all creation declare your salvation. From the rising of the sun to its setting, may the whole universe show forth your goodness. Raise up devoted stewards of all that you have made will bless generations to come. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all, may your word of justice sound forth in every place. Give leaders of all nations a just for the people they serve. May your spirit guide the work of justices, magistrates, court officials, and all vocations of the law, that your promise of restoration may be known. Restore divided nations and communities with reconciling truth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of light, we pray for those living with pain, illness, isolation, grief, anger, or doubt. Hear our prayers for all longing for healing, hungry for justice, and all those whose needs we bring before you now:

all who need medical treatment from any and every cause,  
and those unable to receive care...

all who mourn, living with fear and loss and grief...

families working to meet the needs of work and home...

those struggling and anxious for health in body, mind and finances....

Hear our needs, and the needs known only to You. Be our strength to meet the days ahead. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace of the Lord be with you always! **And also with you!**

*Pause to share Peace and offer thanks for God's gifts that sustain and bless us. If you wish, offer thanks for blessings received, something or someone for whom you are grateful. Offerings can be made online by going to the website [christpipersville.org](http://christpipersville.org), using the QR code with your smartphone or mailed. We are grateful for your continuing support of our mission and ministry! Then continue:*



Let us pray. *Silence* God of mercy and grace,  
**the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things from Your Word, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

*A Brief Silence*

Praise and thanks to you, holy God,  
for by your Word you made all things:  
you spoke light into darkness,  
called forth beauty from chaos,  
and brought life into being.  
For your Word of life, O God, **We give you thanks and praise.**

By your Word you called your people Israel  
to tell of your wonderful gifts:  
freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey,  
a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you.  
For your Word of life, O God, **We give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh,  
you speak to us and call us to witness:  
forgiveness through the cross,  
life to those entombed by death,  
the way of your self-giving love.  
For your Word of life, O God, **We give you thanks and praise.**

Lord, now let your your servant go in peace  
according to Your word.

**For mine eyes have seen Your salvation;  
Which you have prepared before the face of all people;**

A light to reveal You to the nations,  
And the glory of Your people Israel.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :  
and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.**

Let us pray in the words Jesus taught us:

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of all grace + bless us now and forever. **Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

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

*We give thanks to God that we are able to gather in-house and wherever we are  
sheltering in place, and for your faithful support as we move forward serving one  
another and out community.*

## POSTLUDE

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