

Welcome to Worship for
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Sunday, September 21, 2025

All Saints Lutheran Church

722 Rockbridge Road ♦ Lilburn, GA 30047

Rev. Ashton Roberts, Pastor
John Womack, Director of Music



Welcome to worship! We are so glad that you are here. Please feel free to utilize this QR code using your smart phone to access our website, Facebook & Instagram pages, and to give online. Your generosity for God's church and presence is making a difference, both here in this ministry and throughout the community. Thank you!

---GATHERING---

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Chancel Choir

"This is the Day" by Dan Forrest

During this time of meditation the assembly is asked to remain silent.

WELCOME

Rev. Ashton Roberts

GATHERING SONG

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

ELW 674



- 1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
- 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
- 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925-1980

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Rev. Ashton Roberts

The assembly kneels or is seated.

In the name of the Sovereign,
and of the ✠ Savior,
and of the Spirit.
Amen.

Silence is kept 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.
Amen.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. 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, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.


The assembly stands in body or spirit.

GREETING


Rev. Ashton Roberts

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.







1 Source and Sove-reign, Rock and Cloud, For - tress Foun - tain, Shel - ter, Light,
 2 Word and Wis - dom, Root and Vine, Shep - herd, Sa - vior, Ser - vant, Lamb,
 3 Storm and Still - ness, Breath and Dove, Thun - der, Tem - pest, Whirl-wind, Fire,



Judge, De - fend - er, Mer - cy, Might, Life whose life all life en-dowed:
 Well and Wa - ter, Bread and Wine, Way who leads us to I AM:
 Com - fort, Coun - selor, Pre - sence, Love, En - er - gies that ne - ver tire:



May the church at prayer re - call that no sing - le ho - ly name



but the truth that feeds them all is the God whom we pro - claim.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Rev. Ashton Roberts

Let us pray.

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The congregation is seated.

---WORD---

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7

Madi Crutchfield

⁴ Hear this, you who trample on the needy,
 and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

⁵ saying, “When will the new moon be over
 so that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath,
 so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier
 and practice deceit with false balances,

⁶ buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals
 and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”

⁷ The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
 Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7**Madi Crutchfield**

¹ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³ This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, ⁴ who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,

⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time.⁷ For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*Listen, God is Calling***Rev. Ashton Roberts**

Refrain, Verse 3, Refrain

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and corresponding lyrics. The first system is labeled 'Refrain' and 'Leader' above the staff, and 'All' above the first measure. The second system has a first ending bracket labeled '1' and a second ending bracket labeled '2'. The third system is labeled 'Leader' above the first measure and 'All' above the second measure. The fourth system is labeled '3' above the first measure. The fifth system is labeled 'Leader' above the first measure, 'All' above the second measure, and 'Refrain' above the final measure.

Refrain
Leader All
Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,
ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.
Leader All
Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,
Leader All Refrain
Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

Text: Tanzanian traditional; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

Music: NENO LAKE MUNGU, Tanzanian tune

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GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

Rev. Ashton Roberts

The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ² So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰ “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation is seated.

SERMON

Rev. Ashton Roberts



The congregation stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Let Streams of Living Justice

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1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;

give free-dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.

The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,

the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home-land bright-ly gleams.

Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;

a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

Text: William Whitla, b. 1934
Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934
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APOSTLES' CREED

Rev. Ashton Roberts

**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 INTERCESSION

Deacon Sue Tyler

The congregation sits or kneels.

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

O God, teach your church to act in solidarity with the poor, frustrating the efforts of those who trample on the needy and practicing justice in our own life and community. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Almighty Creator, we pray for an end to the misuse of the earth and its resources, that all people may benefit from your abundant gifts and that our stewardship of creation would be marked by justice and sustainability. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Holy One, embolden elected leaders to pursue policies of economic justice for the benefit of all, especially those who are most vulnerable and marginalized. Persuade them by your example of generosity and compassion. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Compassionate God, we pray for all facing illness, those near death, or those grieving the loss of loved ones. May they find comfort and strength in your love. Prepare us to surround them with your healing care.

We offer to you now the concerns of our hearts, either silently or aloud.

Additional Intercessions

Rev. Ashton Roberts

A brief silence

- *We pray for the family and friends of Mebrat Meresa, mother of Genet Johnson, on her passing.*

- *We pray for Alex; Roy Craig; Rita.*
- *We pray for Dan; Kathryn; Sharon.*
- *We pray for Allison; Michelle; John.*

God of grace,

receive our prayer.

- *We rejoice and give thanks and praise for fifteen years of music ministry blessings through your servant John. May he continue to know your loving care for his life and to be an inspiration through the gift of music.*
- *We pray for Pastor Michael Jannett and the people of Community of Grace Lutheran Church in Grayson after the vandalization and desecration of their building.*
- *We pray for all people of the world impacted by ongoing war, conflict, and violence, especially those caught between Ukraine and Russia; between Israel and Hamas; in South Sudan; Myanmar; and Ethiopia.*
- *We pray for swift and accessible aid to those suffering starvation in Gaza, and for those who work to provide aid and relief.*
- *We pray for schools everywhere, that all students and those who care for them may feel safe and free from fear.*
- *We pray for justice around the world and here at home, that God may delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion, and peace.*

God of grace,

receive our prayer.

God of love, motivate our congregation to enact economic justice through tangible action, prioritizing the needs of our community and sharing resources generously through our outreach and justice ministries. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Gracious God, we give thanks for the saints, especially Mebrat, who now join the heavenly chorus in praising your name. Lift us up from the dust of grief and remind us of your promise of new life. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

The congregation stands in body or spirit.

PEACE (ELW p. 152)

Rev. Ashton Roberts

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

If you are joining us online, reach out by phone, text, email, or social media this week to share the Peace of Christ.

OFFERING

We have several ways to receive your offering. There is a basket on the table by the sanctuary doors, or you can utilize the QR code on the front of your bulletin to submit your offering online. Mailing your offering to the church is also an option.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE*Spirit Open My Heart***ACS 1043***Repeat twice.*

Refrain

Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of
liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing
and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for 'Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of'. The second staff continues with 'liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing'. The third staff concludes with 'and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

OFFERING PRAYER**Deacon Sue Tyler***Let us pray.*

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.**HOLY COMMUNION****Rev. Ashton Roberts****The Lord Be With You**

The Lord be with you! And al-so 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.

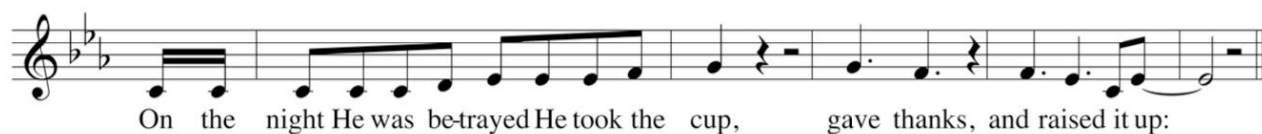
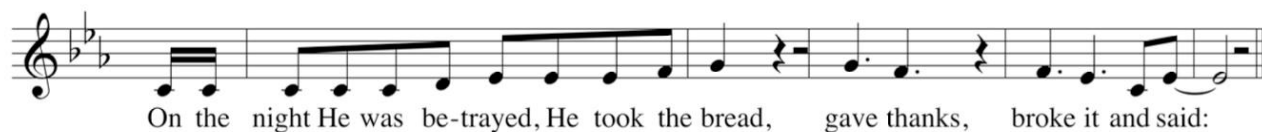
The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for 'The Lord be with you! And al-so with you! Lift up your hearts! We lift them to the Lord!'. The second staff continues with 'Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God! It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

Text: *The Book of Common Prayer*

Tune: John Tirro

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On the Night He Was Betrayed



Text: *1 Corinthians 11:22-25, Matthew 26:27*, adapt. John Tirro

Tune: John Tirro

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The Lord's Prayer

Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal-lo-wed be Thy name. Thy
king-dom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in hea-ven. Give us this
day our dai-ly bread, and for - give us as we for-give our debt-ors; and
lead us not in-to temp - ta - tion, but de - li-ver us from e - vil; for
Thine is the king-dom and the po - wer and the glo - ry, for - e - ver. A - men.

Text: adapt. John Tirro

Tune: John Tirro

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Lamb of God

Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin
of the world. Have mer - cy on us.
Grant us peace. Grant us peace. Grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Tune: John Tirro

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The congregation is seated.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

“O Love” by Elaine Hagenberg

The congregation stands.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Rev. Ashton Roberts

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace unto life everlasting.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Deacon Sue Tyler

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

---SENDING---

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

Rev. Ashton Roberts

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.

Blessed

SENDING SONG

For Everyone Born

E *Leader or All* **A2**



1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,

E **A2** **Bsus** **B**



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,

F#m7 **E/G#** **A2** **Bsus**



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,

E **Bsus** **E** **Bsus**



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,

Refrain **B** **All** **E** **E/G#** **A2** **Bsus** **B**



and God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and

E **E/G#** **A2** **Bsus** **B**



joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,

C#m **C#m/B** **A2**



God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,

Bsus **B** **(E)** **Fine** **A2** **E** **Bsus** **B**



jus - tice and joy!

The congregation is seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Ashton Roberts

DISMISSAL

Rev. Ashton Roberts

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

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Welcome to Guest Choralists

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Ramielle Moorner
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Christopher Peou
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