



CHURCH ON THE AVENUE

St. Luke's, Hampden



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Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

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Whoever you are, wherever you're from, whatever you believe, whomever you love...
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

St. Luke's Church is committed to being a House of radical inclusivity. We welcome you and we are glad for your company in worship today. If you are looking for a church home, please let us know! We are committed to helping you find a congregation to call home be that here or elsewhere. We invite you to inquire more about our community and leave your information on the podium near the entrance. If you would like to formally join our community be sure to connect with Pastor Jim before you leave.

We affirm the wiggles of children and have provided a space for them to play while they listen and see what is going on. Children are not "distractions" but beloved participants in the worshipping assembly. Feel free to move about the sanctuary as needed.

Instructions for the assembly can be found in *red italics*, responses for the assembly can be found in **bold print**. You are invited to participate at your level of comfort. There will be lots of singing. Some music is printed in the bulletin, but numbered hymns can be found in the red hymnal.

RESTROOMS for your convenience can be found on this level or at the top of the stairs.

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WELCOME & INSTRUCTION

Participants are invited to respond with the text in bold type.

INVOCATION

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

RITE OF CONFESSION

Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Silence is held for the examination of conscience.

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

We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.

The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes.

In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves.

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN | Lord, whose love in humble service

ELW 712

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

Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING | Isaiah 53:4-12

This reading is from the last of four passages in Isaiah that are often called “servant songs.” Christians are probably most familiar with this servant song. In light of Christian faith, the servant’s healing ministry and redemptive suffering are understood to be fulfilled in the life and death of Christ.

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. ⁹They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. ¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 91:9-16

⁹Because you have made the | Lord your refuge,
and the Most High your | habitation,
¹⁰**no evil | will befall you,**
nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.
¹¹For God will give the angels charge | over you,
to guard you in | all your ways.
¹²**Upon their hands they will | bear you up,**

lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone. **R**

¹³You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.

¹⁴**I will deliver those who | cling to me;**

I will uphold them, because they | know my name.

¹⁵They will call me, and I will | answer them;

I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.

¹⁶**With long life will I | satisfy them,**

and show them | my salvation. **R**

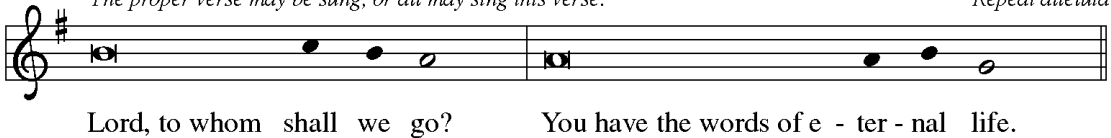
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | (Plain Song)

ELW 168



The proper verse may be sung, or all may sing this verse.

Repeat alleluia



GOSPEL READING | Mark 10:35-45

On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will “rule” through self-giving service.

God is with you. **And also with you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I

drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

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

MESSAGE |

Rev. Jim Muratore

BREAKOUT QUESTIONS

- What does "greatness" look like in your community or church? How can we embody this in our interactions with others?
- Jesus states He came to serve, not to be served. How can we model our lives after Jesus in this regard? What practical steps can we take to serve others this week?

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The response to each petition is: God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

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OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

The assembly is invited to stand in body or spirit.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



[P] The Lord is here



[A] God's Spir - it is with us



[P] Let us lift up our hearts



[A] We lift them to our God



[P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God



[A] 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, O God, our Father and Mother, 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:

**Holy, holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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

Hosanna in the highest.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: *Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: *This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able;

we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ **✠** may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours Almighty God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER



Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name,
your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en.
Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we
for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al
and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow'r,
and the glo-ry are yours, now and for-ev-er. A-men.

And so we have this meal. Simplicity and mystery bound together. And though we cannot fully comprehend its meaning, we share, we remember and we trust in the promise of Christ's life, death, and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth.

Blessed be God forever!

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION |

Communion is served by way of intinction. Come forward in a counter clockwise circle. Hand sanitizer is available at the altar for your use. Receive the body of Christ in your hand and dip into the cup. The clay chalices are filled with grape juice, and the metal chalices are filled with wine. The second station of chalices is

reserved for gluten free recipients. If you wish not to receive you are welcome to remain seated or come forward with crossed arms to receive a blessing. ALL are welcome to come and receive without exception.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

God is with you! **And also with you!**

God all mighty,

God most merciful

bless you, keep you,

and give you peace.

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

SENDING HYMN | The Lord now sends us forth / Enviado soy de Dios ELW 538

DISMISSAL

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND ANNUAL SPAGHETTI BALL | POSTPONED

Due to the community effort to support our neighbors effected by the Keswick Avenue Fire, we will reschedule our fundraising event to a later date.

FUNDRAISING FOR KESWICK AVENUE RESIDENTS

Today – Blue Pit Barbecue 100% proceeds plus Auction items

Nov. 2 – Hampden VFW Spaghetti Dinner

Direct Giving:

Hampden Community Council Venmo @hampdencommunitycouncil (business)

In Person at Truist Bank on 36th and Roland Ave.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & POTLUCK | Sunday Nov. 10th

Sunday, Nov. 24th ADVENT DECORATING

Saturday, Nov. 30th CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday, Dec. 7th CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Sunday, Dec. 8th, 1pm MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS PARADE

THRIFT SHOP VOLUNTEERS

Sign up to volunteer in the thrift store! If you've never volunteered before, you can speak with Pastor Jim or Jan Borison after service, or connect with one of the many volunteers who have. We'd love to have you join the team!

COME AND SEE!!! So much is going on here at St. Luke's Church on the Avenue, please visit our website to view the calendar and explore links to activities happening every day! Visit us at www.churchontheavenuehampden.org or by scanning the QR Code below.

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How can we help?

I'd like to learn more about the church, or getting involved in the community

I need pastoral care or pastor visit

I want to volunteer with the Thrift Shop Drop-In program Garden

Food-Not-Bombs Baltimore Free Farm Baltimore Food Rescue

Other _____

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