

INTERCESSIONS

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

HOLY COMMUNION

LORD'S PRAYER *(spoken with COVID—restraint)*

SENDING & BLESSING

The Almighty Lord—a strong tower to all who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and whom they obey—be now and evermore your defense, and make you know and feel that the only name under heaven given for health and salvation is the + name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION

POSTLUDE *Allegro from Concerto in B flat* Handel

As the Postlude is played the distribution of the sacrament begins. Come forward as you are ready, leaving space of at least 6 feet between family groups. Once you have received the body of Christ, exit to the right or left of the chancel.

WELCOME to Cheryl Losey Feder. We are glad that you're here for worship. Harpist Cheryl Losey Feder has earned distinction as a leading soloist, decisive orchestral player, and passionate educator. Her love of music has led to numerous international awards, and performances in six continents with ensembles such as the Philadelphia Orchestra, Detroit Symphony and Cleveland Orchestra. Previously, Ms. Feder was Principal Harp of the Sarasota Orchestra and Buffalo Philharmonic, and relocated to Michigan with her husband Abraham Feder, Assistant Principal Cello of the DSO. She enjoys teaching the harp to students of all ages in Grosse Pointe, where they are raising their 18-month old son. For more information, visit clfharp.com.



COMMEMORATION OF SAINT LUKE

October 18, 2020

SAINT JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH | 170 McMillan Road
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Today celebrates the Commemoration of Saint Luke, Evangelist, physician, and the one identified as the author of both Luke and Acts, Luke was careful to place the events of Jesus' life in their social and religious contexts. His gospel gives us some of the most beloved parables, as well as the songs of Zechariah, Mary, the angels, and Simeon. Saint Luke's commemoration day is commonly a day set aside for prayers of healing.

From the visit of Mary to Elizabeth's house; through the visits of Jesus to Zacchaeus's house, Mary and Martha's house, and Levi's house; to the visit of the risen Christ to Cleopas's house, Luke's gospel is a story of God's hospitality. God is guest and host, and Jesus' meal fellowship is a proclamation of God's inner circle of outsiders, a gathering not of the righteous but of those who have received God's mercy.

PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Dr. Tim Roehrs	Officiant
Cheryl Losey Feder	Harp
Sue Martin	Lector, Intercessor

WELCOME & THANK YOU to Pastor Roehrs for preaching and presiding this morning. We appreciate your filling in while Pastor Grant is away. Welcome to Cheryl Losey Feder and thank you for joining us for worship to play the harp.

COVID19 PROTOCOL

All worshipers are expected to wear a mask and to keep the mask on at all times. If you are not able to bring a mask, one will be provided for you. Social distancing will be observed, including significant spacing in the sanctuary between worshipers. Exception will be made of those in the same family group or live in the same household. Certain pews will be inaccessible.

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PRELUDE *Andante from Violin Sonata No. 2* Bach/ Grandjany

INVOCATION & DIALOG

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

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe, for in your wisdom you have formed us. You feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

God's mercy endures forever.

You set free those who are bound. You raise up those whose courage falters. You provide for our every need.

God's mercy endures forever.

You heal the sick, lift up those cast down, and comfort all who grieve.

God's mercy endures forever.

You bring calm amidst the storms of life and light into darkness. You turn sorrow into joy, and tears into laughter.

God's mercy endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is faithful and good.

God's mercy endures forever.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you inspired your servant Luke to reveal in his gospel 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, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 43:8-13

Set in the framework of a court of law, this poem describes God calling Israel to the witness stand to testify to the fact that God alone is the true God.

SECOND LESSON 2 Timothy 4:5-11

Knowing that death draws near, Paul, a prisoner in Rome, closes his letter to Timothy in a way that exemplifies how Christians face death: thankful for the grace to finish the race and trusting in the final blessing that awaits him in Christ.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 1:1-4; 24:44-53

These introductory and concluding verses of Luke's gospel provide us with the reason he is writing: so that we might know the truth about Jesus Christ who, in his suffering, death, and resurrection, fulfilled the ancient promises of God.

HOMILY

CREED *(spoken with COVID—restraint)*

**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.**