

# Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

Sunday, October 15, 2017

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## By<sup>1</sup> Grace<sup>2</sup> Through<sup>3</sup> Faith<sup>4</sup> Sermon Series

Martin Luther's theology that catalyzed the Reformation hinges on his Biblical understanding that we are, "Justified by grace through faith" - *sola fide!* Simply put, the only thing that frees us from sin is God. This phrase often distinguishes protestant denominations from many others. Yet, within this simple phrase there is a need to expound upon the definitions, scriptures, and context Luther used to boldly stand for the liberating gospel of Jesus Christ.

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(Silence please for prayer and meditation)

**PRELUDE**

Morning Musical Mediation

Various

(Please stand as you are able)

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P 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**

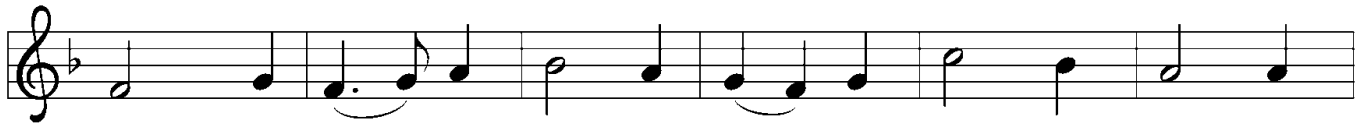
P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P Source of all life,

**C we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

P God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, † God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**C Amen.**



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

## GREETING

A The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

## KYRIE

A In peace, in peace, let us pray to the...

Assistant: Congregation:

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have  
mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

to Verses

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for the first Kyrie verse. It is written in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The first staff is for the Assistant, and the second staff is for the Congregation. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy." The music ends with a double bar line and the instruction "to Verses".

A For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all let us pray to the...

Assistant: Congregation:

e Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have  
mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

to Verses

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for the second Kyrie verse. It is written in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The first staff is for the Assistant, and the second staff is for the Congregation. The lyrics are: "e Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy." The music ends with a double bar line and the instruction "to Verses".

A For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word let us pray to the...

Assistant: Congregation:

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have  
mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

to Verses

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for the third Kyrie verse. It is written in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The first staff is for the Assistant, and the second staff is for the Congregation. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy." The music ends with a double bar line and the instruction "to Verses".

A Help, save, and defend us, O God

Congregation:

A - men.

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for the final Kyrie verse. It is written in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The staff is for the Congregation. The lyrics are: "A - men." The music ends with a double bar line.



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

## SALUTATION

A The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Lord of the feast,

C **you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

(Please be seated)

## SHARED MINISTRY REMINDERS

**FIRST READING** Joshua 1:5b-9

A A reading from Joshua

<sup>5</sup>No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. <sup>6</sup>Be strong and courageous; for you shall put this people in possession of the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. <sup>7</sup>Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. <sup>8</sup>This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. <sup>9</sup>I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

A Word of God, Word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** Psalm 23 (Read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures;

**he leads me beside still waters;**

<sup>3</sup>**he restores my soul.**

He leads me in right paths

for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Even though I walk through the darkest valley,**

**I fear no evil;**

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff — they comfort me.

**<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;**

you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

**<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,**

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
my whole life long.

A Word of God, Word of life.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING**

Revelation 21: 1-5

A A reading from Revelation

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."

A Word of God, Word of life.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**(Please stand as you are able)**

## GOSPEL VERSE

*Congregation:*

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Optional Repeat*

## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

**(Please be seated)**

## SERMON

Pastor Ralph Supper

(Please stand as you are able)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Blessed Assurance

ELW 638

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!  
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;  
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:

this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.



## **APOSTLES' CREED**

A Let us profess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed

**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**

(After each petition concludes with "**Hear us, O God**", the congregation responds, "**your mercy is great**")

## **PEACE**

A The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

A I invite you to share the Peace of Christ with one another.

**(Please be seated)**

## **GIFTS OF OFFERING**

Shirley Murray

**(Please sign the red welcome roster and pass it on as a ritual of friendship. Then pass it back noting the names of those you're worshipping with today.)**

**(Please stand as you are able)**





Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

P Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come, come again.

**C** *Congregation:*

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en.  
 Christ will come, come a - gain.

Detailed description: This block contains two staves of musical notation. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Christ has died. Christ is ris - en.' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'Christ will come, come a - gain.' The music ends with a double bar line.

**P** Gather our prayers with those of the apostles, prophets, martyrs, and all the faithful who have gone before us, and unite them with the unceasing prayer of the One who lives in us and in whom we live, Jesus Christ.

*Congregation:*

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the  
 u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is  
 yours, O God, now and for ev - er.  
 A - men.

Detailed description: This block contains four staves of musical notation. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is'. The third staff continues with 'yours, O God, now and for ev - er.' The fourth staff concludes with 'A - men.' The music ends with a double bar line.

**P** Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:  
(*Abba is an intimate word used by Jesus to address his Father – as we might say, Daddy*)

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C** 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

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P** Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread. Our Lord's body let us take together.

(Please be seated)



### God's Word Is Our Great Heritage (2X)



God's word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for - ev - er;



to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief en - deav - or.



Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant while



time shall last your church may hold it fast through-out all gen - er - a - tions.

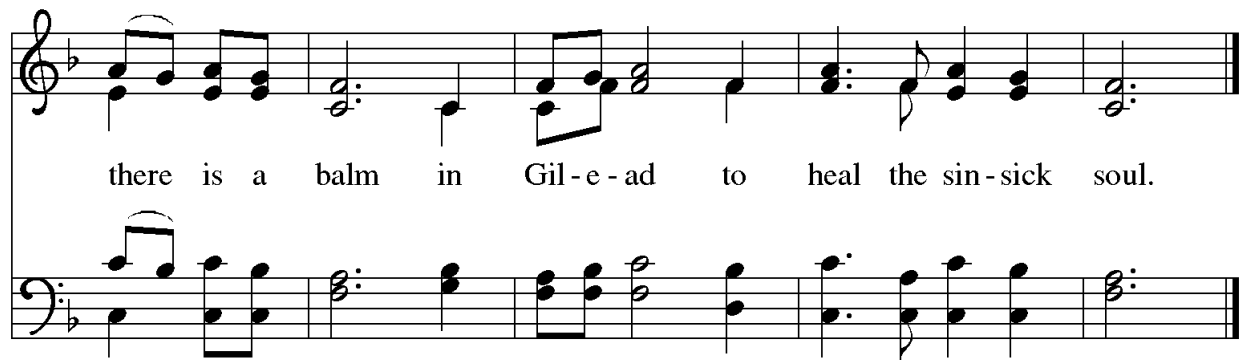
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Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1483–1546

# There Is a Balm in Gilead

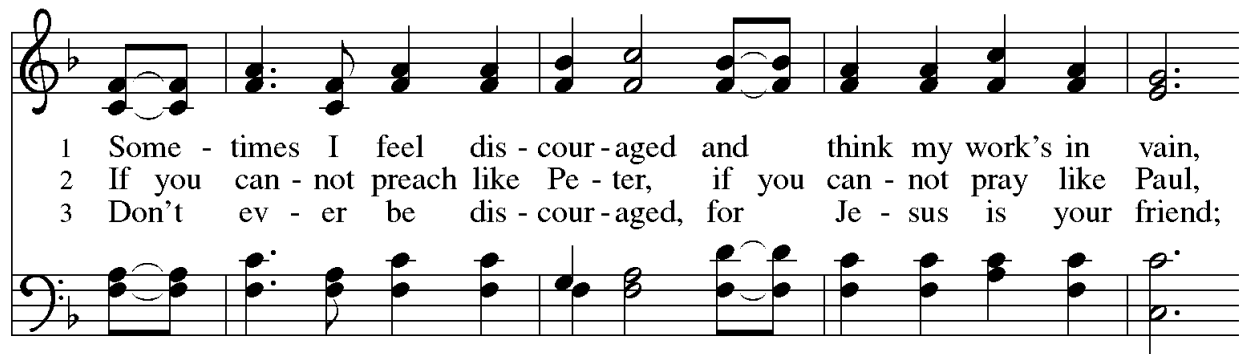
*Refrain*



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;



there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.



1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,  
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,  
3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

*Refrain*



but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.  
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."  
and if you lack for knowl - edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

(Please stand as you are able)

P May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood, strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C Amen

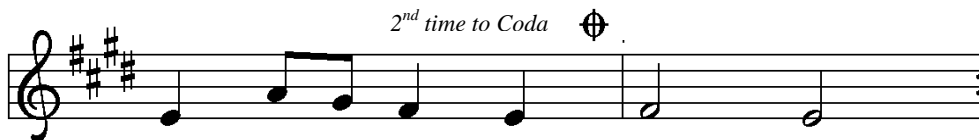
## Thanks Be To You



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -  
2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:  
ev - er! Truth and ius - tice you have taught us:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

⊕ Coda



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A Jesus Christ, host of this meal,

**C you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. Amen.**

## **SENDING OF RESURRECTION LAY COMMUNION MINISTERS**

A Eternal God, whose glory is revealed in the crucified and risen Lord, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with our sisters and brothers who are sick, homebound or imprisoned. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this communion in the body and blood of your Son, that we may all feast upon your abundant love made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

P God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C Amen**





RECESSIONAL HYMN

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

ELW 547



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,  
 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.  
 the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed  
 our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
 em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls  
 With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
 lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us  
 Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.  
 give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune

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## DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Sound the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

Shirley Murray

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## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

**Assisting Ministers:** Phil Loper/Jim Van Soest

**Lectors:** Linda Babcock/Warren Schwegel

**Communion:** Phil & Sally Loper, Sandy McShan/  
Jim Van Soest, Chuck & Sharon Kurdupski

**Altar Flowers:** Nancy Bohnsack

**Greeters:** Judy Des Jardin, Ellen Deutsche/  
Le & Marg Viksten

**Ushers:** Charlotte Humphries, David &  
Tamara Crocker/Gene Lakey, Mark & Monica  
Duerre

**Altar Guild:** Paula Marsh/Tanis Palmer

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**The altar flowers** this morning are given in gift by Nancy Bohnsack celebrating birthdays for Sydney and Sabrina.

## Helping Hands for October offers support for Koinonia Family Services and ELCA Global Mission programs.

During October, **duffel bags will be collected** for youth served by Koinonia Family Services. Koinonia Family Services, founded in 1982, is a state-licensed, non-profit public service organization. During its 35-year history, Koinonia's caring and compassionate staff and families have helped thousands of needy children begin a new life. Such a small item as a duffel bag for their belongings makes an impact in their lives. While many of us may have gently used pieces that might still do the job, for a foster child already experiencing incomprehensible rejection, Koinonia will only accept new duffels. Contact Nancy Fiorini at 916-989-6819 or 916-719-2787.

**Monetary donations** in October will be designated to ELCA Global Mission programs. Each year, more than 225 ELCA missionaries serve in more than 40 countries.

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## Readings for Next Sunday, October 22, 2017

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Text will be provided during the sermon.

## **COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK:**

### **Teresa of Ávila (Teresa de Jesús), teacher, renewer of the church, died 1582 Sunday, October 15, 2017**

A mystical writer and reformer of the monastic order (Carmelites) to which she belonged, Teresa may also be commemorated with John of the Cross on December 14. Latino Christians traditionally remember her on this date.

### **Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr, died around 115 Tuesday, October 17, 2017**

Ignatius was the second bishop of Antioch in Syria, the city where the name "Christians" originated. Ignatius is known to us from his letters, which encouraged Christians to live in love, yet stand firm in true doctrine.

### **Luke, Evangelist Wednesday, October 18, 2017**

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.

