

God bless you for the time you give, the  
work you do, and the care you offer.

REMEMBERING WITHOUT CEASING YOUR WORK OF FAITH, AND LABOUR OF LOVE.

1 Thessalonians 1:3

## St. Luke Lutheran Church Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost • August 16, 2020

**Prelude:** *"Our God is an Awesome God"* 3X

**Our God is an awesome God. He reigns from heaven above.  
With wisdom, power, and love. Our God is an awesome God**

**Confession and Forgiveness** *(please stand as you are able)*

*(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)*

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C: Amen.**

L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

L: Most merciful God,

**C: 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.**

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **C: Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn:** *(you may be seated)* #856 *"How Great Thou Art"*

**Verse 1:** O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder. Consider all the worlds thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

**Refrain:** Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee; How great thou art! How great thou art!  
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**Verse 2:** When through the woods and forest glades I wander, And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; [Refrain]

**Verse 3:** And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin; [Refrain]

**Verse 4:** When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, And there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" [Refrain]

**Greeting:** L: 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** L: Kyrie eleison    **C: Lord, have mercy.**  
L: Christe eleison    **C: Christ, have mercy.**  
L: Kyrie eleison    **C: Lord, have mercy.**

*“Glory to God”*

**Verse 1: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Refrain: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
glory to God glory to God & peace to God’s people on earth.**

**Verse 2: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. [Refrain]**

**Verse 3: For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. [Refrain]**

**Final: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
glory to God, glory to God & peace to God’s people on earth, and peace to God’s people on earth.**

**Prayer of the Day: God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Psalm 67** (Call and response)

**C: <sup>1</sup>May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God’s face shine upon us.**

L: <sup>2</sup>Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

**C: <sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

L: <sup>4</sup>Let the nations be glad & sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity & guide all the nations on earth.

**C: <sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

L: <sup>6</sup>The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.

**C: <sup>7</sup>May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.**

**Epistle Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32** [Paul writes:] <sup>1</sup>I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2a</sup>God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. <sup>29</sup>For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup>Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup>For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

**Gospel Acclamation: “Celtic Alleluia”** (Stand as you are able) **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. 2X**

L: The holy gospel according to...    **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28** (Please stand as you are able) <sup>2</sup>[<sup>10</sup>Jesus] called the crowd to him & said to them, “Listen and understand: <sup>11</sup>it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” <sup>12</sup>Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” <sup>13</sup>He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. <sup>14</sup>Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” <sup>15</sup>But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” <sup>16</sup>Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? <sup>17</sup>Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? <sup>18</sup>But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. <sup>19</sup>For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. <sup>20</sup>These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.” <sup>21</sup>Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” <sup>24</sup>He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help

me." <sup>26</sup>He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup>She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

L: The gospel of the Lord.     **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children's Message:** (*you may be seated*)

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day: #581 "You Are Mine"**

**Verse 1: I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear.  
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be still and know I am here.**

**Verse 2: I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see.  
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light. Come and rest in me.**

**Refrain: Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.**

**Verse 3: I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name. [Refrain]**

**Verse 4: I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give.  
I will call your name, embracing all your pain. Stand up, now walk and live! [Refrain]**

**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, & 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, & he will come to judge the living & 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, & the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Hymn: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" 3X**

**Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

**The Prayers:** (call and response)

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief silence.* Lord, you gather the church to be part of your mission as ambassadors of Jesus Christ. As Jesus acknowledged the great faith of a woman from outside his people, help your church discover and find blessing in the faith of people we might reject. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You have blessed us with the bounty of the earth. Grant your grace to all your creatures, that the earth will flourish. Relieve waters choked by garbage, renew soils stripped of nutrients, and refresh the air all creatures need to live. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You call the nations to be glad and sing for joy. Let your way be known among all the nations of the world, now divided by competing interests, contending alliances, and consumed by enormous worry. Bless us and make your face shine upon all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You show unexpected mercy, kindness, and generosity. We pray for those who do not have enough, for outcasts in our villages, cities, and town, and for those who need your healing, especially: Millie Bitzan, Brad Roschen, Zach Gravemann, Jim Howard, Nathlye Benrud, Kyle Poncelet, Nancy Nord, George Campbell, Kelly Rehder, Tom Diercks, Dean Kirkland, Marlene Roschen, Lloyd Roschen, Karl Thomforde & Finley Budensiek. Take their yoke upon you and ease their burdens. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In you we live and move and have our being. Grant our congregation, St. Luke Church, grace to find our life refreshed in you. Accompany us in the rhythms of late summer. Give us rest and renewal, and strengthen us for mission in your name. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your eternal promises are more than we could ever imagine. As you gather all the saints, join us also with them on the great day of your salvation. 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.**

**Sharing the Peace:** L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.

### Offering & Doxology

 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Offertory Prayer:** God our provider, we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: Amen.

### The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you C: And also with you  
L: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.  
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### Salutation

#### *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power & might, heav'n & earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. Amen, amen, amen.

### Words of Institution

**Lord's Prayer:** 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; & forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; & lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, & the power, and the glory, forever & ever. Amen.

#### *Lamb of God*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. 2X  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

**Communion Blessing and Communion Prayer:** God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, & in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior & Lord. C: Amen.

#### **Blessing** *(please stand as you are able)*

L: May 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. C: Amen.

#### **Sending Hymn:** #483 *"Here is Bread"*

**Verse 1:** Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, He is with us.  
Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.

**Refrain:** In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.  
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

**Verse 2:** Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Jesus here. [Refrain]

**Verse 3:** Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
We'll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified. [Refrain]

**Dismissal** L: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.  
C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

#### *"Go In Peace"* 3X written by Debbi St. John

Go In Peace And serve the Lord your God. Sow the seeds about the man of love.  
Go into the world and tell them One by one. Go tell them what Jesus has done