



St. Luke Lutheran Church

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost • August 30, 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: #798 *"Will You Come and Follow Me"*

**Verse 1: Will you come and follow me if I but call you name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**

**Verse 2: Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?**

**Verse 3: Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?**

**Verse 4: Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?**

**Verse 5: Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

**Prayer of the Day: O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world.
Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your
commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Psalm 26:1-8: (Call and response)

**C: ¹Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity; I have trusted in the Lord & have
not faltered.**

L: ²Test me, O Lord, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.

C: ³For your steadfast love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

L: ⁴I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.

C: ⁵I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.

L: ⁶I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, that I may go in procession round your altar,

C: ⁷singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

L: ⁸Lord, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.

Reading: Nehemiah 4:1-23 ¹Now when Sanballat heard that we were building the wall, he was angry and greatly enraged, and he mocked the Jews. ²He said in the presence of his associates and of the army of Samaria, "What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they restore things? Will they sacrifice? Will they finish it in a day? Will they revive the stones out of the heaps of rubbish – and burned ones at that?" ³Tobiah the Ammonite was beside him, and he said, "That stone wall they are building – any fox going up on it would break it down!" ⁴Hear, O our God, for we are despised; turn their taunt back on their own heads, and give them over as plunder in a land of captivity. ⁵Do not cover their guilt, and do not let their sin be blotted out from your sight; for they have hurled insults in the face of the builders. ⁶So we rebuilt the wall, and all the wall was joined together to half its height; for the people had a mind to work. ⁷But when Sanballat and Tobiah and the Arabs and the Ammonites and the Ashdodites heard that the repairing of the walls of Jerusalem was going forward and the gaps were beginning to be closed, they were very angry, ⁸and all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and to cause confusion in it. ⁹So we prayed to our God, and set a guard as a protection against them day and night. ¹⁰But Judah said, "The strength of the burden bearers is failing, and there is too much rubbish so that we are unable to work on the wall." ¹¹And our enemies said, "They will not know or see anything before we come upon them and kill them and stop the work." ¹²When the Jews who lived near them came, they said to us ten times, "From all the places where they live they will come up against us." ¹³So in the lowest parts of the space behind the wall, in open places, I stationed the people according to their families, with their swords, their spears, and their bows. ¹⁴After I looked these things over, I stood up and said to the nobles and the officials and the rest of the people, "Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your kin, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes." ¹⁵When our enemies heard that their plot was known to us, and that God had frustrated it, we all returned to the wall, each to his work. ¹⁶From that day on, half of my servants worked on construction, and half held the spears, shields, bows, and body-armor; and the leaders posted themselves behind the whole house of Judah, ¹⁷who were building the wall. The burden bearers carried their loads in such a way that each labored on the work with one hand and with the other held a weapon. ¹⁸And each of the builders had his sword strapped at his side while he built. The man who sounded the trumpet was beside me. ¹⁹And I said to the nobles, the officials, and the rest of the people, "The work is great and widely spread out, and we are separated far from one another on the wall. ²⁰Rally to us wherever you hear the sound of the trumpet. Our God will fight for us." ²¹So we labored at the work, and half of them held the spears from break of dawn until the stars came out. ²²I also said to the people at that time, "Let every man and his servant pass the night inside Jerusalem, so that they may be a guard for us by night and may labor by day." ²³So neither I nor my brothers nor my servants nor the men of the guard who followed me ever took off our clothes; each kept his weapon in his right hand.

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: John 14:1-7 (*Please stand as you are able*)

¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

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

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

Gospel Reflection

Hymn of the Day: “*Day By Day*” 3X

Day by Day, Day by Day. Oh, Dear Lord, three things I pray,
To see thee more clearly, Love thee more dearly, Follow thee more nearly, Day by Day.

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.

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.* God of faithfulness, you bid your people to follow Jesus. Set the mind of your church on divine things. Grant us trust in you, that we lose our lives for the sake of Christ and thereby discover joy in life through him. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of wonder, the earth is yours and all that is in it. Heal your creation and give us eyes to see the world as you do. As the seasons change, pattern the rhythm of our lives in harmony with all creation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all nations, you call us to live peaceably with all. Give us ears to hear one another, even those we name as enemies. Fill all leaders with mercy and understanding, that they advocate and genuinely care for those who are poor and most vulnerable in their communities. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of salvation, you promise to deliver us. Give those who suffer a strong sense of your presence and love. Accompany those who are uncertain, raise the spirits of those who are despairing, and heal the sick especially; Autumn Mancilman & family, 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.**


God of community, you call us to rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, and persevere in prayer. Make our congregation a workshop of your love. When we quarrel, bring reconciliation. Help us overcome evil with good. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all grace, you give us everlasting life. In love we recall your holy ones who now live in your undying light. In our remembering, give us a foretaste of the feast to come. 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.**

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.

Sending Hymn: #612 *"Healer of Our Every Ill"*

Refrain: Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

Verse 1: You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. [Refrain]

Verse 2: In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. [Refrain]

Verse 3: Give us strength to love each other, every sister, every brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. [Refrain]

Verse 4: You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. [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**

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Important Announcements

Worship Addition and Time Changes: Starting Sunday, September 6th (Pastor Eric Hanson's first day) we will start having two services each Sunday. A traditional service from **8:00-9:00AM** at St. Luke Lutheran Church and a more contemporary service from **9:45-10:30AM** (weather permitting) on the Goodhue High School Football Field. Communion will be at both services. We will NOT be using the bleachers on the field, so bring a chair that will not poke holes in the football field or a blanket to sit on. We will have use of the sound system on the field. You may park in the school parking lot or by the Goodhue pool. Those who have difficulty walking can park in the grass next to the field. We will be maintaining social distancing for both services. Masks are required inside St. Luke Church and are encouraged on the football field.

Sunday School Info: Sunday school will start on Sunday, September 13th from **9:00-9:30AM** on the Goodhue High School Football Field for those who feel comfortable. We'll have flags set up to keep everyone in small group settings. Parents are asked to stay and help out each Sunday. Masks are encouraged. For those not attending in-person Sunday school there will be online prerecorded family style Sunday school shared by 8:00AM on Facebook each Sunday morning. Sunday school is for 3yr old preschoolers through 6th graders.

Blessing of the Backpacks and Bible Sunday: Sunday school children are asked to bring their backpacks to 9:45AM worship on September 13th at the football field for a "Blessing of the Backpacks". 3yr old preschoolers, 3rd graders and 7th graders will be receiving Bibles that Sunday also. These will have their names printed on the inside and can be picked up on tables as you arrive for 9:45AM worship on the field that morning.

New Office Email Address: Please delete the old St. Luke office email address and save this one!
office@stlukegoodhue.org If you are not receiving emails weekly please check your junk/spam folder and mark your messages as not junk/spam to prevent future issues.