



## St. Luke Lutheran Church Tenth Sunday after Pentecost • August 9, 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)* #759 "My Faith Looks Up To Thee"

**Verse 1: My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine: now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, O let me from this day be wholly thine.**

**Verse 2: May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire.**

**Verse 3: While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.**

**Verse 4: When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll, blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove; O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul.**

**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*      **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.**

**Prayer of the Day:** O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Psalm 85:8-13** (Call and response)

**C:** <sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the Lord God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people & to those who turn their hearts to you.

**L:** <sup>9</sup>Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.

**C:** <sup>10</sup>Steadfast love & faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**L:** <sup>11</sup>Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

**C:** <sup>12</sup>The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

**L:** <sup>13</sup>Righteousness shall go before the Lord and shall prepare for God a pathway.

**Epistle Reading: Romans 10:5-15**      <sup>5</sup>Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>"or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." <sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

**Gospel Acclamation**    *Celtic Alleluia*    (Please 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 14:22-33** (Please stand as you are able)      <sup>22</sup>[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." <sup>28</sup>Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup>He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

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

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day: #773 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"**

**Verse 1:** Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

**Verse 2:** When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, when my life is almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

**Verse 3: When the darkness appears and the night draws near, and the day is past and gone,  
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

### **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.**

### **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.* For your whole church throughout the world. Give courage in the midst of storms, so that we see and hear Jesus calling: "Take heart, it is I: do not be afraid." May we follow Christ wherever he leads. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the well-being of your creation. Protect waterways, forests, lands, and wildlife from exploitation and abuse. Help the human family endeavor to sustain and be sustained by the resources of your hand. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the nations and their leaders. In you, steadfast love and faithfulness meet, and righteousness and peace kiss. May nations in conflict know the peace that is the fruit of justice, and the justice that is the path to peace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those in need. Everyone who calls upon your name will be saved. Accompany all who are lonely, hear the voices of those who cry out in anguish, and support those who are frustrated in their search for an affordable place to live. We pray for those suffering this day, 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 and the family of Harlin Reese on the passing of his son, Robert Reese. Take their yoke upon you and ease their burdens. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**


For our congregation. You have gathered us here today as your people and we thank you for this gift. We pray for those who are new to this community, for students and teachers preparing for a new school year, and for those struggling with unexpected hardship. Supply us generously with your grace for our life together. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks, O God, for the saints of the whole church from all times & places, & for the saints in our lives & in our community whom you have gathered to yourself. 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.

## 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.

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, and 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 and 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:** #785 *"When Peace Like A River"*

**Verse 1:** When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."

**Refrain:** It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

**Verse 2:** Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control:  
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul. [Refrain]

**Verse 3:** My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! my sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more; praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! [Refrain]

**Verse 4:** O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend; even so, it is well with my soul. [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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**Congratulations to Roger and Kay Kurtti on their 60 wedding anniversary, August 20th! Come celebrate with them at an open house at the Lions Building TODAY, August 9 from 2-4PM.**

**Join us for a picnic to celebrate and give thanks to Pastor Kris for his time here at St. Luke!**

**Date: Thursday, August 13th from 5:30-7:00pm at Zion Church.**

**Food and drink will be provided. Please bring your own chair or a blanket to sit on.**

**Thank you to everyone who came to the congregational meeting, showed up on Zoom, and sent their love and support from afar. It is with great joy and excitement we can announce that we had over 60 people in attendance, and the vote was unanimous! We officially have a new Pastor!!!!**