

Vs 1: What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Vs 2: Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer! Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Vs 3: Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge - take it to the Lord in prayer! Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

Offertory Response: *"Give Thanks"*

Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One.

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong".

Let the poor say, "I am rich Because of what the Lord has done for us". Give thanks.

Offering Prayer: P: Let us pray.

C: God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Apostles' Creed: *(please stand as you are able)*

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven & 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 into hell. 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 that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation. *A brief silence.* God of grace and faith, your faithfulness is never-ending, and your righteousness becomes ours through Christ Jesus. Send the church to proclaim the gospel both near and far, in church buildings and on street corners, in person and through digital means. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of sky and sea, the plants, animals, mountains, and plains proclaim your glory. Prosper the work of ecologists as they teach us new ways to care for the environment. Bring relief to areas recovering from natural disasters. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of peace and justice, you call us to live as your beloved community throughout the world. Instill in local, regional, national, and global political and civic leaders a desire to work for the well-being of all people. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of care and compassion, you bring assurance when we are afraid. Bring calm to any who are anxious or fearful. Bless the work of therapists, nurses, and other health care providers. Comfort all who grieve and soothe any who are sick especially; Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Judy Carpenter, Larry Reese, Jan Benidt, Dave (Pud) Gnotke, Jen Berg, Marilyn O'Brien, Shawn Frederixon, Neil Stehr, & Dave Ryan. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of wonder, you accompany us in both joys and sorrows. We pray for children and teachers preparing for a new school year. Make your presence known in our work and play, in lively conversation and in quiet rest. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of new life, you send people to renew both church and society. We give you thanks for their lives of faithful service as examples of following your call. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

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

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; 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.**

Blessing: P: The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed + bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. C: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: *"You Shall Go Out With Joy" 3X*

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills will break forth before you; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands. And all the trees of the field will clap their hands; the trees of the field will clap their hands; the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.

Dismissal: P: Go in peace. Share the harvest. C: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

St. Luke Announcements

New to St. Luke? Welcome! We're glad you're here! St. Luke is a church of hope and help and we welcome all.

Interested in membership or learning more about St. Luke?

Fill out our Connect Card (located under the pews) and put it in the offering plate

or contact Pastor Eric directly by email: anspachh2002@gmail.com

or our office email: office@stlukegoodhue.org

Youth & Families

Zion Summer Worship Services: Our Thursday evening Zion worship services take place every Thursday night at 7pm at Zion. 18910 360th St. Goodhue. Come and hear what God's Word has to say about important topics in the 21st century.

Pastor Vacation: Eric will be on vacation August 10-19th. Pastor Nikki Rockne will be covering emergencies while Pastor Eric is away. Her contact number: 507-398-7710.

Pictorial Directories: Our new pictorial directories are available for purchase for \$12 a piece. Stop by the office during the week or Sunday after worship. Checks can be written out to St. Luke Church with "directory" in the memo line of your check.

Mandatory Confirmation Parents Meeting: The 2023/24 confirmation year approaches. 7th and 8th grade confirmation parents, please mark your calendars to meet with Pr. Eric after worship on Sunday, August 20th in the basement to learn about the upcoming confirmation year and how both students and parents are invited to engage together during the year. An email with details and sign-up links was emailed to you.

All Congregation Edu-Worship/Confirmation Start: Edu-Worship/Confirmation will start on Sept. 13th. with a pizza dinner served to confirmation students each Wednesday (unless noted) at 5:30pm before 6:45pm Edu-Worship. All are welcome to join us for Edu-Worship every Wednesday (unless noted) at 6:45pm.

Sunday School Teachers Needed: We are excitedly gearing up for another year of Sunday school, and we are seeking ministry partners to help disciple, teach, and encourage our children. Each week there will be a key Bible verse, Scripture reading, discussion questions, prayer, and a short video that goes along with the Bible story. After the lesson, the kids will have an opportunity to use their creativity and legos to build a scene from the Bible story. This part is always a lot of fun! If you are interested in serving as a Sunday school teacher, please email Nicole.c.hinsch@gmail.com

Rally Sunday at St. Luke! On Sunday, September 10th, Rally Sunday will look a bit differently at St. Luke this year. We'll have a sunrise worship service at 7am at St. Luke. Then, at 8:30am we'll gather at Rosie Park (410 N 4th St, Goodhue) for a Rally Sunday potluck breakfast, followed by a second worship service at 9:30am in the park (weather permitting). At the 9:30 Rosie Park service we'll kick off the Sunday school year & have a Blessing of the Backpacks for all those starting the school year, so don't forget your backpacks! Also bring a blanket or a lawn chair if you're worshipping with us at the park. (We'll have a Backpack Blessing at both services on this day.) After outdoor worship we'll gather in the park with Sunday school teachers and students so they can meet, enjoy games, and fellowship together. This is an all family event! Join us and bring a friend!

School Supply Drive: We are again having a school supply drive for school supplies and winter gear. Donation boxes are located by the front and back exits of the church. The Goodhue school will take any donations, but are especially in need of: markers, notebooks, winter hats, waterproof gloves, gloves, boots, & snow pants.

SWAG 9-12th Graders: SWAG group will begin on Wednesday evenings starting on September 13th from 7:30-8:30pm, with an optional meal at 6:45pm.

Bible Sunday: On September 17th our incoming 3yr old PreK, 3rd, & 7th graders will be receiving Bibles during worship. Save the date!

Acolyte training - 5th Graders: Acolyte training for 5th graders and their families will be after worship on September 24th. At least one parent required to attend.

St. Luke Lutheran Church, Goodhue, is hiring! Part-time Faith Formation Facilitator Position: Do you love working with children, youth, and families? Do get energized when kids, teens, and families come together in faith, relationship, and service? Do you enjoy working with great teams toward common goals? If so, this part-time position may be for you! St. Luke Lutheran Church in Goodhue is looking for a part-time Faith Formation Facilitator who will work with staff in leading our Sunday school through high school youth ministries. Interested? Please contact St. Luke Lutheran Church by phone at 651-923-4695 or email at office@stlukegoodhue.org and tell us you're interested. For the full job description please visit our website at www.stlukegoodhue.org or scan the QR code. HOW TO OFFICIALLY APPLY? Please send a resume and cover letter to St. Luke Lutheran Church at office@stlukegoodhue.org or drop off/send by mail to St. Luke Lutheran Church, PO Box 276, 308 1st Ave, Goodhue, MN 55027.



Connect

Combined fun for women and children! All women & their children are invited to join us on Aug. 19th from 8:30-9:45am at St. Luke Church. We'll have Women's Bible Study upstairs & Pray N Play Group downstairs. There will be 6th-8th grade girls proving child care for your children with toys, activities, & refreshments served while they play. Women can enjoy refreshments & fellowship together during Bible Study.

St. Luke Tuesday Night Men's Bible Study: Starting Tuesday night, September 12th, at 7pm, St. Luke men are welcome to join our new Men's Bible study. We'll pray together, share life together, apply Biblical truths to daily living, and support each other. We'll gather every Tuesday evening from Sept. 12th onward at 7pm for this study. Join us!

ABC Bible Study (Adult Bible study Community!): All are welcome to join us for ABC Bible study, which will now meet throughout the summer. Same time (8:30-9:15am Sunday mornings), & same place (church narthex). This Bible study is a great way for adults to grow in faith and life together! ***We will NOT meet Sun, Aug. 20th.**

Thursday Outdoor Bible Study: Join us for Zion Bible study at 5:45PM every Thursday focusing on the Zion sermon topic of the week before the 7PM service. Bring your lawn chair and Bible. Zion Church: 18910 360th St. Goodhue. Let's grow in His word! Our last study will be on August 24th.

Support Group: Every Sunday night from 6-8pm at The Third Place 221 N. 2nd St, Goodhue. To provide support and encouragement to those who have experienced loss or grief caused by but not limited to death, divorce, broken relationship, miscarriage, loss of health, non-death loss of child or family member, loss of security/safety such as assault or rape to name a few. All are welcome to attend. Join at anytime. Weekly attendance is encouraged but not required. Questions contact Howard by email: hstenerson@outlook.com or text: 651-380-9346

GriefShare, a Christian grief support group, will be starting a new session beginning Monday, Sept. 11th from 6:30-8:00pm at First Covenant Church in Red Wing. Registration is appreciated so that an adequate supply of workbooks is available. Register online at griefshare.org (find a group) or call Susan at 651-380-9362.

Serve

Christian Care Team: Please send us your prayer requests through phone call, email, in-person, or our prayer request box located in the narthex of church. Our team: Susie Matthees, Sharon Pagel, Courtney Meyer, Jessica Brinkman, Kristin Diercks, Jennifer Rehder, Sheila Pasch, Sue Majerus, Christie Hanson, and Jacki Ebner. Email: careteam@stlukegoodhue.org Ph: 651-923-4695. Our next meeting is at 6pm on August 14th at Susie Matthees home.

Food Shelf Donations: Please bring any donations of non-perishable foods or basic necessities at any time. Cash donations are welcome and can be placed in the offering plate during worship. A collection box is located near the back door of St. Luke's. Thank you!

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Sunday Worship: 9:30AM · Thursday Zion Worship 7:00PM

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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost St. Luke Lutheran Church • Guest Speaker Susie Matthees 9:30AM • August 13, 2023

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting: *(please stand as you are able)*

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God. **C: Come Holy Spirit, Come!**

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: We confess our sins together, in the name of the Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: God of all Mercy, come to our aid. When we hide brokenness and only show you wholeness, forgive us. When we cover shame and guilt with pride and pretense, forgive us. When we point out the speck in our neighbor's eye but ignore the log in our own eye, forgive us. When we choose old, harmful ways of living over new, life-giving ways, forgive us. Transform us by the power of your Spirit, Lord God, and make us New.

P: Children of God, God loved us even when we were dead in sin, and makes us new through Jesus Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Live as people set free. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: "Jesus Name Above All Names"

**Vs. 1: Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, Living Word.**

**Vs. 2: Jesus, loving Shepherd, Vine of the branches, Son of God.
Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor, Lord of the universe, Light of the world.**

**Vs. 3: Jesus, way of salvation King of Kings, Lord of Lords.
The Way, the truth, and the life Mighty Creator, My Savior and Friend.**

Prayer of the Day: *(you may be seated)* **P:** Let us pray.

C: 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.

The Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:3-11

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort. For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again. You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon: *Susie Matthees (you may be seated)*

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Hymn of the Day: "What a Friend We Have In Jesus" #742

Offerings will be collected during the hymn of the day. Thank you also to those who give online. If you'd like to sign up for online giving please visit www.stlukegoodhue.org/online-giving. Children's coin offering will go toward ELCA Good Gifts serving communities in need around the world at the end of the Sunday School year.