

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson
8:30AM • August 22, 2021

Prelude *Pianist, Debbi St. John*

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, & 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: "Here I Am To Worship"

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness, Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You, Hope of a life spent with You.

Here I am to worship; Here I am to bow down; Here I am to say that You're my God.
And You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh, so highly exalted, Glorious in heaven above, Humbly You came
To the earth You created, All for love's sake became poor.

Here I am to worship; Here I am to bow down; Here I am to say that You're my God.
And You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me.
Here I am to worship; Here I am to worship.

Prayer of the Day: P: Let us pray.

C: Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false & evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior & Lord. Amen.

First Reading - Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 ¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ^{2a}And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." ¹⁶Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

Gospel Acclamation: "Hallelujah" *theme song from Shrek* *(Stand as you are able)*

Refrain: Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Gospel Reading: John 6:56-69 [Jesus said,] ⁵⁶“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. ⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.” ⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

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

Children’s Message

Sermon Pastor Eric Hanson

Hymn of the Day: “Thy Word Is A Lamp Unto My Feet”

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**Refrain: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and light unto my path.**

**Vs 1: When I feel afraid, and I think I’ve lost my way, still You’re there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear as long as You are near. Please be near me to the end. [Refrain]**

**Vs 2: I will not forget your love for me, and yet my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side; I will love You to the end. [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.

The Prayers: (call and response)

Made children and heirs of God’s promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence.* God of courage, bless all leaders of your church. Make them ready to proclaim the gospel of peace and strengthen them to preach your loving word. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, bless fields and orchards. Protect the land from drought and bring life-giving rain to support growth. Instruct your people in wise treatment of the world you have provided for all your creatures. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of community, bless all who seek justice between nations and peoples. Give guidance to bridge-builders, heal divisions, and inspire cooperation in times of crisis, disaster, and war. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of hope, we pray for all soldiers sent to Afghanistan this past week. We pray for the success of their mission and for protection over their bodies, hearts, and spirits especially; Garret & Jess Huemann and Shea Mollenhauer. Be with family members waiting for their return. Give endurance to troubled hearts, and peace to anxious minds. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our Prayer.**

God of compassion, tend to the wounded. Rescue those tormented by mental illness or mired in addiction. Ease the anxiety of those struggling with dementia. Come quickly to help all who are grieving, all those who suffer especially; Gabriel Ryan, Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Dean Kirkland, Finley Budensiek, Connie Ludwig, Joe Melson, Sara Nolte, Mark Jacobson and Pat Ferkin. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of change, bless our transitions. Guide all who are embarking on new stages in life such as a new job, new school, or new community. Sustain enduring friendships and kindle new relationships and interests. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only 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.

Ushers bring offering forward.

Offertory Prayer & Doxology: *"Come To Me, O Weary Traveler"*

Vs 1: Come to me, O weary trav'ler; come to me with your distress;
come to me, you heavy burdened; come to me and find you rest.

Vs. 3: Take my yoke and leave your troubles; take my yoke and come with me.
Take my yoke, I am beside you; take and learn humility.

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 & praise.

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; 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.

The Meal & Hymn: *"Come, Let Us Eat"* #491

Vs. 1: Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread, come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
Our Lord's body let us take together, our Lord's body let us take together.

Vs. 2: Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together, Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.

Vs 3: In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest. in Jesus' presence now we meet and rest.
In the presence of our Lord we gather, in the presence of our Lord we gather.

Vs 4: Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word, rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word.
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom, Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

Communion Prayer: P: O God,

C: We give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing: *(Please stand as you are able.)*

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. Amen.

Sending: *"You Are My All In All"*

Vs. 1: You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treasure that I seek. You are my all in all
Seeking You as a precious jew'l, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool. You are my all in all

Chorus: Jesus Lamb of God, worthy is Your name! Jesus Lamb of God, worthy is Your name

Vs. 2: Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, Rising again I bless your name; You are my all in all
When I fall down, you pick me up; When I am dry, You fill my cup; You are my all in all. [Chorus]

Dismissal: L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

*Thank you Katie Schafer, Ruby Schafer, Haley Gravemann, Grace Ludwig, Taylee Strusz
and Torrie Luhman for leading our music this morning!*

