

tried to pull, and how Balaam son of Beor turned the tables on him. Remember all those stories about Shittim and Gilgal. Keep all God's salvation stories fresh and present." 6-7 How can I stand up before God and show proper respect to the high God? Should I bring an armload of offerings topped off with yearling calves? Would God be impressed with thousands of rams, with buckets and barrels of olive oil? Would he be moved if I sacrificed my firstborn child, my precious baby, to cancel my sin? 8 But he's already made it plain how to live, what to do, what God is looking for in men and women. It's quite simple: Do what is fair and just to your neighbor, be compassionate and loyal in your love, And to walk humbly with your God.

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

Children's Message: *Pastor Eric Hanson*

Hymn: *"For The Beauty Of The Earth"* #879

**Vs 1: For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:**

Refrain: Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

**Vs 2: For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light: Refrain**

**Vs 3: For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: Refrain**

**Vs 4: For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild: Refrain**

**Vs 5: For each perfect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n; for thyself,
best gift divine, to our world so freely giv'n: Refrain**

Sermon: *Pastor Eric Hanson*

Hymn of the Day & Offering: *(you may be seated) "To Be Your Presence"* #546

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 <http://www.stlukegoodhue.org/online-giving.html>. Children's coin offering will go toward ELCA Good Gifts serving communities in need around the world.

**Vs 1: To be your presence is our mission here, to show compassion's face and list'ning ear,
to be your heart of mercy ever near, alleluia!**

**Vs 2: To be your presence is our mission bold, to feed the poor and shelter homeless cold,
to be your hands of justice, right uphold, alleluia!**

**Vs 3: To be your presence is our mission blest, to speak for all the broken and oppressed,
to be your voice of hope, your love expressed, alleluia!**

**Vs 4: We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your people is our call and choice,
and in this mission we, the church, rejoice, alleluia!**

Offertory Response: *"You Are Holy"* 2X

**Chorus: You are holy oh so holy. You are holy Lord of all.
You are holy oh so holy. You are holy Lord of all.**

Offertory Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

C: Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.

Statement Of Faith Hymn: *"What a Friend We Have In Jesus"* #742

**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.

The Prayers: *(call and response)*

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence.* Cultivate humility in your church. In gatherings of every size, teach us to boast only in the cross. Shape your church to be people of kindness, generosity, and justice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

The foundations of the earth bear witness to your faithfulness; the mountains and hills echo with your holiness. When we mistreat your creation, show us the error of our ways. Inspire us with reverent awe to honor all you have made. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You make foolish the wisdom of the world. Raise up honorable leaders who seek justice, love mercy, and pursue peace. Frustrate plans that are corrupt, wicked, and self-seeking. Prosper the work of peacemakers. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Bless all whom the world rejects. Accompany those who are regarded as foolish, weak, low, and despised; reveal your power and presence at work where it is least expected. Give your life, strength, and wisdom to all in need, especially we pray for Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Sara Nolte, Judy Carpenter, Nancy Nord, Larry Reese, Jan Benidt, Dave (Pud) Gnotke, Jen Berg, Marilyn O'Brien, Kellie Peterson, Rich Majerus, Naomi Berland, and Kay Kurtti. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

As with your people Israel, remind this congregation of your saving acts. Remind us how your faithfulness brought us through difficulties and sustained us despite our weaknesses. Establish the cross as the center of our life together. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Praise to you for your blessed saints in every time and place. Trusting you accompanied them in poverty, persecution, and in every trial, we trust you abide with your people always. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. **Amen.**

Hymn: *"Kumbaya my Lord"*

**Vs 1: Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya
Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya Oh Lord, kumbaya**

**Vs 2: Someone's singing Lord, kumbaya Someone's singing Lord, kumbaya
Someone's singing Lord, kumbaya Oh Lord, kumbayah**

**Vs 3: Someone's laughing, Lord, kumbaya Someone's laughing, Lord, kumbaya
Someone's laughing, Lord, kumbaya Oh Lord, kumbaya**

**Vs 4: Someone's crying, Lord, kumbaya Someone's crying, Lord, kumbaya
Someone's crying, Lord, kumbaya Oh Lord, kumbaya**

**Vs 5: Someone's praying, Lord, kumbaya Someone's praying, Lord, kumbaya
Someone's praying, Lord, kumbaya Oh Lord, kumbaya**

**Vs 6: Someone's sleeping, Lord, kumbaya Someone's sleeping, Lord, kumbaya
Someone's sleeping, Lord, kumbaya Oh Lord, kumbaya Oh Lord, kumbaya**

Sharing the Peace:

P: The peace of Christ be with you always,

C: And also with you.

The Great Thanksgiving:

P: The Lord be with you **C: And also with you**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give Him thanks & praise.**

The 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.

Meal and Hymns:

All are welcome at this meal. We believe in the saving power of Jesus Christ through the gift of his life, death, and resurrection experienced in bread and wine.

Please move forward via the center aisle. Bread is received in the hands. Wine is received by dipping the bread into the wine chalice and consuming both together. All ages are welcome to commune. Those not communing may receive a blessing by simply keeping your hands folded or extending your arms over your chest in the sign of a cross inviting blessing. For those unable to consume either wine or bread, communion is received fully in either element alone, for Christ is fully present in the meal. You may return to your seats via the side aisles after communing. Gluten-free is available, simply make the server aware of your need. Also, if you cannot come forward, but wish for communion or blessing, let the usher know it will come to you at the end.

“Old Rugged Cross”

Vs 1: On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest & best for a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.

Vs 2: O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above to bear it to dark Calvary. [Refrain]

Vs 3: In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, a wondrous beauty I see,
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died, to pardon and sanctify me. [Refrain]

Vs 4: To that old rugged cross I will ever be true, its shame and reproach gladly bear;
then he'll call me some day to my home far away, where his glory forever I'll share. [Refrain]

“As The Grains Of Wheat” #465

Refrain: As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

Vs 1: As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst, may we share the presence of your love. [Refrain]

Vs 2: Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when all creation shares this feast with love. [Refrain]

Communion Prayer: (please stand as you are able)

P: Let us pray together.

C: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. Amen.

The Blessing:

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod + bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always. Amen.

Sending Hymn: “How Great Thou Art” #415

Vs 1: O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder Consider all the works Thy hands have made
I see the stars I hear the mighty thunder Thy pow'r thru'out The universe displayed

Chorus: Then sings my soul My Savior God to Thee How great Thou art How great Thou art
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Vs 2: When through the woods & forest glades I wander I hear the birds Sing sweetly in the trees When
I look down From lofty mountain grandeur & hear the brook & feel the gentle breeze [chorus]

Vs 3: But 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 [chorus]

Vs 4: When Christ shall come With shout of acclamation & 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 [chorus]

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God!

Hymn Sing Sunday Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson
9:30AM • January 29, 2023

Prelude: “This Is The Place” sung by the choir

Welcome & 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: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever. Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

(Silence is kept for reflection.) Holy One, source of our renewal,

C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Thus says our God: “The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare.” God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of + Christ our Savior. Amen.

Gathering Hymn: “Shine, Jesus Shine” #671

Refrain: Shine Jesus shine, Fill this land, With the Father's glory, Blaze Spirit blaze, Set our hearts on fire,
flow river flow, Flood the nations, With grace & mercy, Send forth Your word Lord, & let there be light.

Vs 1: Lord the light of Your love is shining. In the midst of the darkness shining. Jesus Light of the world
shine upon us. Set us free by the truth You now bring us. Shine on me shine on me. [refrain]

Vs 2: As we gaze on Your kingly brightness. So our faces display Your likeness. Ever changing from
glory to glory. Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story. Shine on me shine on me. [refrain]

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray together

C: Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart.
Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Hymn Of Praise: “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.

Reading: Micah 6:1-8 ¹⁻²Listen now, listen to God: “Take your stand in court. If you have a complaint, tell the mountains; make your case to the hills. And now, Mountains, hear God's case; listen, Jury Earth— For I am bringing charges against my people. I am building a case against Israel. ³⁻⁵“Dear people, how have I done you wrong? Have I burdened you, worn you out? Answer! I delivered you from a bad life in Egypt; I paid a good price to get you out of slavery. I sent Moses to lead you — and Aaron and Miriam to boot! Remember what Balak king of Moab