

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson
8:30AM • July 25, 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 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: Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading - 2 Kings 4:42-44 ¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. ²Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. ⁵The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Gospel Acclamation: “*Thy Word*” (Stand as you are able)

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.

Gospel Reading: John 6:1-15 ¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ⁹“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” ¹⁰Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.” ¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

P: This is the Word of our Lord,

C: Thanks be to God.

Children’s Message

Message *Nicole Hinsch*

Hymn of the Day: “Praise and Thanksgiving” #689

Offering plates are passed during the Hymn of the Day. Thank you to those who give through Online Giving. To sign up for online giving, please visit our website at <http://www.stlukegoodhue.org/index.html> and click the Online Giving button. St. Luke thanks you for your gifts.

**Vs. 1: Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer for all things living, you have made good:
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard, hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.**

**Vs. 2: God, bless the labor we bring to serve you, that with our neighbor we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you, harvesting, milling for daily bread.**

**Vs 3: Father, providing food for your children, by Wisdom’s guiding teach us to share
one with another, so that, rejoicing with us, all others may know your care.**

**Vs 4: Then will your blessing reach ev’ry people, freely confessing your gracious hand.
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger; your love sustaining showers the land.**

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)

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation. *A brief silence.* We pray for the church. Bless the ministries of our neighboring congregations. Empower churches throughout the world and encourage missionaries who accompany global neighbors. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration, that all people may know your loving works. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for creation. Send rain to lands experiencing drought and come to the aid of those enduring sweltering heat. Nurture wheat and barley crops grown for the nourishment of your people and conserve aquatic habitats and fish populations. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those who govern. Cast out arrogance, selfishness, and corruption and instruct those who lead to practice compassion and humility. Inspire them with a vision of the common good and a commitment to ensure that all who hunger are fed. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those bowed down by heavy burdens: those who are unemployed or underemployed, those unable to find affordable housing, and those without health insurance. Console those who grieve and hear the cries of those who call to you for healing especially; Gabriel Ryan, Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Dean Kirkland, Finley Budensiek, Sue Majerus, Connie Ludwig, Joe Melson, Sara Nolte, Mark Jacobson, Doug & Charlotte Hindal and Pat Ferkin. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for this assembly. Deepen our resolve to use what we have to serve those in need. When we worry that we do not have enough resources for ministry, assure us of your abundance. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for those who have died. As you sustained them through all their days, so dwell in our hearts, that we may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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; 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.

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.**

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: "Let All Things Now Living" #881

**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving; To God the creator triumphantly raise.
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us, A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished; As forward we travel from light into light.**

**God rules all the forces, the stars in their courses; And sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; With glad adoration a Song let us raise
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: "To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!"**

Dismissal: L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

St. Luke Lutheran Church · 308 First Ave. PO Box 276 Goodhue, MN 55027
Pastor Eric Hanson · Cell: 612-834-2149 · E: anspachh2002@gmail.com
www.stlukegoodhue.org · P: 651-923-4695 · E: office@stlukegoodhue.org · FB: [@stlukegoodhue](https://www.facebook.com/stlukegoodhue)
Christian Care Team: careteam@stlukegoodhue.org
Organist: Debbi St. John · Treasurer: Sara Nolte · Secretary: Tara Marklevits
Faith Formation Facilitator: Michelle Matthees · Custodian: Morgan Rehder

