



St. Luke Lutheran Church Fifth Sunday after Pentecost • July 5, 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)* #888 "America the Beautiful"

**Verse 1: O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain;
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.**

**Verse 2: O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine, till all success be nobleness, & every gain divine.**

**Verse 3: O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.**

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: You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Psalm 145:8-14 (Call and response)

C: ⁸The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

L: ⁹Lord, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.

C: ¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O Lord, and your faithful ones shall bless you.

L: ¹¹They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,

C: ¹²that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

L: ¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages. You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.

C: ¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

Epistle Lesson: Romans 7:15-25a ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?
^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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 11:16-19, 25-30 (Please stand as you are able) [Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶"To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ¹⁷'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' ¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." ²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

Children's Message: (you may be seated)

Sermon

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

Verse 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!

Verse 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!

Verse 3: Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with 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.

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)

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.
A brief silence. We pray for the church. Sustain us as we share your word. Embrace us as we struggle to find
our common ground. Lift up leaders with powerful and prophetic voices. Free us from stagnant faith. Hear us,
O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the well-being of creation. Protect the air, water, & land from abuse and pollution. Free us
from apathy in our care of creation & direct us toward sustainable living. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the nations (especially the United States and Canada, celebrating their nationhood). Guide
leaders in developing just policies and guide difficult conversations. Free us from patriotism that hinders rela-
tionship-building. Lead us to expansive love for our neighbor. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all in need. For all who are tired, feeling despair, sick, or oppressed, especially: Nathlye
Benrud, Kyle Poncelet, Micah Huneke, Maureen Lodermeier, Nancy Nord, George Campbell, Kelly Rehder,
Tom Diercks, Dean Kirkland, Marlene Roschen, Lloyd Roschen, Robert Reese, Karl Thomforde, Finley Buden-
siek, Billie Maher & Mark Beebe. Take their yoke upon you and ease their burdens. Give your consolation and
free us from all that keeps us bound. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for this congregation. Bless pastors, deacons, and congregational leaders. Energize children's
ministry volunteers, church administrators, and those who maintain our building. Shine in this place that we
might notice the ways your love transforms our lives. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for those who have died in faith (especially). Welcome them into your eternal rest and
comfort us in our grief until we are joined with them in new life. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; 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: #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.

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