Children's Sermon: *Nicole Hinsch* (you may be seated)

Sermon: Larry Miller

Hymn of the Day: "No, Not One"

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.

Vs 1: There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus. No, not one! no, not one! None else could heal all our soul's diseases. No, not one! no, not one!

Refrain: Jesus knows all about our struggles, He will guide till the day is done; There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus. No, not one! no, not one!

Vs 2: No friend like Him is so high and holy. No, not one! no, not one! And yet no friend is so meek and lowly. No, not one! no, not one! [Refrain]

Vs 3: There's not an hour that He is not near us. No, not one! no, not one! No night so dark but His love can cheer us. No, not one! no, not one! [Refrain]

Vs 4: Was e'er a gift like the Savior given? No, not one! no, not one! Will he refuse us a home in heaven? No, not one! no, not one! [Refrain]

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.

Sharing the Peace:

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

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 the covenant, you call ministers to proclaim your gospel of grace throughout the world. Inspire pastors, deacons, church musicians, and all ministers of your word as they carry out your work. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great**.

God of all creation, you reveal your goodness through all you have made: rivers and seas, plants and animals, and endangered species. Prosper the work of conservation organizations, botanical gardens, zoos, and wildlife sanctuaries. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of the nations, you desire that all the peoples of the world live in peace. Guide government leaders at all levels—national, state/province, and local—to work for justice, mercy, and reconciliation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of compassion, you bring healing to those who are sick, consolation to those who are grieving, and well-being to those who are distraught. Send skilled caregivers to all in need especially; Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Judy Carpenter, Larry Reese, Jan Benidt, Dave (Pud) Gnotke, Jen Berg, Marilyn O'Brien, Kellie Peterson, Shawn Frederixon, Pete Poncelet, Sue Majerus, Neil Stehr, and Donald & Marcy Jonas, and make your presence known among all who suffer. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of rejoicing, you have brought us together this day to worship around word and sacrament. Encourage children in their learning and growing, and watch over those who are absent today. Lead us all to places of renewal and refreshment. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all faithfulness, through the witness of the faithful departed you reveal love in action. Embolden us by their example to build up the beloved community in all the contexts we encounter. 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.**

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: "Just A Closer Walk With Thee" #697

Refrain: Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea; daily walking close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Vs 1: I am weak but thou art strong: Jesus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. [Refrain]

Vs 2: Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. [Refrain]

Vs 3: When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more; guide me gently, safely o'er to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore. [Refrain]

Dismissal: P: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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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.

<u>Pictorial Directories:</u> 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.

July Zion Picnic: Join us Thursday, July 20th at 6PM for a picnic at Zion prior to 7PM worship. Working group #3 will be providing grilled hot dogs, lemonade, and side dishes. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on.

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 20st in the basement to learn about the upcoming confirmation year and how both students and parents are invited to engage together during the year.

Pastor Vacation: Eric will be on vacation July 8-15. Pastor Kira Anderson will be covering emergencies while Pastor Eric is away. Her contact number: 507-412-1060. Larry Miller will be our guest leader for worship on July 9th and 13th.

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 places with the full job descr ested. 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

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 on July 2.

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! *We will not meet on July 20th.

Women's Bible Study and Pray & Play: All women & their children are invited to join us on July 15th from 8:30-9:45am at St. Luke Church. We will have Women's Bible Study upstairs and Pray and Play Group downstairs. There will be 6th-8th grade girls providing child care for your children with toys, activities, & refreshments served while they play. Women can enjoy refreshments & fellowship together during Bible Study.

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!

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost St. Luke Lutheran Church • Guest Leader, Larry Miller 9:30AM • July 9, 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.
- C: Amen.

Gathering 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.

Prayer of the Day: (you may be seated)

P: Let us pray.

C: 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.

Gospel Acclamation: "Hallelujah, Hallelujah" 2X (stand as you are able)

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

The Gospel: John 1:35-43

35 The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. 40One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). 42 He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter). 43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."