

The Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39

²⁴“The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household! ²⁶“So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. ²⁷What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. ²⁸Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father’s care. ³⁰And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. ³²“Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. ³³But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven. ³⁴“Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to turn ““a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law — ³⁶a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.’ ³⁷“Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

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

Children’s Sermon: *Pastor Eric Hanson (you may be seated)*

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Hymn of the Day: “You Are My All In All”

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: 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]**

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.

The Prayers: *(call and response)*

Trusting in God’s abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need. *A brief silence.* You entice your church to speak truth that challenges false notions of peace. Prevail upon us with the good news of Christ’s death and resurrection, that we are compelled to share the gospel with all the world. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Under your watch not even a sparrow goes unnoticed. Safeguard plant and animal habitats threatened by melting glaciers, rising oceans, and receding coastlines. Amplify the voices of those calling for responsible stewardship of the earth’s resources. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Our world is enduring violence and destruction. Rescue your people in nations experiencing conflict or crisis. Heal those who are sick 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. Thwart the efforts of those who sow chaos and terror, and guide those working to bring about peace and reconciliation. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Even when we experience rejection your love invites us to new life. Lift up anyone who feels shunned or excluded on account of their gender, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, or any other human distinction. Make your people one. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All who have died with Christ also live with him. We give thanks for all the saints whose faithful confession inspired our own discipleship, and raise us, with them, to eternal life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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.

The Meal & Hymns: *(you may be seated)*

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.

“Nothing But The Blood”

**Vs 1: What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**Chorus: Oh! precious is the flow That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**Vs 2: For my pardon, this I see, Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing this my plea, Nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Chorus]**

**Vs 3: Nothing can for sin atone, Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done, Nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Chorus]**

**Vs 4: This is all my hope and peace, Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness, Nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Chorus]**

"In Christ Alone"

Vs 1: In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All; here in the love of Christ I stand.

Vs 2: In Christ alone who took on flesh fullness of God in helpless Babe
This gift of Love and righteousness scorned by the ones He came to save.
Til on the cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid here in the death of Christ I live.

Vs 3: No guilt in life, no fear in death; this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Communion Prayer: *(stand as you are able)*

P: Let us pray.

C: We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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: *"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 And hear the brook And 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 And 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. Share the harvest.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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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: *"This Is The Day"*

Vs 1: This is the day, this is the day, That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice, we will rejoice, And be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made, We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day, That the Lord has made.

Vs 2: We are the church, we are the church, Of the Living God, of the Living God,
We will rejoice, we will rejoice, And be glad in Him, and be glad in Him.
We are the church of the Living God. We will rejoice and be glad in Him.
We are the church, we are the church, Of the Living God.

Prayer of the Day: *(you may be seated)*

P: Let us pray.

C: Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The First Reading: Romans 6:1b-11

^{1b}What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ²By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— ⁷because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

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

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah