

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

P: Let us pray

C: Most High God, whom the heavens cannot contain, we give you thanks for the gifts of those who have built this house of prayer; we praise you for the fellowship of those who by their use will make it holy; and we pray that all who seek you here may find you and be filled with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Reading: Psalm 84

¹How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! ²My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. ³Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. ⁴Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Selah ⁵Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. ⁶As they go through the valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. ⁷They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion. ⁸O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah ⁹Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed. ¹⁰For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness. ¹¹For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly. ¹²O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

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

Children’s Sermon: *Pastor Eric Hanson*

Children’s Song: *“We Are The Church”*

Remarks by St. Luke’s Former Pastors: *Bishop Regina Hassanally, Rev. Ron Allen & Rev. Gerry Geggenbauch*

Remarks: *Pr. Eric Hanson*

Hymn of the Day & Offering:

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.

“All Are Welcome” #641

Vs 1: Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions.

Refrain: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Vs 2: Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God’s children dare to seek to dream God’s reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God’s grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus. [refrain]

Vs 3: Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us. [refrain]

Vs 4: Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they’ve known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God’s face; let us bring an end to fear and danger. [refrain]

Vs 5: Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house proclaim from floor to rafter. [refrain]

Offertory Response: *“Give Thanks” (ushers bring offerings forward)*

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.

Offertory Prayer: P: Let us pray.

C: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and our community through these gifts, which we received first from your hand, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Statement of Faith: *“In Christ Alone” (please stand as you are able)*

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.

Vs 2: 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 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.

Vs. 4: 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!

Dedication of the Place of the Word: *(you may be seated) Bishop Hassanally*

P: Let us give thanks for God’s word, We give you thanks, O God, for you spoke light into darkness and brought life into being. You called your people Israel to proclaim freedom from captivity, a pathway home from exile, and wisdom for life with you. Through Jesus, you call us to proclaim forgiveness through the cross and invite our lives to mirror yours in discipleship. Send your Spirit of truth to this place now. From this pulpit, renew our faith, challenge us through the Law, give us hope through the Gospel, and send us out to serve our neighbors in love. **Amen.**

Dedication of the Place of Baptism: *Bishop Hassanally*

P: Let us give thanks for the gift of Baptism, We give you thanks, O God, for through the waters of the Red Sea you saved your people Israel. In the waters of the Jordan, you claimed Jesus as your Son. In this place, through the life-giving waters of baptism, may your people continue to receive life that conquers death. **Amen.**

Dedication of the Place of the Meal: *Bishop Hassanally*

P: Let us give thanks for the gift of the Lord’s Supper, We give you thanks, O God, that in holy communion you refresh us through the bread of life in Jesus Christ, strengthen us in faith toward you, and nourish is in love for one another. In this new place, bless all who come to this Table. May all who come here find forgiveness of sins, the promise of everlasting life, holy fellowship, & the grace to live in love & service toward our neighbors. **Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication: *Bishop Hassanally*

P: Let us give thanks for the body of Christ, for God’s house of living stones, We give you thanks, O God, for you transcend the boundaries of space and time, yet you are willing to make your home in human hearts. We are the temple of your presence, and this building is the house of your church. Gather us in this place to share with others the promise of baptism, to hear your word, to be nourished by the body and blood of your Son, and to praise your name with all the company of heaven. Send us from this place to be the body of Christ in the world, to proclaim your love in word and deed, to invite others into the promise of baptism, and to glorify your name in our daily living. Pour out the abundance of your blessing on us and on this place, which we dedicate to your glory and honor and to the service of all people in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Choir Song: *“This Is The Place”*

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.*

"Here Is Bread" #483

Vs 1: Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, He is with us.
Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.

Refrain: In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

Vs 2: Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Jesus here. [Refrain]

Vs 3: Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.
We'll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified. [Refrain]

"One Bread, One Body" #496

Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all; one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Vs 1: Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. [Refrain]

Vs 2: Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. [Refrain]

Vs 3: Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all. [Refrain]

"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]

"Amazing Grace" #779

Vs 1: Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.

Vs 2: 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!

Vs 3: Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

Vs 4: The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield and Portion be, As long as life endures.

Vs 5: When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

Communion Prayer:

P: Let us pray,

C: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of life. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Blessing: *sung by Katie Schafer & Michelle Matthees*

Sending: *"Lift High The Cross" #660 (please stand as you are able)*

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

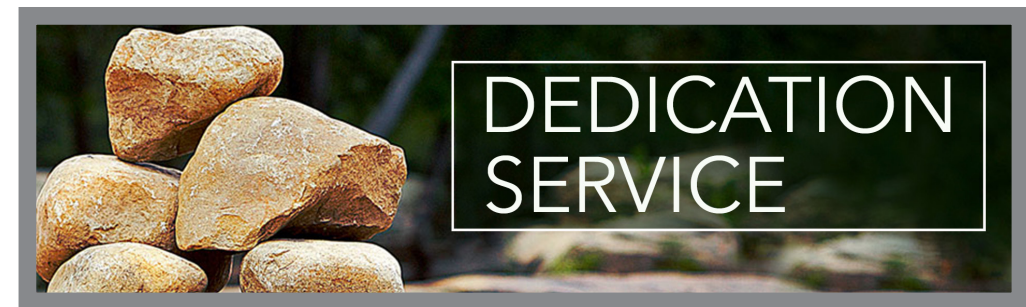
Vs 1: Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod, our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. [Refrain]

Vs 2: All newborn servants of the Crucified bear on their brows the seal of him who died. [Refrain]

Vs 3: O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. [Refrain]

Vs 4: So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory! [Refrain]

Dismissal: P: You are the Church. The home of God is with His People. C: Amen. Thanks be to God.



St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson
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Welcome & Announcements

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

P: Sisters and brothers, with gratitude for the building of this new tool for ministry, our new church home, we are gathered to dedicate it for the worship of almighty God and for the building up of the body of Christ. From this day forward let this place be a place where all are welcome to God's table, a place where the Gospel is proclaimed in word and lived out in deed, and a place from which we are sent in service to our neighbors. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" #504*

Vs 1: A mighty fortress is our God, a sword & shield victorious; he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod & wins salvation glorious. The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.

Vs 2: No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected. But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected. You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.

Vs 3: Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us, we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot over pow'r us. Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him.

Vs 4: God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it; for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit. Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day. The kingdom's ours forever!

Lenten Greeting:

P: Friends in Christ, we gather during this season of Lent to remember Jesus' Passover from death to life. We journey through this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's grace. We are created to live in joyful communion with God & one another, but we oftentimes wound our relationship with God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended. As disciples of Jesus, we long for repentance leading to change.

C: God of heaven and earth, you come in close and make us yours. Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin, embrace your forgiveness, and seek your will for our lives.

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: With honesty of heart, we confess our sin together. Merciful God,

C: Lord, forgive us. Our will is handcuffed to sin, and we cannot break free. We have spoken when we should have kept quiet. We were silent when we should have said something. We were still when we should have moved. We moved when we should have been still. For the wrong we have done, and for the good we have failed to do, have mercy on us and bring us new life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces us in tender care. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet us again this day. In Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven. You are free from sin and death. Live anew with God and each other today. **Amen.**