

May 17, 2020 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

We congratulate our 2020 High School Seniors! Best of wishes in all that you pursue next year!

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We remember Derek Strickland who celebrates with his classmates from heaven.

*"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare
and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." ~Jeremiah 29:11*

Festival Hymn: # 631 - " Love Divine, All Love's Excelling"

Verse 1

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Verse 2

Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be:
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Verse 3

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Verse 4

Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Prayer of Day: Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 66:8-20 (Call and response)

L: ⁸Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

C: ⁹Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

L: ¹⁰For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

C: ¹¹You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

L: ¹²You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

C: ¹³I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows—

L: ¹⁴those that I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

C: ¹⁵I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen & goats.

L: ¹⁶Come and listen, all you who believe, and I will tell you what God has done for me.

C: ¹⁷I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.

L: ¹⁸If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

C: ¹⁹but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer.

L: ²⁰Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld unfailing love from me.

Epistle Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gospel: John 14:15-21 (Please stand as you are able)

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Hymn of the Day: #595 "Jesus Loves Me"

Verse 1

**Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to Him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.**

Refrain

**Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.**

Verse 2

**Jesus loves me! he who died heaven's gates to open wide;
he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. Refrain**

Verse 3

**Jesus loves me! he will stay close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high. Refrain**

The Prayers:

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief silence.* Abiding God, you have revealed yourself to us in the form of your Son, Jesus Christ. Embolden your church, as your followers, to reveal your love to everyone in our speaking and in our living. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You are the creator of heaven and earth. Revitalize the health of oceans, rivers, lakes, springs, glaciers, and other bodies of water that give life to your creatures. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You call all people of the world your children. Judge the nations justly, show mercy to the oppressed, and speak truth to power through your prophets. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You come near to us when we are lost, and you hear our distress. We pray for those who suffer in any way, especially Judy Gravemann, Nancy Nord, George Campbell, Tom Diercks, Dean Kirkland, Marlene Roschen, Lloyd Roschen, Robert Reese, Karl Thomforde, Finley Budensiek, Billie Maher & Mark Beebe. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your commands are good and merciful. Give us courage to take hold of our baptismal promises to work for justice, advocate for the voiceless, and free the oppressed and imprisoned in body, mind, or spirit. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You remain with us always, O God, and your kingdom has no end. We remember the saints who have gone before us. Unite us forever in your final victory over death. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: #360 *"Love Consecrates the Humblest Act"*

Verse 1

**Love consecrates the humblest act
and haloes mercy's deeds;
it sheds a benediction sweet
and hallows human needs.**

Verse 2

**When in the shadow of the cross
Christ knelt and washed the feet
of his disciples, he gave us
a sign of love complete.**

Verse 3

**Love serves and willing stoops to serve;
what Christ in love so true
has freely done for one and all,
let us now gladly do!**

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May 17, 2020 - Announcements

Scholarship: The O'Reilly Scholarship winner(s) will be announced today during worship! Thank you to all those who turned in applications.

Thank you! We thank our Junior class for funding breakfast to-go this morning for our High School Seniors!

Worship: Join Pastor Kris live on Facebook or via the Zoom app at 9:30AM on Sunday mornings. If you do not have Facebook you can watch it on our YouTube channel at a later time. A link is on St. Luke's website. Bulletins, inserts with hymns can be downloaded on St. Luke's website as well.

SWAG: The 9-12th graders can join Michelle on Wednesday evenings through the month of May for a short lesson & devotion. A link invite will be emailed to you. Contact the Michelle with any questions.

7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Students: Pastor Kris will continue to meet with you via Zoom online on Wednesday evenings through the month of May. A Zoom invitation link will be emailed to you weekly.

As of now we are planning for a Confirmation service when we are able to resume worship in person again.

Call Process: The call committee has been formed and they are in the process of calling pastoral candidates for interviews. We'll keep you updated as they proceed with the call process.

Food Shelf: Food Shelf donations are especially needed during this time of struggle with the Covid-19 uncertainty. Drop off your non-perishable food items in the box located inside the entrance near the alley door. Your items will be brought to the Zumbrota food shelf still at this time of closure. Thank you to the many people who have been dropping off food donations!

Giving During Closure: At this time of closure please consider your financial gifts through online giving or by mailing your checks to St. Luke Church. Online giving helps keep our offering steady throughout the year. We offer the option to give one-time or recurring gifts online through Vanco Services. Everything you need to get started can be found on our website www.stlukegoodhue.org under Online Giving. You'll be directed to Vanco's secure giving site where you can enroll and make your gift. Sara Nolte, our treasurer is happy to help with any questions saramollenhauer@gmail.com or contact the office at 651-923-4695.

Those in need: If you know of anyone in need at this time please contact Pastor Kris, a council member or leave a voice message or email the office.

Fabric for Masks Needed: Naomi Berland is continuing to make a variety of sized face masks. She could use more fabric. Please drop off at the church, inside the alley door, any woven fabric such as sheets, pillow cases, shirts, flannels, etc. that you don't want. If you need a mask she recently left many new sizes at the church (kids and XL adult), so please take what your family needs.

VBS: As of now VBS is scheduled to happen at the end of this summer in smaller groups. Stay tuned for more information to come.

Quilting Update: Due to our current circumstances we will not be doing a blessing of the quilts this year. Here is an update from our quilters "We have had an interesting year starting with the winter snow storms and ending with the COVID-19 virus. This year with a little help of working at home we are sending off 50 quilts for world relief and 7 quilts for our graduating seniors. We made 5 quilts for the Christmas project lap quilts for shut-ins and the Ronald McDonald House. We continue to make quilts for babies who are baptized here at St. Luke. Ladies that worked on quilts this year were: Naomi Berland, Jo Buck, Nancy Gadiant, Betty Johnson, Kay Kurtti, Bev O'Reilly and Anna Pabst.

~Respectfully submitted by Anna Pabst

Prayers: We continue to pray for all members of the congregation and family members of the congregation with new and chronic health conditions, including Judy Gravemann (Nick's Mother), Nancy Nord, George Campbell (Kelly Rehder's father); Tom Diercks (Danielle Ramthun's husband), Dean Kirkland, Marlene Roschen, Lloyd Roschen, Robert Reese, Karl Thomforde, Finley Budensiek, Billie Maher (sister of Barbie Collins and niece of Debbi St. John) & Billie's spouse Mark Beebe. If you would like someone to be added to the prayer list please contact the office.