

¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord. ²⁰On the contrary: “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

The Second Reading: Genesis 28:10-16 *read by Nicole Wananda*

¹⁰Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. ¹¹When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. ¹²He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³There above it stood the Lord, and he said: “I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. ¹⁴Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. ¹⁵I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” ¹⁶When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, “Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it.”

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

Children’s Message: *by Nicole Wananda*

Solo: *“I Can Only Imagine” sung by Issie Mitchell*

Hymn of the Day: *“Borning Cry”*

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: I was there to hear your borning cry, I’ll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.**

**Vs 2: When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I’ll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk ‘till rising sun.”**

**Vs 3: In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I’ll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I’ve begun.
When the evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes,
I’ll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.”**

**Vs 4: I was there to hear your borning cry, I’ll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.”**

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: *led by Abigail Opsahl*

L: Let us pray together.

C: We thank you God for gifts first given to us. For time, talents, and treasures given to us by others to steward and share. Accept these gifts from our hands as signs of our love and faithfulness and our desire to be Christ’s hands and feet in our world. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.

Recognition of High School Class of 2023:

Graduates assemble in front of Congregation. Congregation is invited to stand.

P: God of truth & knowledge, by your wisdom we are taught the way & the truth. Bless our graduates as they now finish their courses of study. Please guide Hallie O’Connor, Karli Zetah, Brooke Ryan, Abigail Opsahl, Carson Roschen, Lucas Melson, & Jacey Majerus as they step into the next chapter of their lives. Guide them with faith, hope, & love.

C: We thank you for those who taught & worked beside them, and all who supported them along the way.

P: Walk with our graduates as they move forward in life that they may live lives of purpose, discipleship, and belonging with you by their side.

C: Strengthen their many talents and skills, instill in them a confidence in the future you provide, where energies may be blessed and used for the good of all people.

P: Father, we pray that you would make this chapter of their lives a time of new beginnings, a time to re-member and move on, and a time to move forward with faith.

C: May you always know that Christ is alive and goes before you to show and share His gifts with you. This is a day of new beginnings, our God is making all things new.

A Sign of the Cross & Blessing are offered to each graduate (Eric & Nicole).

Apostles’ Creed: *led by Lucas Melson*

L: Let us confess our faith together through the words of the Apostles Creed.

C: 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: *led by Karli Zetah*

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence.* God of life, strengthen your church to proclaim your gospel even in times of trouble. As we remember St. Stephen, we give thanks for all those who tell your story in thought, word, and deed. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, you show your steadfast love through mighty waters, towering mountains, verdant fields, and arid deserts. Protect the earth’s diverse habitats from the forces of pollution, erosion, extinction, and global warming. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Mighty God, your Spirit guides us into all truth. Give wisdom to world and local leaders and organizations as they begin, build, or renew relationships. Strengthen leaders and aid organizations in areas needing to be rebuilt following conflict, unrest, or natural disaster. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Loving God, you make your home among us. Abide with refugees, those experiencing homelessness, those fleeing war and poverty, and all who question if there is a home in your heart. We pray for all who are sick (especially). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Assuring God, you accompany your people amid uncertainty and change. Be with our graduates on this day. We pray for Hallie, Karli, Brooke, Abigail, Carson, Lucas, and Jacey. Walk with them toward a holy future. May they put their feet in your steps and live as the hands and feet of Christ. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Renewing God, you gather the saints at your heavenly banquet. We give you thanks for the care shown us by those who have gone before us. Grant confidence and comfort for all awaiting the place you have prepared. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ’s resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **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)* Communion Assistants: Brooke Ryan, Karli Zetah, Carson Roschen

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.

“You Are My All In All”

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]

“Will You Come And Follow Me” #798

Vs 1: Will you come and follow me if I but call you name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Vs 2: Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?

Vs 3: Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Vs 4: Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Vs 5: Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Communion Prayer: *led by Carson Roschen*

L: Let us pray together,

C: God of hope, you fed your people manna in the wilderness to sustain them on their journey to the promise land. May the presence of your Son found in simple things like bread and wine sustain us as we run, walk, stumble, and pray our way into the future you've prepared for us. Amen.

Blessing: *sung by Michelle Matthees and Katie Schafer (stand as you are able)*

Sending Hymn: *“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer” #618*

Vs. 1: Guide me ever great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your pow'rful hand: bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore, feed me now and evermore.

Vs. 2: Open now the crystal fountain, where the healing waters flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through: strong deliverer, strong deliverer, shield me with your mighty arm, shield me with your mighty arm

Vs. 3: When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death, & hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side: songs and praises, songs and praises,
I will raise forever more, I will raise forever more.

Dismissal: P: Go in peace to love the Lord & serve your neighbor, C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude



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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Easter Litany: *(please stand as you are able)*

P: Christ is risen! C: **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. C: **Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Faithful and Just God,

C: **We confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives & make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Christ Jesus, our risen Lord. Amen.**

P: 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: *“Earth And All Stars”*

Vs 1: Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind, & rain! Loud blowing snowstorm! Sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain: God has done marvelous things. I too sing praises with a new song!

Vs 2: Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos! Sing to the Lord a new song! [Refrain]

Vs 3: Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Limestone and beams! Loud building workers! Sing to the Lord a new song! [Refrain]

Vs 4: Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Athlete and band! Loud cheering people! Sing to the Lord a new song! [Refrain]

Vs 5: Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom! Sing to the Lord a new song! Daughter and son!
Loud praying members! Sing to the Lord a new song! [Refrain]

Prayer of the Day: *led by Hallie O'Connor (you may be seated)*

L: Let us pray together.

C: **Gracious and caring God, you bless our paths with truth and meaning. Guide us today as we are all somehow in transition. Help us to honor our past, carry gratitude for our present, and have hope for our future. We thank you Lord for you make all things new. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.**

The First Reading: Romans 12:9-21 *read by Brooke Ryan*

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.