

St. Luke Lutheran Church May 31, 2020 • 9:30AM • Hymn Sing Sunday & Pentecost

Prelude *"Our God Is An Awesome God"* 3X sung by Worship Committee

Debbi St. John, Organist

Our God is an Awesome God He reigns from Heaven above With wisdom, power and love Our God is an Awesome God

Confession and Forgiveness (please stand as you are able)

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. C: Amen.

- L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**
- L: Most merciful God,
- C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
- L: 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.**

Opening Hymns: #800 Spirit of God, Descend On Us We Pray

Verse 1

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth, through all its pulses move; stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart, and make me love you as I ought to love.

Verse 2

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay, no angel visitant, no op'ning skies; but take the dimness of my soul away.

Verse 3

Have you not bid me love you, God and King; all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind? I see you cross; there teach my heart to cling. Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!

Verse 4

Teach me to love you as your angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame; the baptism of the heav'n descended dove, my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

#779 Amazing Grace

Verse 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.

Verse 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!

Verse 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. Verse 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.

Verse 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.

Greeting: L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, & the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Jesus Name Above All Names written by Naida Hearn



Prayer of Day: O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

³⁶No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit

chooses. ¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Hymn: #821 "Shout to the Lord"

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you. All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love. My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength; let ev'ry breath, all that I am never cease to worship you. Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King. Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand. Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

Pentecost Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷/In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Gospel Acclamation Celtic Alleluia (Please stand as you are able)



L: The holy gospel according to the sixteenth chapter of Luke. C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 20:19-23 (Please stand as you are able)

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

L: The gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon (you may be seated)

Hymn: #627 "This Little Light of Mine"

Verse 1

This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Verse 2

Ev'ry where I go, I'm goin'a let it shine; ev'ry where I go, I'm goin'a let it shine; ev'ry where I go, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hymn: #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 3

Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine; Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine; Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine; let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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*

Hymn: "Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children"

Verse 1

Praise Him, praise Him all ye little children, God is love, God is love; Praise Him, praise Him all ye little children, God is love, God is love;

Verse 2

Love Him, love Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love; Love Him, love Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love;

Verse 3

Thank Him, thank Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love; Thank Him, thank Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love;

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: "They'll Know We Are Christians"

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord And we pray that our unity will one day be restored And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

We will work with each other, we will work side by side We will work with each other, we will work side by side And we'll guard each man's dignity & save each man's pride And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Hymn: #752 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" 3X

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us

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. We call on your spirit of unity, giving thanks for our different vocations. Activate and utilize the diverse gifts present in your church, that they reveal your love for all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We call on your spirit of life, present in air, wind, humidity, storms, and oxygen in our atmosphere, breathing energy into all things. Heal with your breath the whole creation, especially those who struggle to breathe due to air pollution. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

We call on your spirit of righteousness. Wherever we as a people are divided, unite us. Wherever we are prideful, humble us. Give each one of us a heart for justice and empathy. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

We call on your spirit of healing. Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who long for comfort (especially). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We call on your spirit of friendship. As Elizabeth welcomed Mary to her home, give us a spirit of welcome to those whom we meet in this congregation and outside these doors. Surprise us daily with unexpected grace, that we rejoice in every blessing you send. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

We call on you when we are lost, and you hear our distress. We pray for those who suffer in any way, especially Gary Stone, Maureen Lodermeier, Nancy Nord, George Campbell, Tom Diercks, Dean Kirkland, Marlene Roschen, Lloyd Roschen, Robert Reese, Karl Thomforde, Finley Budensiek, Billie Maher & Mark Beebe. The Gravemann family at the loss of Judy Gravemann. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

We call on your spirit of hope. As you have led your saints in all times and places, stir in us the desire to follow their example, leading us from death to new life in you. 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.**

Hymn: #751 "O Lord Hear My Prayer" 3X

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come ans listen to me.

Sharing the Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering - Doxology

Praise God, from who all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

- L: The Lord be with you
- C: And also with you
- L: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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Hymns: #857 "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" 3X

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises. I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heaven to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky; Lord I lift you name on high.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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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; & forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; & lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, & the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Communion Hymn: #616 "Jesus, Remember Me" 3X

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Communion Blessing and Communion Prayer

Solo by Michelle Matthees "Be Not Afraid"

Blessing (*Please stand as you are able*)

L: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn #856 "How Great Thou Art"

Verse 1

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

Verse 2

When through the woods and forest glades I wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur & hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze: *Refrain*

Verse 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 sing; *Refrain*

Verse 4

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, & 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!" *Refrain*

Dismissal "Go In Peace" **3X** sung by the Worship Committee

Go In Peace And serve the Lord your God See the seeds about the man of love Go into the world and tell them One by one Go tell them what Jesus has done

Postlude

May 31, 2020 - Announcements

WHEN WILL WE BE BACK IN THE CHURCH WORSHIPING? Council is in the process of coming up with a plan to safely worship in the church building again. Our best guess now is that we may be able to do more than what we are doing sometime in June. Bishop Hassanally and other denominational leaders in the state have been in conversation with Commissioner Harrington from the governor's office and have asked for recommendations for worship and visitation.

The information we have received indicates that when we return to the church building, worship will not be like it was back in February. There will be limits on the number of people who can gather, social distancing of being 6 feet apart will need to be observed, and there are growing numbers of reports indicating that singing spreads the virus further and longer (Germany has reopened their churches but is banning singing at this time).

In the meantime we will continue to worship online and will keep you informed with the latest updates as they become available.

Worship: Join Pastor Kris live on Facebook or via the Zoom app at 9:30AM on Sunday mornings. Services are also posted to our YouTube channel after it has aired live. Links to Facebook and YouTube are on St. Luke's website. Bulletins, inserts with hymns can be downloaded on St. Luke's website as well.

<u>Call Process</u>: The committee has called the first list of pastoral candidates and are waiting to hear back with their questions before moving on to the next step. We'll keep the congregation updated as they move forward with this 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!

<u>Giving During Closure</u>: 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 info to come.

Prayers: We continue to pray for all members of the congregation and family members of the congregation with new and chronic health conditions, including the family of Nick & Erin Gravemann on the passing of Nick's mother, Judy Gravemann, Gary Stone, Maureen Lodermeier, 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.

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