

**Gospel Acclamation: “Celtic Alleluia”** *(stand as you are able)*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. 2X

**The Gospel: John 14:1-14**

<sup>1</sup>“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God[a]; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. <sup>4</sup>You know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you really know me, you will know[b] my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.” <sup>8</sup>Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. <sup>11</sup>Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

P: This is the Word of the Lord,

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Children’s Sermon: Nicole Wananda** *(you may be seated)*

**Sunday School Sing: “To Be His Child”**

**Sermon: Pastor Eric Hanson**

**Hymn of the Day: “In Christ Alone”**

*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](http://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: 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!**

**ELCA Good Gifts Presentation**

**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: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, 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)*

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 Stephen, we give thanks for diaconal ministry. Bless all deacons and strengthen them for their bridge-building ministry between church and world. 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; Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Judy Carpenter, Larry Reese, Jan Benidt, Dave (Pud) Gnotke, Jen Berg, Marilyn O’Brien, Kellie Peterson, Kay Kurtti, Shawn Frederixon, Pete Poncelet, and Donald & Marcy Jonas. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Assuring God, you accompany your people amid uncertainty and change. Uphold people in this community who have recently moved, changed jobs or schools, retired, or are going through transitions of any kind. Lead us in your ways. 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)*

*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.*

*"Children Of The Heavenly Father" #781*

- Vs. 1: Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather.  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.
- Vs. 2: God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.
- Vs. 3: Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever.  
Unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.
- Vs. 4: Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh.  
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

*"Amazing Grace" #448*

- 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.

*"I Received The Living God" #477*

- Refrain: I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy.  
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- Vs 1: Jesus said: I am the bread kneaded long to give you life;  
you who will partake of me need not ever fear to die. [Refrain]
- Vs 2: Jesus said: I am the way, and my Father longs for you;  
so I come to bring you home to be one with us anew. [Refrain]
- Vs 3: Jesus said: I am the truth; come and follow close to me.  
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free. [Refrain]
- Vs. 4: Jesus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,  
but receive this living bread, and my Spirit you shall know. [Refrain]

Communion Prayer: P: Let us pray together,

C: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Blessing: *(stand as you are able)*

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. May the Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. Amen.

Sending Hymn: *"How Great Thou Art" #856*

- 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 to love the Lord & serve your neighbor, C: Thanks be to God.

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson

9:30AM • May 7, 2023

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: *"God, We Gather As Your People"*

Vs 1: God, we gather as your people to raise our song above, and we dare to claim the promise of your love.  
Though the day may not yet be here, we trust it soon will be, when your children will be free.

Refrain: Oh, may our hearts and minds be opened, fling the church doors open wide.  
May there be room enough for ev'ryone inside. For in God there is a welcome, in God we all belong.  
May that welcome be our song.

Vs 2: Oh, we sing for all the children, that one day they be free; and we sing for generations yet to be,  
that they never have a reason to doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest. [Refrain]

Vs 3: Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear & shame, so afraid of who they are & whom they love.  
May the message now be banished that your love is for the few; may their faith in you renew. [Refrain]

Vs 4: God, we're working for the future when children far & wide can live their lives with dignity and pride.  
As they grow in strength & stature, may they join us hand in hand, as against all hate we stand. [Refrain]

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

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

<sup>1</sup>In you, Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness. <sup>2</sup>Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me. <sup>3</sup>Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me. <sup>4</sup>Keep me free from the trap that is set for me, for you are my refuge. <sup>5</sup>Into your hands I commit my spirit; deliver me, Lord, my faithful God. <sup>15</sup>My times are in your hands; deliver me from the hands of my enemies, from those who pursue me. <sup>16</sup>Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love.

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