

Contemporary Family Worship on the Field

St. Luke Lutheran Church - Pastor Eric Hanson
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 8, 2020 - 9:45AM

Welcome

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Announcements

Opening Song: "Christ Be Our Light" ELW #715

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. [Refrain]

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. [Refrain]

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. [Refrain]

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come. [Refrain]

Confession and Forgiveness

By the power of the Holy Spirit, we remember and pray.

Heavenly Father, before the world was made, You called us each by name. You put breath in our lungs and chose us to be your own. We are Your beloved children. You watch over us with tender care, and there is nothing that could ever separate us from Your love. God, standing in Your presence now, we ask for Your grace and mercy. Forgive us our sins and help us to forgive the people who have sinned against us. Create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of our salvation. And teach us to love You with our whole heart and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Father God, Grant us peace now and continue Your good work in us to completion. In Jesus name. Amen

Hallelujah! Praise the One who has set us free from sin and death.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13

¹“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

Children's Sermon

Sermon by Pastor Eric Hanson

Song of the Day: *“Thy Word”*

Refrain

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and
light unto my path.**

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light unto my path.**

**When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way,
still You're there right beside me.**

Nothing will I fear as long as You are near.

Please be near me to the end. [Refrain]

**I will not forget your love for me,
and yet my heart forever is wandering.**

Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;

I will love You to the end. [Refrain]

Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**Oh give me the faith to believe it 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 to the dead.**

**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**

Prayers

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need. A brief silence. Holy God, rouse us to deep praise as we gather for worship. Enliven our worship with sincere and heartfelt song. Sustain the work of all church musicians and artists who lead us in praise and prayer. **Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.**

Holy Creator, surprise and delight us with the beauty of the world you have made. Bless the work of landscapers, architects, and artists whose work invites us into harmonious living with your creation. **Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.**

Holy Judge, let justice roll down like waters over this world. Reign over the courtrooms of every land, in the hearts of those who guard the law and those who stand accused of crimes. Be present in cases where we long for both justice and mercy to prevail. **Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.**

Holy Companion, console those who feel lonely or abandoned. Share the hours of those who live and eat alone. Comfort those who have few friends or who struggle with their identity and place in this world. Awaken in us your call to serve all who suffer. Grant healing touch to those who are ill especially; Keith Brown, Ava Dicke, Jim Howard, Brad Roschen, Zach Gravemann, Naomi Berland, Nathlye Benrud, Donald Hadler, Nancy & Donald Nord, Dean Kirkland, Marlene & Lloyd Roschen, Finley Budensiek, Lauren Brown, Hunter Burow, Vera Austad, Cassidy Post, Chip Krueger & Karl Thomforde. **Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.**

Holy Protector, be with all observing Veterans Day. Guard the lives of active duty and retired military personnel. Comfort all who mourn those who have died in the line of duty. Heal the wounds, both physical and mental, experienced by service members. **Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.**

Holy and Immortal One, we pray in thanksgiving for the lives of all who have died. Remind us of the frailty and shortness of our own lives and inspire us to use them for the building up of your kingdom. **Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever. **Amen.**

Sharing of Peace

The Meal

We remember...

The 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; & 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 & ever. Amen.

Blessing

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Sending Song: *"This Little Light of Mine"* ELW #677

This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me,
I'm gonna let it shine,
Jesus gave it to me,
I'm gonna let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me,
I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go,
I'm gonna let it shine,
Ev'rywhere I go,
I'm gonna let it shine;
Ev'rywhere I go,
I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Commission

God is with you. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
Thanks be to God!

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