

# Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Stewardship Sunday (IN)



St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson  
9:30AM • October 10, 2021

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**Prelude**     *Pianist, Debbi St. John*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Greeting** (*please stand as you are able*)

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God     **C: Come Holy Spirit, Come!**

**Confession and Forgiveness:**

P: We confess our sins together, in the name of the Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: God of all Mercy, come to our aid. When we hide brokenness and only show you wholeness, forgive us. When we cover shame and guilt with pride and pretense, forgive us. When we point out the speck in our neighbor's eye but ignore the log in our own eye, forgive us. When we choose old, harmful ways of living over new, life-giving ways, forgive us. Transform us by the power of your Spirit, Lord God, & make us new.**

P: Children of God, God loved us even when we were dead in sin, and makes us new through Jesus Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Live as people set free. **Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn:** *"We Are Called"* #720

**Vs. 1: Come, live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!**

**We are called to be light for the kingdom. To live in the freedom of the city of God.**

**Refrain: We are called to act with justice, We are called to love tenderly**

**We are called to serve one another, To walk humbly with God**

**Vs. 2: Come, open your heart. Show your mercy to all those in fear**

**We are called to be hope for the hopeless, So all hatred and blindness will be no more. [refrain]**

**Vs. 3: Sing, sing a new song, Sing of that great day when all will be one**

**God will reign and we'll walk with each other, As sisters and brothers united in love [refrain]**

**Prayer of the Day:**     P: Let us pray.

**C: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Reading - Psalm 139:1-18**     <sup>1</sup>You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. <sup>2</sup>You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. <sup>3</sup>You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. <sup>4</sup>Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely. <sup>5</sup>You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. <sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain. <sup>7</sup>Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? <sup>8</sup>If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. <sup>9</sup>If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, <sup>10</sup>even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. <sup>11</sup>If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," <sup>12</sup>even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you. <sup>13</sup>For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup>I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. <sup>15</sup>My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. <sup>16</sup>Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. <sup>17</sup>How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them! <sup>18</sup>Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand – when I awake, I am still with you.

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

**Children's Message:**     *Pastor Eric Hanson*

**PreK-1st Graders Sing:** "Welcome to God's House" vs. 1 twice and "Jesus Loves Me" vs. 1, chorus

**Temple Talk:** *How am I called to give back?* by Larry Miller

**Sermon:** Pastor Eric Hanson

**Hymn of the Day:** "Children of the Heavenly Father" #781

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**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.**

**The Baptism of Camden Clair Anderson**

**The Prayers:** *(call and response)*

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.* Uniting God, you call forth different gifts in those who follow you. Encourage us to welcome the diverse benefits and blessings of the whole church in teaching, preaching, prophecy, healing, and more. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Nurturing God, you bring forth crops from the soil and bounty from the trees. Increase the produce of the land and bless all who toil in fields and orchards. Provide for good working conditions and keep them safe. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Empowering God, you offer compassion for those who are overlooked or forgotten. Open the hearts of local, national, & world leaders to show such compassion & love for their neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sheltering God, in Jesus you traveled among us without a place to lay your head. Provide safe places to sleep and rest for those who have no place to live. Sustain ministries that offer food, clothing, and peace of mind. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Renewing God, you bring life out of death. Help us part with those things that are no longer beneficial to us & open our hearts to see where new life is budding in this congregation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we thank you for the lives of those who have died. Make us confident in your promise of salvation and support us in our own journey of faith. Bless all who live with any mental or physical disability especially; Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Dean Kirkland, Finley Budensiek, Sara Nolte, Mark Jacobson, Deb Huneke, Jill Louise Plank, Eric Ryan, Gabriel Ryan and Dr. Shauna Burshem. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, & those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Sharing the Peace:** L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: **And also with you.**

*Ushers bring offering forward.*

**Offertory Prayer:** God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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 & praise.**

**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: *"Servant Song"* Piano duet by Kaelynn Ryan and Debbi St. John

*"We Eat The Bread Of Teaching"* #518

**Refrain:** We eat the bread of teaching, drink wine of wisdom, are given here a taste of the kingdom.  
Together joined, the greatest and the least, we are all one at Wisdom's holy feast.

**Vs. 1:** Wisdom calls throughout the city, knows our hunger,  
and in pity gives her loving invitation to the banquet of salvation. [refrain]

**Vs. 2:** Simple ones whose hearts are yearning, come and gain from Wisdom's learning;  
bread and wine she is preparing, know her loving in the sharing. [refrain]

**Vs. 3:** Enter with delight and singing, for her richness now is bringing us this joyous celebration;  
eat and drink in jubilation. [refrain]

*"Jesus Name Above All Names"*

**Vs. 1:** Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.  
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

**Vs. 2:** Jesus, loving Shepherd, Vine of the branches, Son of God.  
Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor, Lord of the universe, Light of the world.

**Vs. 3:** Jesus, way of salvation King of Kings, Lord of Lords.  
The Way, the truth, and the life Mighty Creator, My Savior and Friend.

*"I Received The Living God"* #477

**Refrain:** I received the living God, & my heart is full of joy. I received the living God, & my heart is full of joy.

**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: O God,

**C:** We give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body & blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need & to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Blessing:** *(Please stand as you are able.)*

The Lord bless you & keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you & be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. In the name of the Father, & the Son, & the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Sending:** *"God Of Grace and God of Glory"* #705

**Vs. 1:** God of grace and God of glory, On Your people pour Your pow'r;  
Crown Your ancient Church's story; Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the facing of this hour, For the facing of this hour.

**Vs. 2:** Lo! the hosts of evil round us Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the living of these days, For the living of these days.

**Vs. 3:** Cure Your children's warring madness; Bend our pride to Your control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal, Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.

**Vs 4:** Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore;  
Let the gift of Your salvation Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving You whom we adore, Serving You whom we adore.

**Dismissal:** L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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