

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost Stewardship Sunday (OUT)



St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson
9:30AM • October 17, 2021

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: "Here I Am Lord" #574

Vs 1: I, the Lord of sea & sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark & sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Who shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

Vs 2: I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? [Refrain]

Vs 3: I, the Lord of wind & flame, I will tend the poor & lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save, Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? [Refrain]

Prayer of the Day: P: Let us pray.

C: Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, & make us desire always & only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior & Lord. Amen.

Reading - 1 Corinthians 12:27-13:13 ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. ²⁸ And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ Now eagerly desire the greater gifts. ^{13:1} If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. ⁸ Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. ¹¹ When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. ¹² For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. ¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

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

Children's Message: *Pastor Eric Hanson*

Blessing of New Drivers

Temple Talk: *How have I been blessed by St. Luke Lutheran?* by Jon Roschen

Sermon: Pastor Eric Hanson

Hymn of the Day: "Come Thou Font of Every Blessing" #807

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Vs 1: Come thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love, teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.

Vs. 2: Here I raise mine Ebenezer: "Hither by Thy help I'm come"; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

Vs. 3: Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be; Let Thy grace Lord like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Apostles' Creed: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and 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, & 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, & he will come to judge the living & 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, & the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers: (call and response)

Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation. *A brief silence.* Holy One, for the gift of the church handed down through the ages and for all who carry on the servant ministry of Jesus, we praise you. Send your Holy Spirit upon all who are discerning calls to ministry in its many forms and equip them with your gifts. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creating One, for the lush and abundant habitat you provide for all your creatures, we praise you. Provide healing for the earth so that waterfowl, reptiles, wild horses, dolphins, and all living things flourish as you intend. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Suffering One, for all who work toward peace and who lead nations with a servant's heart, we praise you. Bring justice for all who suffer violence, persecution, discrimination, hunger, poverty, and homelessness, and create places of refuge for all people. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Merciful One, for all who do the work of healing in mind, body, & spirit, we praise you. Surround & comfort all who struggle with depression, anxiety, cancer, diabetes, dementia, or any illness especially; Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Dean Kirkland, Finley Budensiek, Sara Nolte, Mark Jacobson, Deb Huneke, Jill Louise Plank, Eric Ryan, Gabriel Ryan, Roger Kurtti and Dr. Shauna Burshem, that all may be healed. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Sustaining One, for all who volunteer for the vitality of this congregation, we praise you. Strengthen and encourage greeters, ushers, office volunteers, bakers, counters, committee and group leaders, teachers, students, evangelists, singers, builders, nurturers, and all who serve with generous hearts. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Risen One, we thank you for those who have shaped your church and shared your gospel. Through the witness of your saints, continue to inspire us with hope until we all are gathered at your eternal feast. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth & life. **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: *"What a Friend We Have In Jesus"* #742

Vs 1: What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Vs 2: Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer! Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Vs 3: Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge - take it to the Lord in prayer! Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

"It Is Well With My Soul" #785

Vs 1: When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll; whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."

Refrain: It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

Vs 2: Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control: that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul. [Refrain]

Vs 3: He lives oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! my sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more; praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! [Refrain]

Vs 4: Lord, hasten the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so, it is well with my soul. [Refrain]

"Be Thou My Vision" #793

Vs. 1: Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Vs. 2: Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord. Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r, raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Vs 3: Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always. Thou and thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Vs 4: Light of my soul, after victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun! Heart of my heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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: *"Go My Children With My Blessing"*

Vs 1: Go, My children, with My blessing, never alone; Walking, sleeping, I am with you, you are My own. In My love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever. Go, My children with My blessing, you are My own.

Vs 2: Go, My children, sins forgiven, at peace & pure. Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure. Here you heard My dear Son's story, Here you touched Him, saw His glory. Go, My children, sins forgiven, at peace & pure.

Vs 3: Go, My children, fed & nourished, closer to Me; Grow in love & love by serving, joyful & free. Here My Spirit's power filled you, here His tender comfort stilled you. Go, My children, fed an nourished, joyful & free.

Vs 4: I the Lord will bless & keep you & give you peace. I the Lord will smile upon you & give you peace. I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter & Brother. Go, My children, I will keep you & give you peace.

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

Postlude

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