St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson 9:30AM • October 3, 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: "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: Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Reading - 1 John 4:7-12 ⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

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

Children's Message: Pastor Eric Hanson

Temple Talk: Why do I give? by Brad Roschen

Sermon: Pastor Eric Hanson

Hymn of the Day: "Baptized and Set Free" #453

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- Vs 1: We are people created, chosen by God. Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love. Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.
- Vs 2: We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed. Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed. For whatever the need, God is greater indeed: endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.
- Vs 3: We are nourished by water, all living things, and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings. As we journey toward home, may your presence be known: precious river, ever flowing, now carry us home.
- Vs 4: Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song. All are welcome! We gather to sing loud & strong. Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!

The Baptism of Isaac Roper

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.* Holy One, you have raised up faithful leaders throughout history. Empower those discerning a call to ministry and all seminarians that they continue to be formed for the sake of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You have established a diverse and beautiful creation. Revive declining species and preserve endangered lands. Cultivate in us a sense of wonder for the world you created. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

You desire for us not to be alone and to live in community with one another. Strengthen relationships between nations and peoples, that we celebrate and support one human family. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

You share in our experiences and struggles. 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 and Gabriel Ryan and Dr. Shauna Burshem. We pray for those who have lost a loved one especially; the family of Roxanne (Engelby) Bang. Provide them with peace and resilience for the days ahead. Sustain caregivers with energy and patience. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You have established and nurtured relationships that extend beyond those gathered here today. Bless members who can no longer travel to worship with us and remind us of their continued role in this community of faith. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

You promise eternal life to all your children. Thank you for the people of faith who have gone before us. Strengthen our trust we have in you. 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: "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]

"Come To The Table" #481

Come to the table of mercy, prepared with the wine and the bread. All who are hungry and thirsty, come, and your souls will be fed. Come at the Lord's invitation; receive from his nail scarred hand. Eat of the bread of salvation; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

"We Are An Offering" #692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

Communion Prayer: P: O God,

C: We give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and 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 and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending: "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]

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

Postlude

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