



St. Luke Lutheran Church

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost • 8AM • October 4, 2020

Prelude: "Our God is an Awesome God" 3X

**Our God is an awesome God. He reigns from heaven above.
With wisdom, power, and love. Our God is an awesome God**

Greeting: L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: **And also with you.**

Confession and Forgiveness (*please stand as you are able*)

(*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*)

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. C: **Amen.**

L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: **Amen.**

L: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

L: 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: (*you may be seated*) #796 "*How Firm a Foundation*"

**Verse 1: How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said, who unto the Savior for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**Verse 2: "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed; for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**Verse 3: "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
the flames shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine.**

**Verse 4: "Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn, like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."**

Prayer of the Day: Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: "*Celtic Alleluia*" (*Stand as you are able*) Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. 2X

L: The holy gospel according to.... **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:33-46 (*Please stand as you are able*) [Jesus said to the people:]³³ "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country.³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce.³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way.³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"⁴¹ They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?"⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them.⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

L: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Reading: Philippians 2:1-13 ¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy,² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form,⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Children's Message: (*you may be seated*)

Sermon

Bishop Regina Hassanally

Hymn of the Day: #595 "Jesus Loves Me"

Verse 1: Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Verse 2: Jesus loves me he who died heaven's gate to open wide.

He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. [Refrain]

Verse 3: Jesus loves me, he will stay close beside me all the way;

when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high. [Refrain]

Installation of Pastor Eric Hanson: *See insert

Bishop Regina Hassanally & Vice President, Kelly Rehder

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)

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. *A brief silence.* Holy God, you call us to work for peace and justice in your vineyard. Refresh the church with your life, that we may bear fruit through work and service. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Thank you for the abundant harvest of the earth. Bless and care for those whose hands bring the fruits of the earth to the tables of all who hunger. May we be inspired by your servants who cared deeply for your creation (especially Francis of Assisi, whom we commemorate today). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Curb the impulses of greed and pride that lead us to take advantage of others. Grant that world leaders seek the fruits of the kingdom for the good and welfare of all people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sustain all who suffer with the promise of new life. Assured of your presence, heal our pain and suffering, and equip us to embrace all bodies aching for wholeness of mind, body, and soul. We call to mind those who are struggling today; especially the Family of Dan Dicke, Ava Dicke, Lorraine Hinsch, Brad Roschen, Zach Gravemann, Naomi Berland, Neal Stenlund, Nathlye Benrud, Donald Hadler, Kyle Poncelet, Nancy & Donald Nord, Dean Kirkland, Marlene & Lloyd Roschen, Finley Budensiek, Lauren Brown and Karl Thomforde. Take their yoke upon you and ease their burdens. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all managers in our community and for all who seek employment. Give hope and a future to those who lack meaningful work, those who have been marginalized or abused in the workplace, and those who desire new opportunities. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Thank you for the saints who teach us to live faithfully in your vineyard. May our chorus join theirs until our labor is complete. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Offering & Doxology:

 **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Offertory Prayer: God our provider, we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: **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 and praise.**

Salutation

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power & might, heav'n & earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. Amen, amen, amen.

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; & 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.

Lamb of God Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. 2X
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Communion Blessing and Communion Prayer: God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, & in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior & Lord. C: **Amen.**

Blessing (*please stand as you are able*)

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

Sending Hymn: #715 "Christ Be Our Light"

**Verse 1: 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.**

**Verse 2: 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]**

**Verse 3: 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]**

**Verse 4: Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. [Refrain]**

**Verse 5: 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]**

Dismissal L: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

"Go In Peace" 3X written by Debbi St. John

Go In Peace And serve the Lord your God. Sow the seeds about the man of love.

Go into the world and tell them One by one. Go tell them what Jesus has done