

Children's Sermon: *Pastor Eric Hanson*

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Hymn of the Day: *"What Is The World Like"*

Offerings will be collected during the hymn of the day. Thank you also to those who give online. If you'd like to sign up for online giving please visit www.stlukegoodhue.org/online-giving. Children's coin offering will go toward ELCA Good Gifts serving communities in need around the world at the end of the Sunday School year.

Vs 1: What is the world like when God's will is done? Mustard seeds grow more than we can conceive; roots thread the soil; branches reach for the sun. This is how God moves us each to believe.

Vs 2: What is the world like when God's will is done? Witness the wandering child coming home; watch as the parent breaks into a run. This is how God longs for us when we roam.

Vs 3: What is the world like when God's will is done? No more is neighbor just ally or friend; peace thrives in places where once there was none. This is how God works when rivalries end.

Vs 4: What is the world like when God's will is done? Ready for feasting, we watch through the night, tending our lamps till the new day's begun. This is how God readies us for the light.

Vs 5: These are the stories that Jesus imparts, filled with the Spirit who joins us as one. Born through our voices, our hands, and our hearts, this is a new world where God's will is done.

Offertory Response: *"Give Thanks"*

Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One.

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong".

Let the poor say, "I am rich Because of what the Lord has done for us". Give thanks.

Offering Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

C: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Apostles' Creed: *(please stand as you are able)*

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven & 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, and was buried; he descended into hell. 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.

The Prayers: *(call and response)*

Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence.* God of all grace, you are the source of life and joy. Strengthen the resolve of your church throughout the world, that together we press on toward the goal of your heavenly call in Jesus Christ. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of all creation, you plant and nourish the earth as your own precious vineyard. Bless fields and orchards and the hands of those who labor in them, that your people are fed with an abundant harvest of good fruit. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of all the earth, you desire peace and justice between nations and peoples. Guide leaders of nations, states, provinces, and cities, that they faithfully govern your people with wisdom, integrity, and compassion. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of all compassion, in Christ, you lovingly poured yourself out like wine for your people. Have mercy on all who mourn, who struggle with their mental health, who cry out for justice, who hunger, and all in any need especially; Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Judy Carpenter, Jan Benidt, Dave (Pud) Gnotke, Marilyn O'Brien, Shawn Frederixon, Neil Stehr, and Ella Hadler. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of all steadfastness, you set Christ as the cornerstone and foundation of the church. Build up this congregation as living stones, that it stands in the community as a witness to your enduring faithfulness and love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of all hope, the saints who came before us lived and died with their hearts fixed on you. We give you thanks for their faithful witness, and we wait with hope for the great day when we join their voices in praise. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace:

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The Great Thanksgiving:

P: The Lord be with you **C: And also with you**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give Him thanks & praise.**

The 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: *(you may be seated)*

All are welcome at this meal. We believe in the saving power of Jesus Christ through the gift of his life, death, and resurrection experienced in bread and wine.

Please move forward via the center aisle. Bread is received in the hands. Wine is received by dipping the bread into the wine chalice and consuming both together. All ages are welcome to commune. Those not communing may receive a blessing by simply keeping your hands folded or extending your arms over your chest in the sign of a cross inviting blessing. For those unable to consume either wine or bread, communion is received fully in either element alone, for Christ is fully present in the meal. You may return to your seats via the side aisles after communing. Gluten-free is available, simply make the server aware of your need. Also, if you cannot come forward, but wish for communion or blessing, let the usher know it will come to you at the end.

"In The Singing" #466

**Vs 1: In the singing, in the silence, in the hands expectant, open,
in the blessing, in the breaking, in your presence at this table.**

Refrain: Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace; Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.

**Vs 2: In the question, in the answer, in the moment of acceptance,
in the heart's cry, in the healing, in the circle of your people. [refrain]**

"No Not One"

**Vs 1: There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus. No, not one! no, not one!
None else could heal all our soul's diseases. No, not one! no, not one!**

**Refrain: Jesus knows all about our struggles, He will guide till the day is done;
There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus. No, not one! no, not one!**

**Vs 2: No friend like Him is so high and holy. No, not one! no, not one!
And yet no friend is so meek and lowly. No, not one! no, not one! [Refrain]**

**Vs 3: There's not an hour that He is not near us. No, not one! no, not one!
No night so dark but His love can cheer us. No, not one! no, not one! [Refrain]**

**Vs 4: Was e'er a gift like the Savior given? No, not one! no, not one!
Will he refuse us a home in heaven? No, not one! no, not one! [Refrain]**

“In Christ Alone”

Vs 1: In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All; here in the love of Christ I stand.

Vs 2: In Christ alone who took on flesh fullness of God in helpless Babe
This gift of Love and righteousness scorned by the ones He came to save.
Til on the cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid here in the death of Christ I live.

Vs 3: No guilt in life, no fear in death; this is the power of Christ in me.
From life’s first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand.
‘Til he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I’ll stand!

Communion Prayer: *(stand as you are able)*

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise & serve your earth & its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Blessing:

P: 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. **C: Amen.**

Sending 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]

Dismissal: P: Go in peace, share your gifts!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Stewardship as a Spiritual Practice
St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson
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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Temple Talk: *“Why do I worship?”* by Maggie Voth

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, and make us New.

P: Children of God, God loved us even when we were dead in sin, & 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. **C: 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.
Whom will bear my light to them? Whom 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: *(you may be seated)*

P: Let us pray.

C: God of abundance, you call us to steward our gifts for the sake of your world. Help us to view our time, talents, and treasures as gifts held in trust by us for the sake of others. Give us generous hearts to provide for the needs of our church, community, and world as we seek to fulfill our own needs. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

The Reading: Isaiah 45:18-21

¹⁸For this is what the Lord says—he who created the heavens, he is God; he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it; he did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited—he says: “I am the Lord, and there is no other. ¹⁹I have not spoken in secret, from somewhere in a land of darkness; I have not said to Jacob’s descendants, ‘Seek me in vain.’ I, the Lord, speak the truth; I declare what is right. ²⁰“Gather together and come; assemble, you fugitives from the nations. Ignorant are those who carry about idols of wood, who pray to gods that cannot save. ²¹Declare what is to be, present it—let them take counsel together. Who foretold this long ago, who declared it from the distant past? Was it not I, the Lord? And there is no God apart from me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none but me.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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