

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Children’s Sermon: “Blessing of the Backpacks”** *(you may be seated)*

**Sermon:** *Pastor Eric Hanson*

**Hymn of the Day: “Earth And All Stars”**

*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](http://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: Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Hail, wind, & rain! Loud blowing snowstorm! Sing to the Lord a new song!**

**Refrain: God has done marvelous things. I too sing praises with a new song!**

**Vs 2: Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos! Sing to the Lord a new song! [Refrain]**

**Vs 3: Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Limestone and beams! Loud building workers! Sing to the Lord a new song! [Refrain]**

**Vs 4: Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Athlete and band! Loud cheering people! Sing to the Lord a new song! [Refrain]**

**Vs 5: Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom! Sing to the Lord a new song! Daughter and son!  
Loud praying members! Sing to the Lord a new song! [Refrain]**

**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)*

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors. *A brief silence.* Hold us accountable, O God. Show your church where repentance is needed and lead us in paths of intentional compassion and listening. Help us extend hands of reconciliation and care, especially in relationships with other Christians and people of other faiths. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Reveal your miracles to us, O God. Move us to cherish you as we behold the wonders of creation. Renew the seas and the soil, the forests and the creatures that live in them. Turn us to ways of living that seek Earth’s thriving. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Be with all those involved with raising our next generation as the school year begins, O God. Give strength and endurance to teachers, coaches, school administrators, janitors, Sunday school teachers, youth group leaders, day-care providers, and all those who give time and energy being your hands and feet among our children. May your Spirit guide us in drawing the next generation into your story. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Help us comfort those who suffer, O God. Reassure any who are harmed by the wicked acts of others. Bring peace to all who are vulnerable, frightened, despairing, or sick especially; Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Judy Carpenter, Jan Benidt, Dave (Pud) Gnotke, Marilyn O’Brien, Shawn Frederixon, Neil Stehr, Dave Ryan, the family of Jessica & Jared Brinkman, & the family & friends of Blake Apley. Guard their waking and their sleeping. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Awaken us, O God. Challenge and encourage your people to value the vocation to which each is called. We pray for all discerning new possibilities or changing employment. In all our diverse callings, teach us to love our neighbor above all else. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Be our hope, O God. We remember with thanksgiving your disciples who died in faith. May their trust in your promise be our protection and our hope. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ. **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.*

**“I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light”**

**Vs 1: I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.**

**God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.**

**Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.**

**The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**Vs 2: I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.**

**Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. [Refrain]**

**Vs 3: I’m looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.**

**When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. [Refrain]**

*“Children Of The Heavenly Father”*

**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.

**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 and serve your earth and 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:** *“How Great Thou Art”*

**Vs 1:** O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder Consider all the works Thy hands have made  
I see the stars I hear the mighty thunder Thy pow’r thru’out The universe displayed

**Chorus:** Then sings my soul My Savior God to Thee How great Thou art How great Thou art  
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**Vs 2:** When through the woods & forest glades I wander I hear the birds Sing sweetly in the trees When  
I look down From lofty mountain grandeur And hear the brook And feel the gentle breeze [chorus]

**Vs 3:** But when I think That God His Son not sparing Sent Him to die I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross My burden gladly bearing He bled and died To take away my sin [chorus]

**Vs 4:** When Christ shall come With shout of acclamation And take me home What joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow In humble adoration And there proclaim My God how great Thou art [chorus]

**Dismissal:**

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God!

**Postlude**

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson**  
**7:00AM • September 10, 2023**



**Prelude**

**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, and 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.

**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:**

P: Let us pray.

**C:** O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**The Reading: Deuteronomy 6:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>“Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, <sup>2</sup>so that you and your children and your children’s children may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. <sup>3</sup>Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you. <sup>4</sup>“Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. <sup>5</sup>You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup>Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. <sup>7</sup>Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. <sup>8</sup>Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, <sup>9</sup>and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

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