

**Gospel Acclamation:** *“Alleluia”* (stand as you are able) **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.** 2X

**Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1-10** <sup>1</sup>Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. <sup>2</sup>But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” <sup>3</sup>Then Jesus told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders <sup>6</sup>and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ <sup>7</sup>I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. <sup>8</sup>“Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ <sup>10</sup>In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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

**Children’s Message:** *“Backpack Blessing”* Pastor Eric Hanson

**Choir Sings:** *“This Is The Place”*

**Come, my child, there is a place. When you’re lost, you will be found.  
You’ll be safe, and you’ll belong. You will hear the sweetest sound.**

**This is the place where we pray. This is the place where we cry.  
This is the place where we start. ‘Til death do us part. Where we say goodbye.**

**Here we leave all our pain. Find forgiveness and grace.  
Here we walk down the aisle. Dedicate every child. Here in this sacred place.**

**Break some bread, come share the wine. At this table there is a place.  
Bring your fears, take His peace. Come and share this Holy space.**

**This is the place where we pray. This is the place where we cry.  
This is the place where we start. ‘Til death do us part. Where we say goodbye.**

**Here we leave all our pain. Find forgiveness and grace. Here we walk down the aisle.  
Dedicate every child. Here in this sacred place.**

**Holy, holy (holy, holy), holy, holy. God Almighty, Immanuel.**

**This is the place where we pray. This is the place where we cry. This is the place where we start.  
‘Til death do us part. Where we say goodbye.**

**Here we leave all our pain. Find forgiveness and grace. Here we walk down the aisle.  
Dedicate every child. Here in this sacred place.**

**Holy, holy, holy**

**Sermon:** Pastor Eric Hanson

**Hymn of the Day & Offering:** *“Jesus Loves Me”* #595

*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 <http://www.stlukegoodhue.org/online-giving.html>. Children’s coin offering will go toward ELCA Good Gifts serving communities in need around the world.*

**Vs 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.**

**Vs 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]**

**Vs 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]**

**Offertory Response:** *“We Give Thee But Thine Own”*

**Vs. 1: We give thee but thine own, whate’er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

**Offertory Prayer:** P: Let us pray.

**C: Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.**

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

**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)

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God’s good creation. *A brief silence.* Your people receive mercy and your grace overflows in our lives. Fill your church with faith and love, and give understanding hearts to those who work to strengthen our ecumenical and interreligious commitments. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your creation groans as it suffers the impacts of pollution and lack of care. As the seasons change, renew in us the will to protect plants, animals, and habitats. Bless us with bountiful harvests that all may share. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your world is shattered and the nations rage. Remember us in your mercy. Teach wisdom to our elected leaders so that we know peace in our world, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your children wander homeless and the hungry cry for bread. Seek out those who are lost or lonely, anxious or depressed, or struggling with addiction or illness. Provide for those in any need especially; Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Sara Nolte, Judy Carpenter, Donald & Nancy Nord, Larry Reese, Matt Ludwig, Jan Benidt, Neil Stehr, Dave (Pud) Gnotke, Jen Berg, Kellie Peterson, and the family of Evan Burkel. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your work is done in this congregation with our hands, feet, voices, minds, and hearts. Build up the ministries of this community, that we serve our neighbors and welcome the stranger in your name. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your blessed saints who have died now rest in your presence. Give us thankful hearts for those who have been examples of faith in our lives, and receive us with joy when we come to share eternal life with you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; 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.**

**Meal and Hymns:** *“Come To Me, O Weary Traveler”*

**Vs 1: Come to me, O weary trav’ler; come to me with your distress;  
come to me, you heavy burdened; come to me and find your rest.**

**Vs 2: Do not fear, my yoke is easy; do not fear, my burden’s light;  
do not fear the path before you; do not run from me in fright.**

**Vs. 3: Take my yoke and leave your troubles; take my yoke and come with me.  
Take my yoke, I am beside you; take and learn humility.**

**Vs 4: Rest in me, O weary trav’ler; rest in me and do not fear.  
Rest in me, my heart is gentle; rest and cast away your care.**

“Softly And Tenderly” #608

Verse 1: Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;  
see, on the portals he’s waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

Refrain: Come home, come home; you who are weary come home;  
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!

Verse 2: Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me? [Refrain]

Verse 3: Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing, passing from you and from me;  
shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming, coming for you and for me. [Refrain]

Verse 4: O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. [Refrain]

“The King Of Love My Shepherd Is”

Vs 1: The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.  
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.

Vs 2: Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth;  
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Vs 3: Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me;  
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

Vs 4: In death’s dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

Vs 5: Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

Vs 6: And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

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

P: O God,

C: God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey.  
Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus  
Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Blessing:

P: God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the  
holy Trinity, + one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love. Amen.

Sending Hymn: “Amazing Grace” #779

Vs 1: Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.

Vs 2: ’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!

Vs 3: Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;  
’Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

Vs 4: The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;  
He will my Shield and Portion be, As long as life endures.

Vs 5: When we’ve been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,  
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise Than when we’d first begun.

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude *Pianist, Debbi St. John*

# St. Luke Lutheran Church

## 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Eric Hanson  
9:30AM • September 11, 2022

Prelude: *Pianist, Debbi St. John*

Welcome & 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: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. Amen.

P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.  
*(Silence is kept for reflection.)* God of mercy and forgiveness,

C: we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do  
justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that  
leads to life. Be our refuge & strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer & friend. Amen.

P: Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven + and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ,  
who meets us on the road. Journey now in God’s abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Gathering Hymn: “God We Gather As Your People” *(please stand as you are able)*

Vs 1: God, we gather as your people to raise our song above, & we dare to claim the promise of your love.  
Though the day may not yet be here, we trust it soon will be, when your children will be free.

Refrain: Oh, may our hearts and minds be opened, fling the church doors open wide.  
May there be room enough for ev’ryone inside. For in God there is a welcome, in God we all belong.  
May that welcome be our song.

Vs 2: Oh, we sing for all the children, that one day they be free; and we sing for generations yet to be,  
that they never have a reason to doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest. [Refrain]

Vs 3: Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear & shame, so afraid of who they are & whom they love.  
May the message now be banished that your love is for the few; may their faith in you renew. [Refrain]

Vs 4: God, we’re working for the future when children far & wide can live their lives with dignity & pride.  
As they grow in strength & stature, may they join us hand in hand, as against all hate we stand. [Refrain]

Prayer of the Day: O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who  
go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and  
may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The First Reading: Exodus 32:7-14 <sup>7</sup>Then the Lord said to Moses, “Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. <sup>8</sup>They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, ‘These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.’” <sup>9</sup>“I have seen these people,” the Lord said to Moses, “and they are a stiff-necked people. <sup>10</sup>Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation.” <sup>11</sup>But Moses sought the favor of the Lord his God. “Lord,” he said, “why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup>Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup>Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: ‘I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.’” <sup>14</sup>Then the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.