

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Rally Sunday



St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson
9:30AM • September 12, 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: "Down to the River to Pray" led by the church choir & children

**Refrain: As I went down to the river to pray, studying about that good old way
and who shall wear the starry crown. Good Lord, show me the way.**

**Vs 1: O sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down
O sisters, let's go down, down to the river to pray. [Refrain]**

**Vs 2: O brothers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down
O brothers, let's go down, down to the river to pray. [Refrain]**

**Vs 3: O fathers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down
O fathers, let's go down, down to the river to pray. [Refrain]**

**Vs 4: O mothers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down
O mothers, let's go down, down to the river to pray. [Refrain]**

**Vs 5: O sinners, let's go down, let's go down, come on down
O sinners, let's go down, down to the river to pray. [Refrain]**

Prayer of the Day: P: Let us pray.

C: O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

First Reading - Isaiah 50:4-9a ⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Gospel Acclamation: "Hallelujah" (Stand as you are able)

Refrain: Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah 2X

Gospel Reading - Mark 8:27-38: ²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others,

Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.”²⁹ He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.”³⁰ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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

Children’s Message: *Blessing of the Backpacks*

Sermon *Pastor Eric Hanson*

Hymn of the Day: “*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*” #733

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**Vs 1: Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.**

**Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me**

**Vs 2: Summer and winter, springtime and harvest; Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above;
Join with all nature in manifold witness; To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [refrain]**

**Vs 3: Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth; Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today & bright hope for tomorrow; Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside. [refrain]**

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)*

Made children and heirs of God’s promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence.* Revealing God, you have made yourself known through bread and wine, water and word. Continue to nurture your church, that it is a place where your presence is experienced and shared. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creating God, you brought life into being & called it good. Bring new creation to lands devastated by tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, fires, & other disasters. Restore forests & curb overflowing waters. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Protecting God, you desire all people to live in peace and safety. Provide for all who are in danger. Strengthen first responders to help meet to the complex needs of others. Provide care and compassion as they face trauma themselves. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Transforming God, you announce release to the captives and freedom to the oppressed. Break chains of discrimination and injustice. Amplify voices that go unheard and inspire us to advocate for those who are overlooked. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our Prayer.**

Forming God, you gather this community together. Shape our communal life, that in our prayer, praise, and worship, we honor you and encourage one another. Keep our disagreements civil and increase our joy in working together. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, creator of all people and nations, with sorrow we remember the tragic events of 9/11. We lift to you in prayer those who died in the Twin Towers, at the Pentagon, and on United Airlines Flight 93. We entrust them to your loving care and ask you to comfort those who mourn. We pray for our world that has been changed ever since. We pray for peace among people who live and think differently. We pray for comfort for those who have lost loved ones fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan. We pray for refugees that wars have displaced. We pray for healing for our whole world. May it begin with us. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Redeeming God, you accompany your people through every stage of life. We give you thanks for the saints who now rest in your embrace. Come quickly to help all those who suffer especially; Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Dean Kirkland, Finley Budensiek, Sara Nolte, Mark Jacobson, Deb Huneke, Jill Louise Plank, Eric and Gabriel Ryan. 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: "Let Us Break Bread Together" #471

Vs 1: Let us break bread together on our knees; Let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain: When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Vs 2: Let us drink wine together on our knees; Let us drink wine together on our knees. (Refrain)

Vs 3: Let us praise God together on our knees; Let us praise God together on our knees. (Refrain)

"Around You, O Lord Jesus" #468

Verse 1: Around you, O Lord Jesus, your own you gather still to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill. You say to us so lovingly, "Take, eat! This is my body! Take, drink! This is my blood!"

Verse 2: We hear your invitation, and heed, O Lord, your call; your word of consolation is spoken here to all. It draws us to your loving heart; it brings to us your blessing, which never will depart.

Verse 3: We are your own forever; until our final breath we will be true and never in joy, in grief, in death depart from you, for you are still among your people dwelling, as you have said you will.

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: "Lord, I Lift Your Name On High" 2X #857 led by the children

Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your praises.

I'm so glad You're in my life, I'm so glad You came to save us.

**You came from heaven to earth to show the way. From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,
from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky; Lord I lift Your name on high.**

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

Postlude

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