

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson 9:30AM • September 19, 2021

Prelude *Pianist, Debbi St. John*

Welcome and Announcements

Stewardship Committee Financial Update *by Brad Roschen*

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: *"Bless the Lord, O My Soul"*

Chorus: Bless the Lord, oh, my soul, oh, my soul. Worship his holy name. Sing like never before, oh, my soul. I worship your holy name.

Vs 1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing your song again.

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes. [Chorus]

Vs 2. You're rich in love and you're slow to anger. Your name is great, and your heart is kind.

For all your goodness, I will keep on singing, ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. [Chorus]

Vs 3. And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near in my time has come; still my soul will sing your praise an ending, ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Final Chorus: Bless the Lord, oh, my soul, oh, my soul. Worship his holy name. Sing like never before, oh, my soul. I worship your holy name, worship your holy name

Prayer of the Day: P: Let us pray.

C: O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy & selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom & understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading - James 3:13-4:3, 7-8 ^{3:13}Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. ^{4:1}Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

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

Refrain: Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah 2X

Gospel Reading - Mark 9:30-37 ³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. ³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

Children's Message

Sermon *Pastor Eric Hanson*

Hymn of the Day: "Children of the Heavenly Father" #781

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**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.**

The Baptism of Dylan Ellefson

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.* God of community, we pray for the church around the world. Unite us in our love for you. Help us overcome our divisions, that we are encouraged to work together for your sake. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, we pray for this hurting earth. Awaken in us a new desire to care for this world & empower us to support agencies, organizations, & individual efforts to heal our environment. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of cooperation, we pray for nations of the world embroiled in conflict. Inspire leaders to listen to each other and work towards peaceful solutions to disagreements. Protect the vulnerable, especially children, who cannot find safety in their home or country. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of comfort, we pray for all who live with mental or physical illness. Help them find appropriate care. Bring healing and wholeness when the path forward seems bleak. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our Prayer.**

God of compassion, we pray for the young people of this congregation. Renew in us your call to welcome the children in our midst. As they grow, strengthen their faith and our commitment to them. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of consolation, we give you thanks for our loved ones who have died and pray for all who grieve today. Shine your grace on all your saints. 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: *"On Eagles Wings"* duet by Eve Stone and Michael Leary

"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)

"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]

Communion Prayer: P: Lord of life,

C: in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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: *"Sent Forth By God's Blessing"* #547

Vs 1: Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all.
Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us to work for your kingdom and answer your call.

Vs 2: With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living, the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing God's children, the whole human race.
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us; unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

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

Postlude

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