

Welcome

—We are glad you are here—

St. Luke Lutheran Church

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost • 8AM • September 20, 2020

Prelude: "Our God is an Awesome God" 3X

Our God is an awesome God. He reigns from heaven above.
With wisdom, power, and love. Our God is an awesome God

Confession and Forgiveness *(please stand as you are able)*

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C: Amen.**

L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

L: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: *(you may be seated)* #546 "To Be Your Presence"

Verse 1: To be your presence is our mission here, to show compassion's face and list'ning ear,
to be your heart of mercy ever near, alleluia!

Verse 2: To be your presence is our mission bold, to feed the poor and shelter homeless cold,
to be your hands of justice, right uphold, alleluia!

Verse 3: To be your presence is our mission blest, to speak for all the broken and oppressed,
to be your voice of hope, your love expressed, alleluia!

Verse 4: We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your people is our call and choice,
and in this mission we, the church, rejoice, alleluia!

Greeting: L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie L: Kyrie eleison **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: Christe eleison **C: Christ, have mercy.**

L: Kyrie eleison **C: Lord, have mercy.**

“Glory to God”

Verse 1: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Refrain: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God glory to God & peace to God’s people on earth.

Verse 2: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. [Refrain]

Verse 3: For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. [Refrain]

Final: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God & peace to God’s people on earth, and peace to God’s people on earth.

Prayer of the Day: Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual loving kindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Epistle Reading: Philippians 1:21-30

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. ²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God’s doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

L: The holy gospel according to.... **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 19:27, 20:1-16 (Please stand as you are able)

^{19:27}“Peter answered Jesus, ‘We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?’” ^{20:1}“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?’ ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

L: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Message: (you may be seated)

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: #605 "Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive"

**Verse 1: Forgive our sins as we forgive, You taught us Lord to pray;
But You alone can grant us grace to live the words we say**

**Verse 2: How can Your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?**

**Verse 3: In blazing light Your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew:
How trifling others' debts men owe to us; how great our debt to You!**

**Verse 4: Lord cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease;
then by your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread Your peace**

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)

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. *A brief silence.* Generous God, you make the last first, and the first last. Where this gospel challenges the church, equip it for its works of service. Strengthen those who suffer for Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sun and wind, bushes and worms, cattle and great cities – nothing in creation is outside your concern, mighty God. In your mercy, tend to it all. Give us a spirit of generosity toward all you have made. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Where we find envy and create enemies, you provide enough for all. Bring peace to places of conflict and violence. Inspire leaders with creativity and wisdom. Bless the work of negotiators, peacekeepers, and development workers. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Reveal yourself to all in need as you are gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, ready to relent from punishing. Accompany judges and lawyers, victims of crime and those serving sentences. Give fruitful labor and a livelihood to those seeking work. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Even beyond our expectations, you choose to give generously. Grant life, health, and courage to all who are in need. Shelter all who are vulnerable in body, mind, or spirit; especially the family of Dan Dicke, Millie Bitzan, Brad Roschen, Zach Gravemann, Naomi Berland, Neal Stenlund, Nathlye Benrud, Donald Hadler, Kyle Poncellet, Nancy & Donald Nord, Dean Kirkland, Marlene & Lloyd Roschen, Finley Budensiek, Lauren Brown & Karl Thomforde. Take their yoke upon you and ease their burdens. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**


We praise you for the generations that have declared your power to us. Give us faithfulness to follow them, living for Christ, until you call us to join them in the joyful song around his throne. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace: L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering & Doxology:

 **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Offertory Prayer: God our provider, we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: **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 and praise.**

Salutation

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power & might, heav'n & earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. Amen, amen, amen.

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; & forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; & lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, & the power, and the glory, forever & ever. Amen.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. 2X

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Communion Blessing and Communion Prayer: God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, & in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior & Lord. **C: Amen.**

Blessing *(please stand as you are able)*

L: May the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor + and give you peace. **C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn: #482 *"I Come With Joy"*

Verse 1: I come with joy, a child of God forgiven, loved, and free, the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

Verse 2: I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

Verse 3: As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

Verse 4: The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near, is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here, alive among us here.

Verse 5: Together met, together bound by all that God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Dismissal L: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

"Go In Peace" 3X written by Debbi St. John

Go In Peace And serve the Lord your God. Sow the seeds about the man of love.

Go into the world and tell them One by one. Go tell them what Jesus has done