

birds came and ate it up.⁵ Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow.⁶ But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root.⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants.⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.⁹ Whoever has ears, let them hear.”

¹⁸ “Listen then to what the parable of the sower means:¹⁹ When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path.²⁰ The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy.²¹ But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.²² The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful.²³ But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Children’s Message: *Pastor Eric Hanson*

Choir: *“There Is A Redeemer”*

Sermon: *Who do you do faith and life with? Pastor Eric Hanson*

Hymn of the Day & Offering: *“Blest Be The Tie That Binds”*

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: Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind is like to that above.**

**Vs. 2: Before our Father’s throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.**

**Vs. 3: We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.**

**Vs. 4: From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.**

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: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:
ourselves, 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 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.* O God, rich in mercy, fill your church with righteousness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Empower the baptized by your Spirit to be rich in good works and ready to share. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Protect the earth and its creatures. Provide water, food, shelter, and favorable habitats, especially for endangered species. Preserve threatened ice caps, glaciers, parks, and beaches. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Increase justice in nations, local governments, and courtrooms. Guide lawyers and those who hold public office to act with compassion and discernment. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Give food to the hungry. Set the captives free. Lift up those who are bowed down. Watch over the stranger. Watch over our college students and those in the military. Tend to those who are ill especially; Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Sara Nolte, Judy Carpenter, Donald & Nancy Nord, Larry Reese, Jan Benidt, Neil Stehr, Dave (Pud) Gnotke, Jen Berg, and Kellie Peterson. Stir us to act in the best interest of our neighbors. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Enliven our praise. Inspire musicians, artists, poets, and all who create beauty in this place. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Enfold the saints who have died in the arms of your loving care. Grant that the holy angels accompany us and bring us to eternal life with them in the light of your presence. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of our growth, we thank you for those people who have fertile soil in our lives for us to grow deeper in faith. Please be with all those discerning participation in small groups, either as leaders or participants. May our journeys connect in ways that draw us all deeper into life with you and each other. 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: *“Bind Us Together, Lord”*

**Chorus: Bind Us Together, Lord Bind Us Together With Cords That Cannot Be Broken
Bind Us Together, Lord Bind Us Together Bind Us Together In Love**

**Vs 1: There Is Only One God, There Is Only One King
There Is Only One Body, That Is Why We Sing. [Chorus]**

**Vs. 2: You Are The Family Of God, You Are The Promise Divine;
You Are God’s Chosen Desire, You Are The Glorious New Wine. [Chorus]**

“Make Me A Servant” 2X

Make me a servant, humble and meek,

Lord, let me lift up those who are weak. And may the pray’r of my heart always be;

Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.

"Taste And See" #493

Refrain: Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Vs 1: I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips;
my soul shall glory in the Lord; for God has been so good to me. (Refrain)

Vs 2: Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God's name.
I called the Lord, who answered me; from all my troubles I was set free. (Refrain)

Vs 3: Worship the Lord, all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask.
Taste and see that the Lord is good; in God we need put all our trust. (Refrain)

Communion Prayer: *(please 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: 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: *"Joyous Light Of Heavenly Glory"*

Vs 1: Joyous light of heav'nly glory, loving glow of God's own face, you who sing creation's story,
shine on ev'ry land and race. Now as evening falls around us, we shall raise our songs to you.
God of daybreak, God of shadows, come and light our hearts anew.

Vs 2: In the stars that grace the darkness, in the blazing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and wisdom,
we can hear your quiet song. Love that fills the night with wonder, love that warms the weary soul,
love that bursts all chains asunder, set us free and make us whole.

Vs 3: You who made the heaven's splendor, ev'ry dancing star of night, make us shine with gentle justice,
let us each reflect your light. Mighty God of all creation, gentle Christ who lights our way,
loving Spirit of salvation, lead us on to endless day.

Dismissal:

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

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude *Pianist, Debbi St. John*

Who Do YOU Do Faith & Life With?

St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson
9:30AM • September 25, 2022

Prelude: *Pianist, Debbi St. John*

Welcome & Announcements

Temple Talk: *How has small group leadership grown you as a disciple? Susie Matthees*

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: P: Let us pray together

C: God of our journeys, you sent the disciples off two by two to minister to your people. Give us partners on our journey of faith as well. Surround us with people who will challenge us, bless us, and help us draw nearer to you. And may we be such a partner for somebody else on their journey. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

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

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. ²Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. ³Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the