

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Blessing of New Members Sunday



St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson
9:30AM • September 26, 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: "Sanctuary" 3X

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary. Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for You**

Prayer of the Day: P: Let us pray.

C: Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading - Galatians 6:9-10 *read by Alex Dicke* Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Second Reading - 2nd Corinthians 4:16 *read by Alex Dicke* That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day.

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

Children's Message *by Pastor Eric Hanson*

Message: *by Alex Dicke*

Hymn of the Day: "We Believe" *St. Paul's Senior Choir & St. Luke Choir Director, Jeanne Follstad*

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Blessing of New Members: *We welcome the new members of our faith community and are blessed to join our gifts together in service and witness. Welcome Brittany and Brett Dankers, Gerald Meyer, Jill Ramboldt, Haylee Ramboldt, and Colton Hall, Robby, Jacki, Drew, and Jorli Ebner, Ron and Janice Horsman, Philip, Brittney, Jaylen, Zahra, and Koa Zorn, Luke, Courtney, Madeline, Patrick, Grant Meyer, Kevin, Robyn, Shelby, Hailey, and Jaysa Dankers, Dan, Chelsea, Allison, Leah and Paige Lubahn.*

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for our new members, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome into the life and ministry of this congregation. With the whole church, let us confess our faith,

C: 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, and 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, and he will come to judge the living and 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 and the life everlasting. Amen.

P: In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and do strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

P: Sisters and brothers in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

New Members: I do and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for our new members in their life in Christ

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Let us welcome our new partners in God's mission at St. Luke Lutheran Church

C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism! Together we will serve God, our neighbors, and each other in Christian love.

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. We pray for the church and its ministry. Bless the newly baptized and encourage them in their journey of faith. Sustain all members of the body of Christ in lives of prayer, service, and worship. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for natural wonders of your creation (local waterways, forests, and natural areas may be named). Restore damaged forests, waterways and natural habitats and lead us to be good stewards of what you have provided. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in authority. Give them wise minds and compassionate hearts. Strengthen in them a desire to protect the vulnerable and care for those underserved. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for our new members; Brittany and Brett Dankers, Gerald Meyer, Jill Ramboldt, Haylee Ramboldt, and Colton Hall, Robby, Jacki, Drew, and Jorli Ebner, Ron and Janice Horsman, Philip, Britney, Jaylen, Zahra, and Koa Zorn, Luke, Courtney, Madeline, Patrick, Grant Meyer, Kevin, Robyn, Shelby, Hailley, and Jaysa Dankers, Dan, Chelsea, Allison, Leah and Paige Lubahn. Keep us close together in your Spirit and in the breaking of bread and service to others. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are struggling with cancer, dementia, or any other disease especially; Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Dean Kirkland, Finley Budensiek, Sara Nolte, Mark Jacobson, Deb Huneke, Jill Louise Plank, Eric and Gabriel Ryan and Dr. Shauna Burshem. We pray for those who have lost a loved one especially; the family of Roxanne (Engleby) Bang. Provide them with peace and resilience for the days ahead. Sustain caregivers with energy and patience. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the worship leaders of this congregation: musicians, readers, acolytes, and ushers. Bless us through their ministry and grant them the passion to continue in their service. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all your saints, those we have loved and known and those from every time and place. Continue to guide us by their example and reassure us of your promised salvation. 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: *"You Are My All In All"*

Vs. 1: You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treasure that I seek. You are my all in all
Seeking You as a precious jew'l, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool. You are my all in all

Chorus: Jesus Lamb of God, worthy is Your name! Jesus Lamb of God, worthy is Your name

Vs. 2: Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, Rising again I bless your name; You are my all in all

When I fall down, you pick me up; When I am dry, You fill my cup; You are my all in all. [Chorus]

"Change My Heart, O God" #801 2X

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.
You are the potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

"Jesus Remember Me" #616 2X

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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: *"Go In Peace" 3X*

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

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

Postlude

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