

**Children’s Sermon:** *Pastor Eric Hanson (you may be seated)*

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**Hymn of the Day:** *“Will You Come And Follow Me” #798*

*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 [www.stlukegoodhue.org/online-giving](http://www.stlukegoodhue.org/online-giving). Children’s coin offering will go toward ELCA Good Gifts serving communities in need around the world at the end of the Sunday School year.*

**Vs 1: Will you come and follow me if I but call you name? Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**

**Vs 2: Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer pray’r in you and you in me?**

**Vs 3: Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the pris’ners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?**

**Vs 4: Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?**

**Vs 5: Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

**Offertory Response:** *“Give Thanks”*

**Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One.**

**Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.**

**And now let the weak say, “I am strong”.**

**Let the poor say, “I am rich Because of what the Lord has done for us”. Give thanks.**

**Offering Prayer:**

P: Let us pray.

**C: God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Baptism of Oliver Don Jonas**

**The Prayers:** *(call and response)*

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors. *A brief silence.* God of life, your words are the joy at the heart of your church. Draw the seeker to you, place messages of hope and healing in the mouths of your witnesses, and open your children to your truth when we stumble. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of steadfast love, renew the earth by your Spirit, that lands and oceans reveal the beauty of your creation. Challenge us to live humbly and peaceably as part of your world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of patience, lead those who govern to hold fast to what is good. Guide them to show honor to the people in their care. Overcome evil in all nations and grant peace to peoples and places mired in conflict. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of deliverance, remember all who are suffering, lonely, and in pain especially; Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Judy Carpenter, Jan Benidt, Dave (Pud) Gnotke, Marilyn O’Brien, Shawn Frederixon, Neil Stehr, Dave Ryan, the family of Jessica & Jared Brinkman, & the family & friends of Blake Apley. Liberate your people being insulted, persecuted, or in the grasp of the ruthless. Give endurance to workers who persevere on this Labor Day and insure fair wages and safe working environments. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of justice, equip this congregation to boldly follow you in uncertain times and to remain faithful in prayer when facing challenges. Show us how best to love and care for one another and our communities. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of glory, we give thanks for the saints who now dwell with you in splendor. Nurture us in faith until the day we join their heavenly song. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ. **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.**

**The Meal & Hymns:** *(you may be seated)*

*All are welcome at this meal. We believe in the saving power of Jesus Christ through the gift of his life, death, and resurrection experienced in bread and wine.*

*Please move forward via the center aisle. Bread is received in the hands. Wine is received by dipping the bread into the wine chalice and consuming both together. All ages are welcome to commune. Those not communing may receive a blessing by simply keeping your hands folded or extending your arms over your chest in the sign of a cross inviting blessing. For those unable to consume either wine or bread, communion is received fully in either element alone, for Christ is fully present in the meal. You may return to your seats via the side aisles after communing. Gluten-free is available, simply make the server aware of your need. Also, if you cannot come forward, but wish for communion or blessing, let the usher know it will come to you at the end.*

*“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 and my time has come;**

**Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending, 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**

*“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]**

**Communion Prayer:** *(stand as you are able)*

P: Let us pray.

C: We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Blessing:**

P: The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed + bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

C: Amen.

**Sending Hymn:** *"We Will Glorify"*

Vs 1: We will glorify the King of kings. We will glorify the Lamb.  
We will glorify the Lord of lords. Who is the great I Am.

Vs 2: Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty. We will bow before His throne.  
We will worship Him in righteousness. We will worship Him alone.

Vs 3: He is Lord of heaven Lord of earth. He is Lord of all who live.  
He is Lord above the universe. All praise to Him we give.

Vs 4: Hallelujah to the King of kings. Hallelujah to the Lamb.  
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords. Who is the great I Am.

**Dismissal:**

P: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C: Thanks be to God!

**Postlude**



**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson**  
**9:30AM • September 3, 2023**

**Prelude**

**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, and 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.

C: Amen.

**Gathering Hymn:** *"Spirit, Open My Heart"*

**Refrain:** Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving. Spirit, open my heart.

Vs 1: God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.  
All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender. [Refrain]

Vs 2: Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.  
In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory. [Refrain]

Vs 3: May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of friend and neighbor.  
As I live from day to day, love will be my finest labor. [Refrain]

**Prayer of the Day:**

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *"Great Are You Lord"*

Holy Lord, most Holy Lord, You alone are worthy of my praise;

Oh Holy Lord, most Holy Lord, with all of my heart I sing.

Great are You, Lord, worthy of praise, Holy and true, great are you, Lord, most Holy Lord.

**The Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28**

<sup>21</sup>From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." <sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? <sup>27</sup>"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

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