

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson
8:30AM • September 5, 2021

Prelude *Pianist, Debbi St. John*

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, & 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: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" #858

Vs 1: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!

Let all who hear, now to His temple draw near; joining in glad adoration.

**Vs 2: Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things is wondrously reigning,
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.**

Have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by his gracious ordaining?

**Vs 3: Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend you.**

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, if with His love He befriend you.

Vs 4: Praise to the Lord, Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.

Let the Amen sound from His people again, gladly forever adore Him!

Prayer of the Day: P: Let us pray.

C: Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

First Reading - Isaiah 35:4-7a ⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

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

**Refrain: Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah**

Gospel Reading: Mark 7:24-37 ²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even

the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. ³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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

Children's Sermon

Homily *Pastor Eric Hanson*

Hymn of the Day: "Borning Cry"

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Vs 1: I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold. I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well; In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

Vs 2: When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on; You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong. If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun."

Vs 3: In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun. When the evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes, I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise."

Vs 4: I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold."

The Baptism of Macie Plank

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.* Holy One, you bring your people together in worship. Enliven your church. Guide all evangelists, preachers, prophets, and missionaries who seek to share your love through word and deed. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You provide water for thirsty ground and sunshine to feed hungry plants. Bless all who advocate for healthy forests, unpolluted air, and clean waterways. Inspire all people to show care for the world you have made. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You show no partiality. Increase justice in all nations. Encourage leaders and governments to work with one another for the good of our common world. Unite us in seeking the health, safety, and dignity of all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You accompany those who are most in need. Shelter all fleeing violence or persecution, protect any who are in danger, and sustain them through uncertain and unstable times. For all soldiers sent to Afghanistan. We pray for the success of their mission and for protection over their bodies, hearts, and spirits especially; Garret & Jess Huemann and Shea Mollenhauer. Be with family members waiting for their return. Give endurance to troubled hearts, and peace to anxious minds. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our Prayer.**

You embrace all who have died in the faith and brought them into your glorious presence. We thank you for their example and rejoice in their lives. We pray for all those who mourn the deaths of their beloved ones. We give you thanks for the saints who have gone before us. Come quickly to help all those who suffer especially; the family of Dean Luhman, the Atkinson family, Gabriel Ryan, Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Dean Kirkland, Finley Budensiek, Connie Ludwig, Joe Melson, Sara Nolte, Mark Jacobson, Deb Huneke and Pat Ferkin. 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 & Doxology: "Come To Me, O Weary Traveler"

Vs 1: Come to me, O weary trav'ler; come to me with your distress;
come to me, you heavy burdened; come to me and find you rest.

Vs. 3: Take my yoke and leave your troubles; take my yoke and come with me.
Take my yoke, I am beside you; take and learn humility.

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: "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)

"O Bread of Life From Heaven" #480

Vs 1: O Bread of life from Heaven, O Food to pilgrims given, O Manna from above:
Feed with the blessed sweetness of Your divine completeness the souls that want & need Your love.

Vs 2: O Fount of grace redeeming, O River ever streaming, from Jesus' wounded side:
Come now, Your love bestowing on thirsting souls, and flowing till all are fully satisfied.

Vs 3: We love You, Jesus, tender, in all Your hidden splendor within these means of grace.
Oh, let the veil be riven, and our clear eye in Heaven behold Your glory face to face.

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: "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" #890

Vs 1: Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword; his truth is marching on.

Refrain: Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

Vs 2: He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat;
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet! Our God is marching on. (Refrain)

Vs 3: In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you & me;
as he died to make men holy, let us die to make men free, while God is marching on. (Refrain) Dismissal:

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

Postlude

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