

Welcome

—We are glad you are here—

St. Luke Lutheran Church

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost • 8AM • September 6, 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)* #652 *"Built On a Rock"*

**Verse 1: Built on the Rock, the church shall stand even when steeples are falling;
crumbled have spires in ev'ry land; bells still are chiming and calling,
calling the young and old to rest, calling the souls of those distressed, longing for life everlasting.**

**Verse 2: Surely, in temples made with hands God the Most High is not dwelling;
high in the heav'ns His temple stands, all earthly temples excelling.
Yet God who dwells in heav'n above deigns to abide with us in love, making our bodies His temple.**

**Verse 3: Christ builds a house of living stones, we are His own habitation;
He fills our hearts, His humble thrones, granting us life and salvation. Where two or three will
seek his face, he is their midst will show his grace, blessings upon them bestowing.**

**Verse 4: Yet in this house, an earthly frame, Jesus the children is blessing;
hither we come to praise his name, faith in our Savior confessing.
Jesus to us his Spirit sent, making with us his covenant, granting his children the kingdom.**

**Verse 5: Through all the passing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are ringing,
many may come to hear your Word, who here this promise is bringing: "I know my own, my own
know me; you, not the world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. Amen."**

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.**
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“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: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Psalm 119:33-40 (Call and response)

C: ³³Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

L: ³⁴Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.

C: ³⁵Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

L: ³⁶Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.

C: ³⁷Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

L: ³⁸Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.

C: ³⁹Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

L: ⁴⁰Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.

Epistle Reading: Romans 13:8-14 ⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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 18:15-20 (Please stand as you are able) [Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven,

and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

Children's Message: (*you may be seated*)

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: #465 "*As the Grains of Wheat*"

Refrain: As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

Verse 1: As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of your love. [Refrain]

Verse 2: Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when
all creation shares this feast with love. [Refrain]

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.* Unite your church, O God. Grant us the gifts of repentance and reconciliation. Bless the cooperative work of churches in this community. Strengthen ecumenical partnerships; guide the work of the Lutheran World Federation and the World Council of Churches. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Protect your creation, O God. Teach us ways that do not harm what you have entrusted to our care. Renew & enliven places suffering from drought, flood, storms, or pollution. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Turn nations and leaders from ways that lead to death. Shape new paths toward peace and cooperation, teaching us to recognize one another as neighbors. Guide legislators, civil servants, judges, and police toward laws that protect the well-being of all.. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Tend to all in need of your compassion. Hear the cries of those awaiting justice and those yearning for forgiveness. Give community to the lonely and neighbors to the outcast. Shelter all who are vulnerable in body, mind, or spirit especially; Autumn Mancilman & family, Millie Bitzan, Brad Roschen, Zach Gravemann, Naomi Berland, Neal Stenlund, Nathlye Benrud, Don Hadler, Kyle Poncelet, Nancy Nord, Dean Kirkland, Marlene & Lloyd Roschen, Finley Budensiek & Karl Thomforde. Take their yoke upon you and ease their burdens. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sustain us in our work, O God, and give work to those who need it. Shape societies to ensure fair treatment for all who labor. Help us to love our neighbors in and through our work. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in faith. As you equipped them, equip us with your protection and power, until with them we see your salvation. 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: #836 *"Joyful, Joyful"*

Verse 1: Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the gloom of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!

Verse 2: All Your works with joy surround thee, Earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee, Center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Verse 3: Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.

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