

“Christ Be Our Light” ELW #715

**Vs 1: Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.**

**Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

**Vs 2: Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow’r to save us. Make us your living voice. [Refrain]**

**Vs 3: Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. [Refrain]**

**Vs 4: Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. [Refrain]**

**Vs 5: Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come. [Refrain]**

Offertory Response: “Give Thanks” W&P 41 *(ushers bring offerings forward)*

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.

Offertory Prayer:

L: God of grace,

**C: Your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to
your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now
and always. Amen.**

Apostles’ Creed: *(please stand as you are able)*

**I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven & 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 into hell. 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.**

The Prayers: *by Lucy Carlson (call and response)*

L: Let us Pray....

L: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

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 com-
muning 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 can-
not come forward, but wish for communion or blessing, let the usher know it will come to you at the end.*

“In Christ Alone” (CCLI Licensed)

**V1: In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song; This cornerstone, this solid ground.
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm; What heights of love, what depths of peace; When fears are
stilled, when strivings cease. My comforter, my all in all; Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**V2: In Christ alone, who took on flesh; Fullness of God in helpless babe; This gift of love and righteousness.
Scorned by the ones He came to save; ‘Til on that cross as Jesus died; The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**V3: There in the ground, His body lay; Light of the world, by darkness slain; Then bursting forth in glorious day.
Up from the grave, He rose again; And as He stands in victory; Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine; Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**V4: No guilt in life, no fear in death; This is the power of Christ in me; From life’s first cry to final breath.
Jesus commands my destiny; No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man; Can ever pluck me from His hand.
‘Til He returns or calls me home; Here in the power of Christ I’ll stand; No power of hell, no scheme of man;
Can ever pluck me from His hand. ‘Til He returns or calls me home; Here in the power of Christ I’ll stand.**

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

P: Let us pray together,

**C: Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us
for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the
world. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.**

Blessing:

P: The Spirit of the triune God + bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

C: Amen.

Sending Song: “Go My Children With My Blessing” ELW #543

**Vs 1: Go, My children, with My blessing, never alone; Walking, sleeping, I am with you, you are My own.
In My love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, My children with My blessing, you are My own.**

**Vs 2: Go, My children, sins forgiven, at peace & pure. Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard My dear Son’s story, Here you touched Him, saw His glory.
Go, My children, sins forgiven, at peace & pure.**

**Vs 3: Go, My children, fed & nourished, closer to Me; Grow in love & love by serving, joyful & free.
Here My Spirit’s power filled you, here His tender comfort stilled you.
Go, My children, fed & nourished, joyful & free.**

Sending: **P: Go in peace. Live in hope.**

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Thank you to the Carlson Family for ushering this evening.

Car Conversations: On the way home, consider asking each other, “What’s one new thing I learned tonight?”
“What’s one thing that was challenging?”

Faith Five this week: Once this week consider doing this night-time devotion together: **SHARE** your highs and lows for the week. **READ** the piece of scripture from our Wednesday night service. **TALK** about what you learned this week in Edu-Worship around that scripture. **PRAY** for each other incorporating your highs and lows. **BLESS** each other with the sign of the cross on your foreheads.

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Mid-Week Edu-Worship

St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson
6:45PM • February 12, 2025

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting: *(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, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **C: Amen.**

P: Trusting that God receives our words & the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: Merciful God,

C: you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ’s ways. Amen.

P: God proclaims these words of assurance: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine.” In + Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Live anew as beloved children of God. **C: Amen.**

Opening Hymn: “Open Our Eyes, Lord” W&P 113

Vs 1: Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, To reach out and touch Him, And say that we love Him. Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen, Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

Vs 2: Open our hearts, Lord, that we might receive you, Open our spirits, and teach us to worship Open our lips, Lord, and teach us to praise you Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

Reading: Matthew 26:17-20, 26-30 read by Blake Stenlund *(you may be seated)*

¹⁷On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?” ¹⁸He replied, “Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, ‘The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.’” ¹⁹So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover. ²⁰When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. ²⁶While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.” ²⁷Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.” ³⁰When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Student Message - The Sacrament of Holy Communion: *by Blake Stenlund*

Student Questions: Do you remember your first time receiving communion? How did it feel? What promises do you receive in the communion meal? When have those promises been important for you to remember?

Teaching: *Pastor Eric Hanson*

Song of the Day and Offering: Offerings will be collected during the song 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>.