

The Reading: Luke 7:18-35 *(you may be seated)*

¹⁸John's disciples told him about all these things. Calling two of them, ¹⁹he sent them to the Lord to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?" ²⁰When the men came to Jesus, they said, "John the Baptist sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?'" ²¹At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases, sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind. ²²So he replied to the messengers, "Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. ²³Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me." ²⁴After John's messengers left, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? ²⁵If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear expensive clothes and indulge in luxury are in palaces. ²⁶But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷This is the one about whom it is written: "'I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' ²⁸I tell you, among those born of women there is no one greater than John; yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he." ²⁹(All the people, even the tax collectors, when they heard Jesus' words, acknowledged that God's way was right, because they had been baptized by John. ³⁰But the Pharisees and the experts in the law rejected God's purpose for themselves, because they had not been baptized by John.) ³¹Jesus went on to say, "To what, then, can I compare the people of this generation? What are they like? ³²They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling out to each other: "'We played the pipe for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not cry.' ³³For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, 'He has a demon.' ³⁴The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.'" ³⁵But wisdom is proved right by all her children."

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

Children's Message: *Pastor Eric Hanson*

2nd-6th Graders Sing: *"Jesus Loves Me"* ELW #595

Sermon: *Rev. Matt Larson*

Hymn of the Day & Offering: *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 <http://www.stlukegoodhue.org/online-giving.html>. Children's coin offering will go toward ELCA Good Gifts serving communities in need around the world.*

"Lamb Of God" **W&P #83**

**Vs 1: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.
Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy on me.
Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, have mercy on me.**

**Vs 2: Lamb of God, I'm asking you to take away my sin.
I confess that I've done wrong, I need your help again.
Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy on me.
Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, have mercy on me.**

**Vs 3: The precious blood of Jesus Christ cleanses me from sin.
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Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy on me.
Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy on me.**

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: *(call and response)*

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, & all of creation. *A brief silence.* Blessed is your church transformed by your Spirit. Give us courage to proclaim to all people the promises made true in the death and resurrection of Christ. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed is creation. As earth experiences destruction from harmful practices and climate change, give us courage to help bring about its restoration. Encourage those who work in forestry to be a voice for the hidden places of creation and provide skills for its conservation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed are the nations. We pray for presidents, prime ministers, and leaders of nations. Grant that their courage will not run dry in the face of challenge, but that they will delight in the fountain of your righteousness. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed are those in need. Give to all facing illness wise and caring doctors, nurses, and therapists. Draw close to those who feel far from you or who are suffering in any way especially Keith Brown, Jan Benidt, Dave (Pud) Gnotke, Shawn Fredrixon, Marc Bode, Harlan Reese, Gage Miller, Alex Stehr, Perry Fitzgerald, Tanya Bakken, Nicole Anderson, Henry Strauss, Diane Krenke, Steve Pabst, Bob Eppen, Chase Hanson, & the Family of Lorraine Hinsch. Provide an extra measure of your grace and love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed is this congregation. Like a tree planted by streams of water, we are nourished by faith in you. Provide courage in times that feel dry, trusting that you sustain us in many ways. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed are those saints who now rest in your peace. Through lives of both sorrow and joy, challenge & triumph, they provide witness of faith in all times. May their lives be a witness to the living. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure & certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. **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.

Meal and 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.

"Taste and See" ELW #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)

"You Are The Light" written by Debbi St. John

I was not there when You were born, I was not there that Christmas morn, I could not see Your manger bed,
Where on the hay You laid Your head, I did not hear the angels sing, To celebrate the baby King
You are the Light in this dark world, You fill my heart, I sing Your praise.
You are the Light in this dark world, You fill my heart, I sing Your praise.
You are the Light, You are the Light, You are the Light, You are the Light.
We sing of Your Glory, we sing of Your Glory, we sing of Your Glory
For you are the Light, for You are the Light, for You are the Light

"Nothing But The Blood" CCLI Licensed

Vs 1: What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus: Oh! precious is the flow That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Vs 2: For my pardon, this I see, Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing this my plea, Nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Chorus]

Vs 3: Nothing can for sin atone, Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done, Nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Chorus]

Vs 4: This is all my hope and peace, Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness, Nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Chorus]

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, & send you in love.
C: Amen.

Sending Hymn: *"You Shall Go Out With Joy" 3X © The Right Reverend N. T. Wright*

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands; the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.

Dismissal: P: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Welcome

We're Glad You're Here

St. Luke Lutheran Church • Guest Rev. Matt Larson

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany • 9:30AM • February 16, 2025

Prelude: *"This Is The Place"*

Welcome & 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: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. C: Amen.

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

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: Merciful God,

C: you speak blessing & 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. Refreshed by the waters of
mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn: *"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]

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray together.

C: God of mystery, Just as the crowds wondered about Jesus, we too, wonder about you. Who are you to us?
Are you the one? Show us that you are God, mysterious, wonderful, mighty. Amen.

Praise for the Word: *"Heal Me, O Lord" 2X TFF #189*

Heal me, O Lord And I will be healed. Save me and I will be saved Heal me,
O Lord And I will be healed, For You are the One I praise, You are One I Praise