

<sup>39</sup>When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner.” <sup>40</sup>Jesus answered him, “Simon, I have something to tell you.” “Tell me, teacher,” he said. <sup>41</sup>“Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup>Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?” <sup>43</sup>Simon replied, “I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven.” “You have judged correctly,” Jesus said. <sup>44</sup>Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. <sup>45</sup>You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. <sup>46</sup>You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. <sup>47</sup>Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.” <sup>48</sup>Then Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” <sup>49</sup>The other guests began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?” <sup>50</sup>Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

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

**Children’s Message:** *Pastor Eric Hanson*

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**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.*

*“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”* LSB #448

**Vs 1: Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.**

**Vs 2: ’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!**

**Vs 3: Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;  
’tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**

**Vs 4: The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**

**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.**

**Installation of St. Luke’s 2025 Church Council**

**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.* Surprising God, you call us to love our enemies and to show kindness in the face of cruelty. Let  
our actions be a shining witness of your overwhelming grace for all. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

As animals hibernate and fields lay dormant, let them be a reminder that life and faith are not static but al-  
ways changing and growing. May we, with all creation, trust that the ending of one thing promises life in a new  
way. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for leaders and policymakers who work to reduce violence in our nations, cities, and towns. Give  
your wisdom and discernment amid heated arguments and differing viewpoints. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the victims of abuse and violence. Provide safe shelter and new beginnings to those experiencing  
domestic violence and dangerous situations. Enfold with love all who seek your healing care especially Keith  
Brown, Jan Benidt, Dave (Pud) Gnotke, Shawn Fredrixon, Marc Bode, Harlan Reese, Gage Miller, Alex Stehr, Per-  
ry Fitzgerald, Tanya Bakken, Nicole Anderson, Henry Strauss, Diane Krenke, Steve Pabst, Bob Eppen, & Chase  
Hanson. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Empower our faith communities to be signs of your gracious love. Be with our church council and other lead-  
ers in our congregation as we seek to follow your will and direction for our church in 2025. Help us to hear your  
voice above all other voices. Help us to walk in the paths you place before us. Lead us that we may continue being  
a church of hope and help in Goodhue and beyond. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the enduring witness of those who have died before us. May their lives in you provide a  
witness of your everlasting grace. 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 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 cannot  
come forward, but wish for communion or blessing, let the usher know it will come to you at the end.*

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

*“Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling”* ELW #608

**Vs 1: Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;  
see, on the portals he’s waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.**

**Refrain: Come home, come home; you who are weary come home;  
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!**

**Vs 2: Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me? [Refrain]**

**Vs 3: Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing, passing from you and from me;  
shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming, coming for you and for me. [Refrain]**

**Vs 4: O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. [Refrain]**

“Fill My Cup, Lord” TFF #124

Vs 1: Like the woman at the well I was seeking For things that could not satisfy  
And then I heard my Savior speaking Draw from my well that never shall run dry

Chorus: Fill my cup Lord I lift it up Lord Come and quench this thirsting of my soul  
Bread of heaven feed me till I want no more Fill my cup fill it up and make me whole

Vs 2: There are millions in this world who are craving The pleasures earthly things afford  
But none can match the wondrous treasure That I find in Jesus Christ my Lord

Vs 3: So my brother if the things this world gave you Leave hungers that won't pass away  
My blessed Lord will come and save you If you kneel to Him and humbly pray

**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:** “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” ELW #836

Vs 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.

Vs 2: All thy 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.

Vs 3: Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, wellspring 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:** P: Go in peace. Live in hope.  
C: Thanks be to God.

*Welcome*  
We're Glad You're Here

**St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson**  
**Seventh Sunday after Epiphany • 9:30AM • February 23, 2025**

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**Prelude:** “Be Not Afraid” sung by Michelle Matthees

**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:** “Jesus Name Above All Names” W&P 77

Vs. 1: Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.  
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

Vs. 2: Jesus, loving Shepherd, Vine of the branches, Son of God.  
Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor, Lord of the universe, Light of the world.

Vs. 3: Jesus, way of salvation King of Kings, Lord of Lords.  
The Way, the truth, and the life Mighty Creator, My Savior and Friend.

**Prayer of the Day:**

P: Let us pray together.

C: **Forgiving God, Too often we take your forgiveness for granted. Too often we cling to our sin, believing that it is our right to harbor resentments and hatred. Be merciful to us, and show us the depth of healing that is offered when you forgive, for the sake of the one who recognized total surrender to forgiveness and offered it willingly, Jesus Christ our healer. 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

**The Reading:** Luke 7:36-50 *(you may be seated)*

<sup>36</sup>When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. <sup>37</sup>A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. <sup>38</sup>As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

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