

The Reading and Message: Jeremiah 29:1-14 *(you may be seated)*

^{29:1} This is the text of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets and all the other people Nebuchadnezzar had carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. ² (This was after King Jehoiachin and the queen mother, the court officials and the leaders of Judah and Jerusalem, the skilled workers and the artisans had gone into exile from Jerusalem.) ³ He entrusted the letter to Elasah son of Shaphan and to Gemariah son of Hilkiah, whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent to King Nebuchadnezzar in Babylon. It said: ⁴ This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵ “Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶ Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. ⁷ Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.” ⁸ Yes, this is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: “Do not let the prophets and diviners among you deceive you. Do not listen to the dreams you encourage them to have. ⁹ They are prophesying lies to you in my name. I have not sent them,” declares the Lord. ¹⁰ This is what the Lord says: “When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. ¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ¹² Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. ¹⁴ I will be found by you,” declares the Lord, “and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you,” declares the Lord, “and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of the Day and Offering: “Be Thou My Vision” ELW #793

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.

**Vs 1: Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Vs 2: Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul’s shelter, and thou my high tow’r, raise thou me heav’nward, O Pow’r of my pow’r.**

**Vs 3: Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**Vs 4: Light of my soul, after victory won, may I reach heaven’s joys, O heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

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.**

Offering Prayer:

P: Let us pray together,

**C: Creator God, you give to us all that is good, and our tables overflow. May these gifts from your hand
and through our labors work for the good of all. In Jesus’ name we pray. 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)*

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation. *A brief silence.* You send your church into the world with a message of peace. Center the whole church in this peace, and strengthen our faith by the example of all those who creatively and faithfully proclaim your good news. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

All the earth sings out your name. Inspire your people to drink deeply from the beauty of all your creation. When ecosystems are wounded, bring your healing. When our actions endanger the survival of other species, curb our greed and waste. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You call us to work for the good of all. Give resolve to those who lead, that they do not grow weary in doing what is right. Guide them to seek peace between nations and freedom for all people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

As a mother comforts her child, so you comfort us. Bring this comfort to those in any pain especially Keith Brown, Jan Benidt, Dave (Pud) Gnotke, Shawn Fredixon, Marc Bode, Harlan Reese, Gage Miller, Perry Fitzgerald, Tanya Bakken, Nicole Anderson, Henry Strauss, Diane Krenke, Steve Pabst, Bob Eppen, Tara Vieths, Chase Hanson, Scott Bignell, & Faith Mendoca. Carry your people when grief is heavy, and lift burdens of shame and self-doubt. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your harvest is plentiful, O God. Make us laborers and companions with one another in this assembly. Send your peace to rest upon us, heal divisions among us, and open our hearts to receive one another as gifts from you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You have written our names in heaven, O God, & we rejoice. We thank you for those who have lived & died in your love. Accompany us on our life’s journey & draw us at last to life forever in you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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.

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 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.

“Let Us Break Bread Together” ELW #471

Vs 1: Let us break bread together on our knees; Let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain: When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Vs 2: Let us drink wine together on our knees; Let us drink wine together on our knees. (Refrain)

Vs 3: Let us praise God together on our knees; Let us praise God together on our knees. (Refrain)

“One Bread, One Body” ELW #496

Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all; one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Vs 1: Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. [Refrain]

Vs 2: Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. [Refrain]

Vs 3: Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all. [Refrain]

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

P: Let us pray together,

C: Saving God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Blessing:

P: May the love of God abound in you. May the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts. And may the life of the Spirit bless you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn: “Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory” ELW #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; O 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 and me; as he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free, while God is marching on. (Refrain)

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace to love the Lord and serve your neighbor.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude



St. Luke Lutheran • Pastor Eric Hanson

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost • 9:30AM • July 6, 2025

Prelude: *Piano by Aleaha Hanson*

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: Baptized into Christ, we confess our sin in search of healing, *(Silence is kept for reflection.)* Merciful God,

C: You free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit toward joy & peace, but we often prioritize a love for wealth and power instead. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Break the bonds of sin and heal us. Amen.

P: You belong to Christ, not to sin. In the cross of Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Be the New Creation Christ has made you.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn: “My Country ’Tis Of Thee” LBW #566

Vs 1: My country, ’tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;
land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims’ pride, from ev’ry mountainside let freedom ring.

Vs 2: My native country, thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills; my heart with rapture thrills like that above.

Vs 3: Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees sweet freedom’s song;
let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake; let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.

Vs 4: Our fathers’ God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing;
long may our land be bright with freedom’s holy light. Protect us by thy might, great God, our king.

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray together.

C: O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life’s journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Praise for the Word: “Hallelujah” *(from Shrek)*

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Children’s Sermon: *Pastor Eric Hanson*