

**The Third Hymn: “Love for Jesus”** by Polka Sons of Praise

**The Third Reading: 2nd Corinthians 5:14-21**

<sup>14</sup>For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. <sup>16</sup>So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup>that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**The Fourth Hymn: “Believe in the Lord”** by Polka Sons of Praise

**The Fourth Reading: John 14:9-17**

<sup>9</sup>Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. <sup>11</sup>Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. <sup>15</sup>“If you love me, keep my commands. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever — <sup>17</sup>the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

**The Fifth Hymn: “God’s Family Waltz”** by Polka Sons of Praise

**Offering: “We Offer”** by Polka Sons of Praise

*Offerings will be collected during the hymn of the day & will go towards Polka Sons of Praise & FIF Fund. 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>. Children’s coin offering will go toward ELCA Good Gifts serving communities in need around the world.*

**Offertory Response: “Give Thanks”** W&P 41 Debbi St. John *(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.**

**Statement of Faith: “In Christ Alone” (CCLI Licensed)** Debbi St. John

**Vs 1: 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.**

**Vs 2: 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.**

**Vs 3: 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.**

**Vs. 4: 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!**

**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, & all creation. *A brief silence.* We pray for the church. Clothe us in Christ, shower us in mercy, send us in love. Strengthen the faith & witness of Christians across the planet & Christians in our community. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for creation. Deliver the earth from disaster, bring forth life amid uncertainty, inspire wonder at all you have made. Sustain all people who delight in the well-being of your creation: farmers, agricultural workers, gardeners, birdwatchers, conservationists, scientists, advocates, and policy makers. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations. Pave a way to justice, drown the forces of oppression, bring peace on earth. Give leaders the will to turn from war & violence. When people must flee their homes, guide them to safety. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for people in need. Satisfy all who are poor, soothe those in pain, accompany all who are sick 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, & Linda Kuyath. Give perseverance to each of us living with mental illness, and shield us from discrimination due to race, class, gender, or any other human distinction. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly. Listen to our cries, come to our aid, make us one. Weave among us the fabric of belonging so that we rejoice in each person gathered here, and enliven our proclamation of how much you have done for us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We offer our thanksgiving for all people who have died in faith. Keep them in your peace, comfort us in sorrow, raise us to new life. As we remember their faith and witness, may we trust your promise that we are yours forever. 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.**

**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.*

**“Jesus the Bread of Life” and “How Majestic is Your Name”** by Polka Sons of Praise

**Hymn of Thanksgiving for the Holy Supper: “Jesus, Name Above All Names”** Debbi St. John

**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.**

**The Blessing: “May the Lord Mighty God”** by Polka Sons of Praise

**Sending Hymn:** *“We Go to Serve”* by Polka Sons of Praise

**Dismissal:** P: Go in peace to love the Lord and serve your neighbor.  
C: Thanks be to God!

**Postlude:** *“May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You”* and *“Pass it On”* by Polka Sons of Praise

**All are welcome to join us for a German Themed meal  
in the fellowship hall following today’s service.**

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# Polka Sons of Praise Worship Service

**St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson**  
***“Preach the Gospel”* • 9:30AM • June 22, 2025**

**Prelude Songs:** *“Come Let Us Sing”, “Waters From Heaven”, & “As Life Rolls On”* by Polka Sons of Praise

**Welcome & 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: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sins. 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 of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. 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. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**  
P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God’s children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, live as a new creation.  
**C: Amen**

**The First Hymn:** *“Jesus Loves Me”* by Polka Sons of Praise

**The First Reading: Colossians 1:15-23**  
<sup>15</sup>The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup>For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in every-thing he might have the supremacy. <sup>19</sup>For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup>and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. <sup>21</sup>Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. <sup>22</sup>But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— <sup>23</sup>if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

**The Second Hymn:** *“Praise the Lord”* by Polka Sons of Praise

**The Second Reading: Romans 5:1-8**  
<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup>perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup>And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. <sup>6</sup>You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.