

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

Children’s Sermon: *Pastor Eric Hanson*

Message: *“Following Jesus Amidst Doubt”* Pastor Eric Hanson

Song 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>.*

“What a Friend We Have In Jesus” #742

Vs 1: What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Vs 2: Have we trials & temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer! Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Vs 3: Are we weak & heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge - take it to the Lord in prayer! Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In his arms he’ll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

Offertory Response: *“Give Thanks”* (*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:

P: Let us pray.

C: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, & our possessions. Use us, & what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior & Lord Amen.

Statement of Faith: *“In Christ Alone”* (*please stand as you are able*)

**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.
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 2: 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 the 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.**

**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.
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*)

Calling on the Spirit of God to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence.* God of wisdom, may the church be a house of learning for all who enter. May we continue to grow and stretch in ways we never thought possible. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, may the harvest seasons be plentiful this year. We pray for orchards, vineyards, farms, and all of creation. Protect and conserve the earth. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, Be with all who seek adequate employment. Guide our economic & governmental leaders to support the people of our world with fair wages and safe working conditions. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

God of the vulnerable, make your presence known to all who feel lost, abandoned, or hurting at this time. Direct your spirit of care to all who seek healing and comfort especially for Keith Brown, Jan Benidt, Dave (Pud) Gnotke, Shawn Fredrixon, Marc Bode, Julie Marklevits, Harlan Reese, Beth Carlson, Gage Miller, Alex Stehr, Maria Starr Quiggle, Perry Fitzgerald, Tanya Bakken, Lorraine Hinsch, Jeff Ferkinhoff, Betty Johnson, and Diane Krenke. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

God of our Table, may this congregation be a welcome table to all who seek the refuge of God. Break down walls and barriers that prevent us from offering a seat at this table to anyone who comes. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

God of the Resurrection, may we journey together toward a bright future while remembering from where we have come. We give our thanks for those who have gone before us. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping. **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 Hymn: *“No Not One”* (*you may be seated*)

**Vs 1: There’s not a friend like the lowly Jesus. No, not one! no, not one!
None else could heal all our soul’s diseases. No, not one! no, not one!**

**Refrain: Jesus knows all about our struggles, He will guide till the day is done;
There’s not a friend like the lowly Jesus. No, not one! no, not one!**

**Vs 2: No friend like Him is so high and holy. No, not one! no, not one!
And yet no friend is so meek and lowly. No, not one! no, not one! [Refrain]**

**Vs 3: There’s not an hour that He is not near us. No, not one! no, not one!
No night so dark but His love can cheer us. No, not one! no, not one! [Refrain]**

**Vs 4: Was e’er a gift like the Savior given? No, not one! no, not one!
Will he refuse us a home in heaven? No, not one! no, not one! [Refrain]**

Hymn of Thanksgiving for the Holy Supper: *“Lamb Of God”* (*please stand as you are able*)

**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.**

Blessing: P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy. May the Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: *“Go In Peace”* 3X

**Go In Peace And serve the Lord your God. Sow the seeds about the man of love.
Go into the world and tell them one by one. Go tell them what Jesus has done.**

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

Postlude

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St. Luke Announcements

New to St. Luke? Welcome! We're glad you're here! St. Luke is a church of hope and help and we welcome all. Interested in membership or learning more about St. Luke? Contact directly with Pastor Eric by email: anspachh2002@gmail.com or our office email: office@stlukegoodhue.org or phone: 651-998-7106

Youth & Families

Online Giving: Interested in signing up for online giving or making a one time donation? Scan this QR code with your smartphone or visit <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZHX5> for a direct link to St. Luke Church's secure giving site.



Contemporary Band Practice: Every Wednesday evening at 5:30pm there will be Contemporary Band practice at St. Luke Church. If you have a talent and would like to join us please come join practice at anytime! Contact Debbi St. John or the church office with questions.

Sunday school volunteers needed: It feels much too early to be thinking about back to school preparations, but here we are - almost August! Sunday school starts September 15th and we are looking for people who'd like to volunteer as Sunday school teachers. We will be doing year 3 of our Bible Builds curriculum, and we are hoping to have 2 teachers per class to allow for more scheduling flexibility. If you'd like to learn more about what this could look like for you, please contact Nicole Wananda.

Rally Sunday at Rosie Park: Sunday, September 8th is Rally Sunday at St. Luke this year. This is the beginning of our Sunday school year and our Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday. This year we'll be at Rosie Park again for an 8:30am potluck breakfast, followed by our Rally Sunday worship service at 9:30am in the park (weather permitting). Kids, don't forget your backpacks, and everybody, bring a blanket or lawn chair to sit on. After the worship service we'll have some time for Sunday school kids to meet their Sunday school teachers and we'll enjoy some time for games and fellowship. Join us and bring a friend!

All Congregation Edu-Worship/Confirmation Start: Edu-Worship/Confirmation will start on Sept. 11th with a pizza dinner served to confirmation students each Wednesday (unless noted) at 5:30pm before 6:45pm Edu-Worship. All are welcome to join us for Edu-Worship every Wednesday (unless noted) at 6:45pm.

SWAG 9-12th Graders: SWAG group will begin on Wednesday evenings starting on September 11th from 7:30-8:30pm, with an optional meal at 6:45pm.

Bible Sunday: September 15th our incoming 3yr old PreK, 3rd, & 7th graders will be receiving Bibles during worship.

Acolyte training - 5th Graders: Acolyte training for 5th graders and their families will be after worship on September 22nd. At least one parent is required to attend.

Snacks Needed: Every Sunday we like to offer the Sunday school kids a light snack, typically either goldfish crackers or animal crackers. We are currently seeking donations. Snacks can be labeled and dropped off in the kitchen. Thank you for your support.

Lego Drive: We are using year 3 of our Bible Builds Sunday School curriculum. Each week the kids will watch a Bible story video and then create a scene from the story using legos. Please join us in collecting Legos for the kids. And really, we'll take as MANY as we can get!!! Donations can be dropped off at church. Thank you!

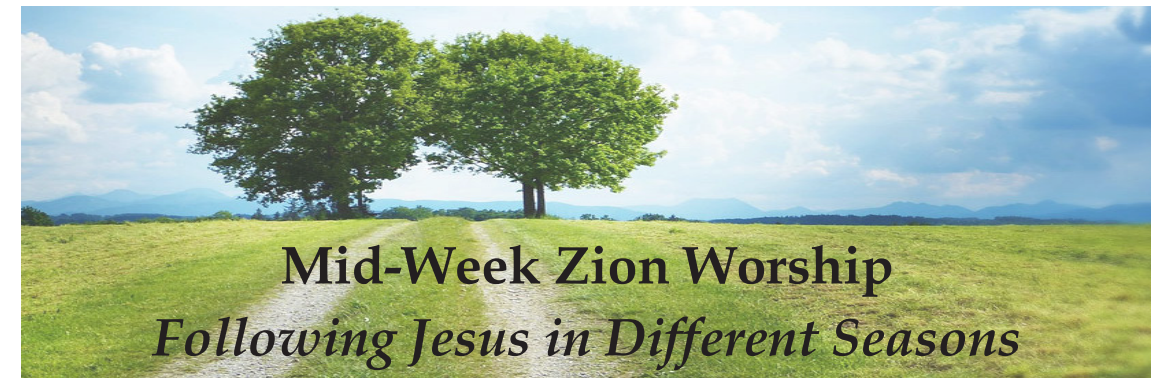
Nancy Nord Funeral Service: Please keep the family of Nancy Nord in your prayers. Nancy's visitation will be at St. Luke Church on Nov. 1st from 4-7pm. Her funeral will be at St. Luke Church on Nov. 2nd at 11am with a reception in the fellowship hall to follow.

Connect

Moving with the Spirit: Finding wholeness in mind, body, and spirit through movement and breath work. Saturday, September 28 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Registration begins at 8:40 a.m.). Facilitated by Maggie Voth, Kris Luhman, and Kristin Diercks. Ladies, join us for a morning of discovering and learning about what God has to say about our bodies, how we can appreciate and love our bodies, and how we can best use them in the kingdom to carry out God's work He has for us. We will be moving our bodies, practicing breath work, and receiving guidance on how to implement these things into our lives. Wear comfortable clothes that you can exercise/move in. All fitness levels welcome - we will have options/modifications! Please bring an exercise mat if you have one.

ABC Bible Study (Adult Bible Study Community!): All are welcome to join us for ABC Bible study! We meet every Sunday (unless noted) from 8:30-9:15am in the Family Room at church year round. This Bible study is a great way for adults to grow in faith & life together!

Choir Workshop THIS SATURDAY: All are invited to a workshop to learn about and work on some beautiful choral pieces. The workshop will be at St. Luke Church on Saturday, August 24, 2024 from 9-3pm. If you would like details about that day or have questions contact Debbi St. John or the church office.



Pastor Eric Hanson • 7:00PM • August 21, 2024

Prelude *Pianist, Debbi St. John*

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: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, forgives us all our sins. By grace you have been saved. May Almighty God, Father, Son +, and Holy Spirit, give you the power to live in His Grace. **C: Amen.**

Opening Song: *"Lord I Lift Your Name On High" 2X (please stand as you are able)*

**Lord I lift Your name on high. Lord I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life. I'm so glad You came to save us.**

Chorus: You came from heaven to earth. To show the way.

From the earth to the cross. My debt to pay.

From the cross to the grave. From the grave to the sky.

Lord I lift Your name on high.

Preaching Text: Mark 9:14-27 *(you may be seated)*

¹⁴When they came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and the teachers of the law arguing with them. ¹⁵As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him. ¹⁶"What are you arguing with them about?" he asked. ¹⁷A man in the crowd answered, "Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. ¹⁸Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not." ¹⁹"You unbelieving generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me." ²⁰So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth. ²¹Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?" "From childhood," he answered. ²²"It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us." ²³"If you can't?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for one who believes." ²⁴Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!" ²⁵When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the impure spirit. "You deaf and mute spirit," he said, "I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." ²⁶The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, "He's dead." ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up. And the word of the Lord came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?"