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**The Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-12**

<sup>7</sup>Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

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**Children’s Message:** *(you may be seated)* 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.*

**“O Perfect Love”**

**Vs 1: O perfect Love, all human thought transcending, lowly we kneel in prayer before your throne, that theirs may be the love which knows no ending, whom you forevermore unite in one.**

**Vs 2: O perfect Life, be now their full assurance of tender charity and steadfast faith, of patient hope and quiet, brave endurance, with childlike trust that fears no pain or death.**

**Vs 3: Grant them the joy which brightens earthly sorrow; grant them the peace which calms all earthly strife, and to life’s day the glorious unknown morrow that dawns upon eternal love and life.**

**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 together,

**C: God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth & fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**The Marriage of David Caldwell and Mayra Vidal**

**The Prayers:** *(call and response)*

Seeing how greatly God has loved us, let us pray for the whole world. *A brief silence.* God of love, we pray for all who are joined by the bonds of marriage, kinship, and friendship. May your love shine through our relationships, that our relationships may express the love and care you have for all the world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Creator God, we and all creation are sustained by your Word. We pray for all who remind us of our interconnectedness with all living things. Prosper the work of conservation organizations, ELCA advocacy, and local climate justice advocates. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of restoration, bring healing and wholeness to all who cry to you. For those we love easily, and for those with whom we struggle, bring a sense of comfort and relief. Where grief runs deep, bring your tender mercy. Care for those on our hearts 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, & Diane Krenke. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of new life, protect students and teachers for a new school year. Bring an end to school shootings and cycles of violence. Move us to do all that is necessary to ensure a safe future for our children. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of every generation, we remember with thanksgiving all who have completed their baptismal journeys. Strengthen us in our baptismal callings to serve you faithfully until our journey’s end. Merciful God, **receive 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 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.*

**“Bind Us Together”**

**Chorus: Bind Us Together, Lord Bind Us Together With Cords That Cannot Be Broken  
Bind Us Together, Lord Bind Us Together Bind Us Together In Love**

**Vs 1: There Is Only One God, There Is Only One King  
There Is Only One Body, That Is Why We Sing. [Chorus]**

**Vs. 2: You Are The Family Of God, You Are The Promise Divine;  
You Are God’s Chosen Desire, You Are The Glorious New Wine. [Chorus]**

**“In Christ Alone”**

**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!**

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

P: Let us pray together,

**C: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**The Blessing:**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**Sending Hymn:** *“You Shall Go Out With Joy” 3X*

**You shall go out with joy & 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 to love the Lord and serve your neighbor.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**

# Welcome

We're Glad You're Here

**St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson**  
**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost • 9:30AM • August 25, 2024**

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**Prelude**

**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: We confess our sins together, in the name of the Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: God of all Mercy, come to our aid. When we hide brokenness and only show you wholeness, forgive us. When we cover shame and guilt with pride and pretense, forgive us. When we point out the speck in our neighbor’s eye but ignore the log in our own eye, forgive us. When we choose old, harmful ways of living over new, life-giving ways, forgive us. Transform us by the power of your Spirit, Lord God, and make us New.**

P: Children of God, God loved us even when we were dead in sin, and makes us new through Jesus Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Live as people set free. **C: Amen**

**Gathering Hymn:** *“When Love Is Found”*

**Vs 1: When love is found and hope comes home, sing and be glad that two are one.  
When love explodes and fills the sky, praise God and share our maker’s joy.**

**Vs 2: When love has flow’red in trust and care, build both each day that love may dare  
to reach beyond home’s warmth and light, to serve and strive for truth and right.**

**Vs 3: When love is tried as loved-ones change, hold still to hope though all seems strange,  
till ease returns and love grows wise through list’ning ears and opened eyes.**

**Vs 4: When love is torn and trust betrayed, pray strength to love till torments fade,  
till lovers keep no score of wrong but hear through pain love’s Easter song.**

**Vs 5: Praise God for love, praise God for life, in age or youth, in calm or strife.  
Lift up your hearts. Let love be fed through death and life in broken bread.**

**Prayer of the Day:** *(you may be seated)*

P: Let us pray together

**C: Gracious God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ into the world to reveal your love to all people. Infuse our lives and our relationships with your love and grace, that our lives may express the love you have for the world. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen**

**The First Reading: Ecclesiastes 4:7-12**

<sup>7</sup>Again I saw something meaningless under the sun: <sup>8</sup>There was a man all alone; he had neither son nor brother. There was no end to his toil, yet his eyes were not content with his wealth. “For whom am I toiling,” he asked, “and why am I depriving myself of enjoyment?” This too is meaningless – a miserable business! <sup>9</sup>Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: <sup>10</sup>If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. <sup>11</sup>Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? <sup>12</sup>Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

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