Reading: Exodus 16:1-20 read by Kate Wieme and Clara Mandelkow (you may be seated)

¹The whole Israelite community set out from Elim and came to the Desert of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had come out of Egypt. ²In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the Lord's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death." ⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. ⁵On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days." 6So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you will know that it was the Lord who brought you out of Egypt, 7 and in the morning you will see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?" 8 Moses also said, "You will know that it was the Lord when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the Lord." ⁹Then Moses told Aaron, "Say to the entire Israelite community, 'Come before the Lord, for he has heard your grumbling.'" 10 While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the Lord appearing in the cloud. ¹¹ The Lord said to Moses, ¹² "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God.'" 13 That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread the Lord has given you to eat. ¹⁶ This is what the Lord has commanded: 'Everyone is to gather as much as they need. Take an omer for each person you have in your tent." ¹⁷ The Israelites did as they were told; some gathered much, some little. 18 And when they measured it by the omer, the one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little. Everyone had gathered just as much as they needed. ¹⁹ Then Moses said to them, "No one is to keep any of it until morning." ²⁰ However, some of them paid no attention to Moses; they kept part of it until morning, but it was full of maggots and began to smell. So Moses was angry with them.

Student Message - The 4th Petition of the Lord's Prayer: by Kate Wieme and Clara Mandelkow

Student Questions: What do you need to live a happy, healthy life? What are most people's basic needs? Have you ever confused a "want" with a "need"? Have you ever become a better person by not getting what you wanted?

Teaching: Pastor Eric Hanson

Song of the Day and Offering:

Offerings will be collected during the song 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.

"You Are My All In All"

Vs. 1: You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treasure that I seek. You are my all in all Seeking You as a precious jew'l, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool. You are my all in all

Chorus: Jesus Lamb of God, worthy is Your name! Jesus Lamb of God, worthy is Your name

Vs. 2: Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, Rising again I bless your name; You are my all in all When I fall down, you pick me up; When I am dry, You fill my cup; You are my all in all. [Chorus]

Offertory Response: "Give Thanks"

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: Let us pray together,

C: Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for gifts that sustain our lives every day. We offer back what you have first given us. Use our time, talents, and treasures to serve your mission in our world. 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: by Aubrey Ryan (call and response)

L: Let us Pray....

L: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Sharing the Peace: P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

The Great Thanksgiving:

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

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.

"Away In The Manger" #277

- Verse 1: Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.

 The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.
- Verse 2: The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes. I love you, Lord Jesus; Look down from the sky and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
- Verse 3: Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay. Close by me forever and love me, I pray.

 Bless all the dear children in your tender care, and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

"Angels We Have Heard on High" #289

Vs. 1: Angels we have heard on high; Sweetly singing o'er the plains. And the mountains in reply; Echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain: Gloria, in excelsis Deo. Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

- Vs. 2: Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be; Which inspire your heavenly song? (*Refrain*)
- Vs. 3: Come to Bethlehem and see; Him whose birth the angels sing, Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King. (*Refrain*)

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

P: Let us pray,

C: Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life and for the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us and for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy and for sending us to serve the world in your name. Amen.

Blessing:

P: May God, our Lord of endings and beginnings, may God, our Lord of the darkness and the light, may God, our hope for all our journeys, bless and keep you now and forever. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Sending Song: "Soon & Very Soon" #439

Vs 1: Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King. 3X Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

Vs 2: No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King. 3X Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

Vs 3: No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King. 3X Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

Vs 4: Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King. 3X Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King! Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

Sending:

P: The world waits for Christ. You are the body of Christ. Go be His hands and feet.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Thank you to the Aubrey Ryan Family for ushering this evening.

Car Conversations: On the way home, consider asking each other, "What's one new thing I learned tonight?" "What's one thing that was challenging?"

Faith Five this week: Once this week consider doing this night-time devotion together: SHARE your highs and lows for the week. READ the piece of scripture from our Wednesday night service.

TALK about what you learned this week in Edu-Worship around that scripture. PRAY for each other incorporating your highs and lows. BLESS each other with the sign of the cross on your foreheads.

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Mid-Week Advent Edu-Worship

St. Luke Lutheran Church Pastor Eric Hanson 6:45PM • December 11, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting: (stand as you are able)

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of mercy,

C: we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority over your power and authority. When we grow fearful, we cling to false comforts.

P: God of might,

C: we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises.

P: God in our midst,

C: we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.

P: Christ the Lord, our Savior, is incarnate among us. In Christ we have forgiveness of sin, mercy, and new life. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through + Jesus Christ, and be empowered to live new each day.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" vs 3, 4 #257

Vs 3: O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times you gave the law in cloud and majesty and awe. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Vs 4: O come, O Branch of Jesse, free your own from Satan's tyranny; From depths of hell your people save, and give them victory o'er the grave. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Advent Prayer: read by Aubrey Ryan

Let us pray. God of peace, come to our weary world. We long for peace knowing peace on earth must start first with peace in our hearts. Bring peace to our own troubled relationships. Help us find tolerance and love for those who think, act, and live differently from us. May your peace start with us. In Jesus' name we pray, **Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Candles & Hymn: *lit by Aubrey Ryan* "Light one candle to watch for Messiah" vs 2 #240 Vs 2: Light two candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.

He shall feed the flock like a shepherd, gently lead them homeward.