

Sermon: *“Following Jesus in Righteousness”* 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>.

“It Is Well With My Soul” #785

**Vs 1: When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, “It is well, it is well with my soul.”**

Refrain: It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

**Vs 2: Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul. [Refrain]**

**Vs 3: He lives oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more; praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! [Refrain]**

**Vs 4: Lord, hasten the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so, it is well with my soul. [Refrain]**

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)

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer. *A brief silence.* For the church of Jesus Christ in this and every land: Through the One who is the cornerstone of a firm foundation, join us together and build us up as a temple of mercy and peace. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the creation: Cause new trees to be planted. Restrain the melting of polar ice caps. Save land from destruction. Like a shepherd tends her sheep, raise up from among us caretakers of all you have made. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of nations and heads of tribes. Where peace seems far off, bring it near. Where justice seems fleeting, bring it to light. Where discord seems relentless, bring harmony. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the health and well-being of family, friends, and neighbors: Heal those who are sick 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, and Alan Mollenhauer. Give courage to all who struggle with addiction. Touch with your tender care all who reach out to you in pain. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For this assembly and for the faith communities represented this week at the ELCA Youth Gathering: Nurture the faith of young people as they encounter new experiences and people. Break down dividing walls and inspire collaboration among people of every age. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In thanksgiving for those who have died. Make us certain that in Christ we are no longer strangers and aliens but citizens with the saints in the household of God. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **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: *“The Savior Is Waiting”* (you may be seated)

**Vs 1: The Savior is waiting to enter your heart, Why don't you let Him come in?
There's nothing in this world to keep you apart, What is your answer to Him?**

**Refrain: Time after time He has waited before, And now He is waiting again,
To see if you're willing to open the door, Oh, how he wants to come in.**

**Vs 2: If you'll take one step toward the Savior, my friend, You'll find His arms open wide,
Receive Him and all of your darkness will end, Within your heart He'll abide. [Refrain]**

Communion Prayer: (please stand as you are able)

P: O God,

C: We give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 Hymns: *“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”* #774

**Vs 1: What A Fellowship, What A Joy Divine, Leaning On The Everlasting Arms;
What A Blessedness, What A Peace Is Mine, Leaning On The Everlasting Arms.**

Refrain: Leaning, leaning, safe & secure from all alarms; Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

**Vs 2: O How Sweet To Walk In This Pilgrim Way, Leaning On The Everlasting Arms;
O How Bright The Path Grows From Day To Day, Leaning On The Everlasting Arms. [Refrain]**

**Vs 3: What Have I To Dread, What Have I To Fear, Leaning On The Everlasting Arms?
I Have Blessed Peace With My Lord So Near, Leaning On The Everlasting Arms. [Refrain]**

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

Postlude

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Sunday Worship 9:30AM · Zion Church Wednesday Worship 7:00PM

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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.



Zion Church Summer Worship: Join us for worship at Zion at 7pm on Wednesday evenings through August 21st. Our sermon series for this summer is entitled "Following Jesus in Different Seasons." We'll talk about how we follow Jesus through times of joy, pain, doubt, trust, virtue, sin, and more. 18910 360th St. Goodhue

August Council Meeting: The church council will meet on August 19th at 7pm. Starting in September the council meetings will again be back to the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm.

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.

2024 Confirmation Parents' Meeting: There is a mandatory confirmation parents' meeting on August 18th after worship in the fellowship hall for 7th and 8th grade families participating in confirmation this fall. Please let Pr. Eric know if you cannot attend.

Choir Workshop: 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.

Take a Pew & Help Move Chairs: On Sunday, August 18th after worship we'll move our remaining chairs into the sanctuary. St. Luke families are welcome to take a pew if they'd like. The pews may be taken free of charge but free will donations are invited that will go toward our Forward In Faith Building Fund. There are 22 pews in the sanctuary available to be taken. If there is an abundance of interest in the pews, we will have a lottery to determine recipients. The lottery will happen on August 11th, so please register your interest in taking a pew with Tara Marklevits via email (office@stlukegoodhue.org) by the morning of August 11th. One pew will be allotted per household at this time. On August 18th, recipients of the pews are responsible for transportation of pews from church to home. People will be on hand to help carry pews to vehicles from 11am to 1pm on August 18th.

Pastor Vacation: Pastor Eric will be on vacation from August 3rd through August 14th. In the event of an emergency please contact Rev. Hannah Bergstrom de Leon at 507-218-9063.

Connect

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!

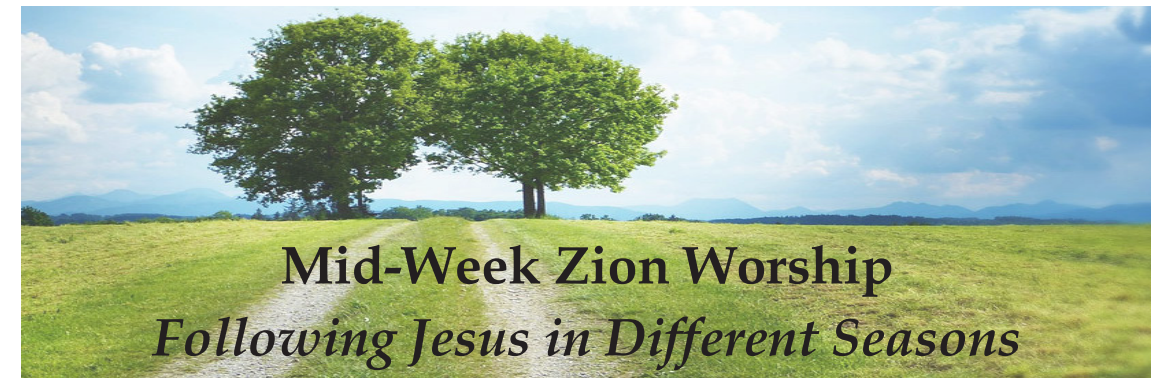
Southeast Minnesota Synod Church Wide Summer Theology Pubs: Ever want to talk with other people of faith about cultural issues that matter? Want to do it in a fun, casual setting? The Southeast Minnesota Synod of the ELCA is hosting a series of theology pubs this summer to provide such opportunities. Guided conversations on issues that matter will happen on August 15th (10,000 Drops Craft Distiller, Faribault). All gatherings are at 7pm. All are welcome!

GriefShare: GriefShare is a Christian grief support group, will be beginning a new session beginning Tuesday, Sept. 10th from 6:30-8:00pm at First Covenant Church in Red Wing. Registration is appreciated so that an adequate supply of workbooks is available. Register online at griefshare.org (find a group) or call Susan at 651-380-9362.

Serve

Christian Care Team: Please send us your prayer requests through phone call, email or in-person. Our team: Susie Matthees, Sharon Pagel, Courtney Meyer, Kristin Diercks, Jennifer Rehder, Sheila Pasch, Sue Majerus, Christie Hanson, Jolene Mann, and Jacki Ebner. Email: careteam@stlukegoodhue.org Ph: 651-998-7106.

Helping Hands Service Team: "Helping Hands" is a group of St. Luke members ready to help members of our community who are in need of assistance due to limited resources or mobility. If you or someone you know is in need of a "Helping Hand" please contact Tara in the church office (651-998-7106, office@stlukegoodhue.org) or Pr. Eric, (612-834-2149, anspachh2002@gmail.com). If it is an immediate need, please contact Pastor at 612-834-2149. Examples but not limited to: grocery delivery, gutter cleaning, appt. rides, yard work, bird feeder refill, etc.



Pastor Eric Hanson • 7:00PM • July 24, 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: *"Open Our Eyes, Lord" (please stand as you are able)*

Vs 1: Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, To reach out and touch Him, And say that we love Him. Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen, Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

Vs 2: Open our hearts, Lord, that we might receive you, Open our spirits, and teach us to worship Open our lips, Lord, and teach us to praise you Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

Preaching Text: John 8:1-11 *(you may be seated)*

¹ but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. ² At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. ³ The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group ⁴ and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. ⁵ In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" ⁶ They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. ⁷ When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." ⁸ Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. ⁹ At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. ¹⁰ Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" ¹¹ "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."

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

Children's Sermon *Pastor Eric Hanson*