

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

Gospel Acclamation: *(please stand as you are able)* **“You Are Holy”**

Chorus: You are holy oh so holy. You are holy Lord of all. You are holy oh so holy. You are holy Lord of all.

The Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

²⁶He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. ²⁹As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.” ³⁰Again he said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. ³²Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.” ³³With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. ³⁴He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

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Children’s Message: *(you may be seated)* Pastor Eric Hanson

Sermon: Pastor Eric Hanson

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.

“God, Whose Farm Is All Creation” #734

**Vs 1: God, whose farm is all creation, take the gratitude we give;
take the finest of our harvest, crops we grow that we may live.**

**Vs. 2: Take our plowing, seeding, reaping, hopes and fears of sun and rain,
all our thinking, planning, waiting, ripened in this fruit and grain.**

**Vs 3: All our labor, all our watching, all our calendar of care
in these crops of your creation, take, O God: they are our prayer.**

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 and 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.

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: *(call and response)*

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world. *A brief silence.* Nourish your faithful people through gifts of word and worship. Guide the church in listening to and interpreting your message of grace for this time and place in history. In your wisdom, lead us in expanding the reach of your love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Nature sings your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night. Sustain the holy rhythms of creation: days and seasons, hibernation and activity, phases of the moon and tides of the sea. Let these patterns assure us of your constancy. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You raise the lowly and humble those in high regard. Raise up all who are victims of marginalization, discrimination, and hate. As we anticipate Juneteenth, banish racial discrimination of all kinds from the hearts of your people and remove the inclination toward anger and violence. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Tend to all who journey by faith and who wait with patience for the fulfillment of your healing promises. Grant perseverance to people doing physical and occupational therapy, people living with mobility concerns, and people facing chronic pain especially Keith Brown, Judy Carpenter, Jan Benidt, Dave (Pud) Gnotke, Shawn Fredrixon, Marc Bode, Julie Marklevits, Harlan Reese, Beth Carlson, Gage Miller, Elaine Thorland, Alex Stehr, Maria Starr Quiggle, Perry Fitzgerald, Marlowe Ronke, and Kay Kurtti. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

As you have loved us, so let us love one another. Empower fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, adoptive fathers, and chosen fathers to embody this gift of love for their children. Where these relationships are strained or broken, bring your comfort and peace. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

With gratitude, we remember the saints who are now at home with you. Plant seeds of their wisdom and witness in our hearts, that we grow in faith until we join them in your heavenly dwelling. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ. **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.

“For The Fruit Of All Creation” #679

Vs 1: For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For these gifts to ev’ry nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth’s safekeeping, thanks be to God.

Vs 2: In the just reward of labor, God’s will is done. In the help we give our neighbor, God’s will is done. In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God’s will is done.

Vs 3: For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God. For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God. For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

"For The Beauty Of The Earth" #879

Vs 1: For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

Refrain: Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

Vs 2: For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light: [Refrain]

Vs 3: For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: [Refrain]

Vs 4: For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild: [Refrain]

Vs 5: For each perfect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n; for thyself,
best gift divine, to our world so freely giv'n: [Refrain]

"Taste and See" #493

Refrain: Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Vs 1: I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips;
my soul shall glory in the Lord; for God has been so good to me. (Refrain)

Vs 2: Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God's name.
I called the Lord, who answered me; from all my troubles I was set free. (Refrain)

Vs 3: Worship the Lord, all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask.
Taste and see that the Lord is good; in God we need put all our trust. (Refrain)

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: *"Sent Forth By God's Blessing" #547*

Verse 1: Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all.
Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us to work for your kingdom and answer your call.

Verse 2: With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living, the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing God's children, the whole human race.
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us; unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

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
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost • 9:30AM • June 16, 2024

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: *"This Is My Fathers World" #824*

Vs. 1: This is my Father's world, And to my listening ears All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres. This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas-- His hand the wonders wrought.

Vs. 2: This is my Father's world: The birds their carols raise, The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise. This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

Vs. 3: This is my Father's world: Oh let me not forget that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet. This is my Father's world: Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!

Prayer of the Day: *(you may be seated)* P: Let us pray together

C: O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself & nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth & love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior & Lord. Amen.

The First Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

⁶Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord.⁷For we live by faith, not by sight. ⁸We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. ¹¹Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. ¹²We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. ¹³If we are "out of our mind," as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵And 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. ¹⁶So 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. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

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