

The Reading: Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29

^{3:1} You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified. ² I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by believing what you heard? ³ Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh? ⁴ Have you experienced so much in vain – if it really was in vain? ⁵ So again I ask, does God give you his Spirit and work miracles among you by the works of the law, or by your believing what you heard? ⁶ So also Abraham “believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.” ⁷ Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham. ⁸ Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: “All nations will be blessed through you.” ⁹ So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

^{3:23} Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. ²⁴ So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian. ²⁶ So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Children’s Sermon: *Pastor Eric Hanson*

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Hymn of the Day and Offering: *“I’ll Worship You Forever” written by Debbi St. John*

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.

Vs 1: As I lift my hand in praise to you, I feel Your love surrounding me, surrounding me.
Cover me, Lord Jesus.

Refrain: Jesus, You’re my King. You’re my Everything.
Jesus, I will sing my praise, I’ll worship You forever, forever. I’ll worship You forever.

Vs 2: I surrender all I am to You, with every breath I say Your Name, I say Your Name.
Cover me, Lord Jesus. [refrain]

Vs 3: Jesus, wash me in Your precious blood, cleanse my heart as white as snow, as white as snow.
Cover me, Lord Jesus. [refrain]

Vs 4: Help me listen for Your voice, O Lord, as my heart fills in praise to You, in praise to You.
Cover me, Lord Jesus.

Final Refrain: Jesus, You’re my King. You’re my Everything. Jesus, I will sing my praise,
I’ll worship You forever, forever. I’ll worship You forever. I’ll worship You forever.

Offertory Response: *“Give Thanks” W&P 41 (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.

Offering Prayer:
P: Let us pray together,
C: We thank you God for Eternal Life given to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Use the gifts we lay upon your Table to bring life to our church and community. May your gift of life to us become gifts of life for our neighbors through us. 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:
God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief silence.* Welcoming God, you invite all people to come and encounter your love. Give your church open hearts and minds to embrace all who seek your presence. Increase the capacity for cooperation between denominations and congregations. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, your might is seen in storms and in silence. Where drought threatens, bring rain. Where waters flood, ease them back. Where fire, earthquake, hurricane, or tornado destroy, shelter your people and restore your land. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
Discerning God, fill the hearts of leaders with your passion for justice and mercy. Call the nations of this world to tables of peace and collaboration. Encourage governments to seek avenues of collective benefit and joy. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Abiding God, all people are held in your care. Accompany survivors of abuse, trauma, and exploitation. Strengthen our resolve to listen and advocate on behalf of all who are unnoticed. Hear our prayers for those close to our heart especially Keith Brown, Jan Benidt, Dave (Pud) Gnotke, Shawn Fredrixon, Marc Bode, Harlan Reese, Gage Miller, Alex Stehr, Perry Fitzgerald, Tanya Bakken, Nicole Anderson, Henry Strauss, Diane Krenke, Steve Pabst, Bob Eppen, Tara Vieths, Chase Hanson, Scott Bignell, Joan Quiggle, Linda Kuyath, & Peg Campbell. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing God, be with this congregation as summer begins in the northern hemisphere. Keep travelers safe. Keep the vulnerable cool. Invigorate summer ministry efforts in our community, and support the well-being of children and young people. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
Loving God, the beginning and the end, you are with us throughout our lives. In gratitude for the saints who have died, we look toward your coming again among us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **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.

The Meal & Hymns: *(congregation 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.

“One Bread, One Body” ELW #496
Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all; one cup of blessing which we bless, and we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.
Vs 1: Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. [Refrain]
Vs 2: Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. [Refrain]
Vs 3: Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all. [Refrain]

“Lamb Of God” W&P #83

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

P: Let us pray together,

C: Life-giving God, in the gift of Christ’s resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son’s resurrection. May the Risen Christ live through us in word and deed. 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.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn: “When A Star Is Shining” ACS #915

Vs 1: When a star is shining over eastern hills, when the air is silent, and the clamor stills,
when the night is waiting, & the old hopes rise, then the time has ripened & the heart grows wise.

Refrain: Lead us on, lead us on, to a morning where the promise shines.
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Vs 2: Where the world is waiting for an unknown day, where a voice forgotten cries, “Prepare the way!”
Where an earthly power makes the heart turn cold,
there the gifts are offered – incense, myrrh, and gold. [Refrain]

Vs 3: Lead us on, O Daystar, in the quiet night; guide us through the shadow with your gentle light;
show us in a manger our redemption’s sign;
bring us to a morning where the promise shines. [Refrain]

Dismissal:

P: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Welcome
We’re Glad You’re Here

St. Luke Lutheran • Pastor Eric Hanson

Seventh Sunday of Easter • 9:30AM • June 1, 2025

Prelude: “This Is My Father’s World” ELW #824 and “It Is Well With My Soul” ELW #785

Welcome and Announcements

The Easter Litany: *(stand as you are able)*

P: Christ is risen!

C: Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Faithful and Just God,

C: We confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters & brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives & make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Christ Jesus, our risen Lord. Amen.

P: Christ suffered for sins, once for all, in order to bring you to God. Now you are God’s people; now you have received mercy. In the name of the risen + Lord Jesus, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven. Lay aside guilt, put away shame, for you are chosen & precious in God’s sight. Live in the marvelous light of Christ. Amen.

Gathering Hymn: “Crown Him With Many Crowns” ELW #855

Vs 1: Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne. Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

Vs 2: Crown him the virgin’s Son, the God incarnate born, whose arm those crimson trophies won while now his brow adorn; fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem, the root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.

Vs 3: Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified; no angels in the sky can fully bear that sight, but downward bends their burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Vs 4: Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o’er the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save; his glories now we sing who died and rose on high, who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Vs 5: Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time, creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime. All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me; thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

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

P: Let us pray.

C: Lord of justification, With great joy we receive the gift of salvation which is ours not because of our own efforts, but because of the saving work of Christ. Grant us full access to the glory of your salvation, an abundance that is more than enough for all humankind, for the sake of our redeeming Christ. Amen.

Praise for the Word: “Our God Is An Awesome God” 3X CCLI Lic.

Our God is an awesome God. He reigns from heaven above.
With wisdom, power, and love. Our God is an awesome God.