

The Reading: Luke 13:1-9 (*you may be seated*)

¹Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. ²Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? ³I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. ⁴Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them – do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.” ⁶Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. ⁷So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’ ⁸“‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’”

P: This is the Word of the Lord,

C: Thanks be to God.

Children’s Message: *Pastor Eric Hanson*

2nd-6th Graders Sing: *“Pharaoh Pharaoh”*

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.*

“The Old Rugged Cross” CCLI Lic.

**Vs 1: On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest & best for a world of lost sinners was slain.**

**Refrain: So I’ll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.**

**Vs 4: To that old rugged cross I will ever be true, its shame and reproach gladly bear;
then he’ll call me some day to my home far away, where his glory forever I’ll share. [Refrain]**

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.**

Offertory Prayer: L: Let us pray.

**C: Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As
we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with
others. Through our Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray, 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*)

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, & all those in need. *A brief silence.* Holy God, you long to gather your church under your wings. Bless the churches of Jerusalem, and all persecuted churches, that your people may take heart and stand firm as they witness and minister in your name. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Holy God, you give shelter to living things as numerous as the stars. Strengthen the voice of prophets who call humanity to faithful care for the planet, that they would not be silenced but heeded as your messengers. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Holy God, you raised up leaders like Abram, Sarai, and Paul to show your people what it means to rely on your promises. Guide today’s leaders to work for justice and safeguard the world for future generations. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Holy God, you are the stronghold of our life. Care tenderly for those who are ill in body or mind, & for people living in fear or need 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, & Chase Hanson. May all know they are not alone. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Holy God, you offer us citizenship in heaven. Unite communities of faith who are divided over earthly things, that following the way of your Son, they may set aside grudges and serve their neighbors with generosity and love. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Holy God, you are our light and our salvation. We give thanks for the saints who have gone before us. Help us to trust in you as they did and to live according to their example. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **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.*

“God Does” solo by Calvin Ryan

“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 that 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: There in the ground His body lay. Light of the world by darkness slain.

Then bursting forth in glorious Day. Up from the grave He rose again.

And as He stands in victory, Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me.

For I am His and He is mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

Vs 4: 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.

Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I’ll stand

“10,000 Reasons” (Bless The Lord) by Matt Redman

**Refrain: Bless the Lord oh my soul Oh my soul. Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before Oh my soul I'll worship Your Holy name**

**Vs 1: The sun comes up It's a new day dawning It's time to sing Your song again Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me Let me be singing When the evening comes (Refrain)**

**Vs 2: You're rich in love And You're slow to anger Your name is great And Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing Ten thousand reasons For my heart to find (Refrain)**

**Vs 3: And on that day When my strength is failing The end draws near And my time has come
Still my soul will Sing Your praise unending Ten thousand years And then forevermore (Refrain)**

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

P: Let us pray,

**C: God of our Table, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables
of love and grace in our own homes, that your liberating love might go forth from this place into our
own homes and community. Through our Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray, Amen.**

Blessing:

P: May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, & claimed us as children of the light, strengthen
you on your journey into life renewed. May the Lord bless you & keep you. May the Lord's face shine
upon you & be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor & give you + peace.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn: *“What a Friend We Have In Jesus”* ELW #742

**Vs 1: What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything
to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!**

**Vs 2: Have we trials & temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it
to the Lord in prayer! Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!**

**Vs 3: Are we weak & heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge - take it
to the Lord in prayer! Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.**

Dismissal: P: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Welcome

We're Glad You're Here

**St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson
Second Sunday in Lent • 9:30AM • March 16, 2025**

Prelude: *music by Kayla Ryan*

Welcome & Announcements

Lenten Greeting: *(please stand as you are able)*

P: Friends in Christ, we gather during this season of Lent to remember Jesus' Passover from death to life.
We journey through this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's grace. We
are created to live in joyful communion with God and one another, but we oftentimes wound our
relationship with God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended.
As disciples of Jesus, we long for repentance leading to change.

**C: God of heaven and earth, you come in close and make us yours. Equip us by your Spirit to confess
our sin, embrace your forgiveness, and seek your will for our lives.**

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: With honesty of heart, we confess our sin together. Merciful God,

**C: Lord, forgive us. Our will is handcuffed to sin, and we cannot break free. We have spoken when we
should have kept quiet. We were silent when we should have said something. We were still when we
should have moved. We moved when we should have been still. For the wrong we have done, and for
the good we have failed to do, have mercy on us and bring us new life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior
and Lord. Amen.**

P: Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces us in tender care. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet
us again this day. In Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven. You are free from sin and death. Live anew with
God and each other today.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn: *“Jesus Paid It All”* CCLI Lic.

**Vs 1: I hear the Savior say, “Thy strength indeed is small, Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all.”**

Refrain: Jesus it all, all to Him I owe. Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

**Vs 2: Lord, now indeed I find Thy pow'r and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone. [Refrain]**

**Vs 3: And when, before the throne, I stand in Him complete,
“Jesus died my soul to save,” My lips shall still repeat. [Refrain]**

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray together.

**C: Holy One of mighty power, Your word is powerfully dangerous. Your word casts out demons. Your
word heals incurable diseases. Your word devours empires. Your word transforms the fabric of the uni
verse. Help us to stand in awe and fear of what your word is capable of doing. Give us courage to
speak your word and wisdom to hear it, for the sake of the one whose very whisper can demolish sin,
Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Praise for the Word: *(stand as you are able) “Heal Me, O Lord”* TFF #189

Heal me O Lord, and I will be healed. Save me and I will be saved.

Heal me O Lord, and I will be healed. For You are the One I praise. You are the One I Praise.

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