

**The Reading: Luke 10:25-42** *read by Anna Petree (you may be seated)*

<sup>25</sup> On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup> “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?” <sup>27</sup> He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” <sup>28</sup> “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.” <sup>29</sup> But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” <sup>30</sup> In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’” <sup>36</sup> “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” <sup>37</sup> The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.” <sup>38</sup> As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what he said. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!” <sup>41</sup> “Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, <sup>42</sup> but few things are needed – or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”

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

**Children’s Message:** *Pastor Eric Hanson*

**PreK-1st Graders Sing:** *“A Place in the Choir” by Bill Staines*

**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.*

*“Healer of Our Every Ill” ELW #612*

**Refrain:** Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

**Vs 1:** You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness;  
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. [Refrain]

**Vs 2:** In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still unfolding,  
give us all your vision, God of love. [Refrain]

**Vs 3:** Give us strength to love each other, every sister, every brother;  
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. [Refrain]

**Vs 4:** You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing;  
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. [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, and all those in need. *A brief silence.* Gracious God, speak your word anew among your church. Strengthen it to withstand the temptation to turn inward in fear or complacency. Embolden church institutions to turn from self-preservation toward the self-giving love of Jesus. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mothering God, speak the word of life into wilderness places and fertile fields. Grant wisdom to your people, that we may quell the urge to strip lands of their resources and instead preserve first fruits for future generations. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, speak a word of wisdom to people in positions of power: mayors, councils, and tribal leaders, legislators, judges and juries, presidents, and monarchs. Help them discern your voice and follow your guidance, resisting the temptations of the evil one. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Steadfast God, speak words of courage to your people in the wilderness. Protect migrants & refugees on perilous journeys, that they find safe refuge & a portion in the bounty you have given humanity to share. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, speak gently to all who are alone. Bless lay ministers, home communion teams, and others who attend to those who are overlooked, vulnerable, or lonely, that all find belonging in your love. We pray for all who are ill 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 & the Family of Austin “Randy” Holst. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Living God, we give thanks for all the faithful who have crossed the threshold from death to life. Guide us who are living to learn from their wisdom and follow their example. God, in your mercy, **hear 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.

*“Just As I Am, Without One Plea” ELW #592*

**Vs 1:** Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidd’st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

**Vs 2:** Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

**Vs 3:** Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come,

**Vs 4:** Just as I am; thy love unknown has broken ev’ry barrier down;  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

**Vs 5:** Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve.  
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

**Vs 6:** Just as I am, Thy love unknown Hath broken ev’ry barrier down: Now to be Thine, yea.  
Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

*“Come To Me, O Weary Traveler”* ACS #1017

**Vs 1:** Come to me, O weary traveler; come to me with your distress;  
come to me, you heavy burdened; come to me and find your rest.

**Vs 2:** Do not fear, my yoke is easy; do not fear, my burden's light;  
do not fear the path before you; do not run from me in fright.

**Vs. 3:** Take my yoke and leave your troubles; take my yoke and come with me.  
Take my yoke, I am beside you; take and learn humility.

**Vs 4:** Rest in me, O weary traveler; rest in me & do not fear. Rest in me, my heart is gentle; rest & cast away your care.

*“Jesus Name Above All Names”* W&P #77

**Vs. 1:** Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.  
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

**Vs. 2:** Jesus, loving Shepherd, Vine of the branches, Son of God.  
Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor, Lord of the universe, Light of the world.

**Vs. 3:** Jesus, way of salvation King of Kings, Lord of Lords.  
The Way, the truth, and the life Mighty Creator, My Savior and Friend.

*“Jesus Loves Me!”* ELW #595

**Vs 1:** Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

**Refrain:** Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

**Vs 2:** Jesus loves me he who died heaven's gate to open wide.  
He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. [Refrain]

**Vs 3:** Jesus loves me, he will stay close beside me all the way;  
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high. [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:** *“Blessed Assurance”* ELW #638

**Vs 1:** Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

**Refrain:** This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

**Vs 2:** Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]

**Vs 3:** Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching & waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [Refrain]

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

**C:** Thanks be to God.

# Welcome

We're Glad You're Here

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

**Prelude:** *“Shine On Us”* sung by Katie Schafer

**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:** *“What A Fellowship, What A Joy Divine”* ELW #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]

**Prayer of the Day:** P: Let us pray together.

**C:** Compassionate God, How easily you love those who look unlovable to us! How readily you welcome  
undesirables into your home! How slow we are to follow your example. Turn our hearts toward all who are  
considered outcast, shunned, & unclean so that we may love our neighbor without pity or apathy, for the sake  
of the one who became flesh to cleanse the world of sin & death forever, Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

**Praise for the Word:** *(stand as you are able)* *“Tree Of Life”* Vs 1-3 & Lent 1 ELW #334

**Vs 1:** Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry, in your death we are reborn;  
though you die in all of hist'ry, still you rise with ev'ry morn, still you rise with ev'ry morn.

**Vs 2:** We remember truth once spoken, love passed on through act and word;  
ev'ry person lost and broken wears the body of our Lord, wears the body of our Lord.

**Vs 3:** Christ, you lead and we shall follow, stumbling though our steps may be;  
one with you in joy and sorrow, we the river, you the sea, we the river, you the sea.

**Lent 1:** From the dawning of creation you have loved us as your own;  
stay with us through all temptation, make us turn to you alone, make us turn to you alone.

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