

The Second Reading: Isaiah 40:31 *(Marisa Collins)*

³¹but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Children’s Sermon: *Pastor Eric Hanson*

Message: *(Marisa Collins & Jacob McNamara)*

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.

“In Christ Alone” *(CCLI Licensed)*

V1: 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.

V2: 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.

V3: 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.

V4: 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 pow’r 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; 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.

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.

Offering Prayer: *(Taylor Thomforde)*

P: Let us pray together,

C: We thank you God for gifts first given to us. For time, talents, and treasures given to us by others to steward & share. Accept these gifts from our hands as signs of our love & faithfulness & our desire to be Christ’s hands and feet in our world. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen

Recognition of High School Class of 2025: *Graduates assemble in front of Congregation. Congregation is invited to stand.*

P: God of truth and knowledge, by your wisdom we are taught the way and the truth. Bless our graduates as they now finish their courses of study. Please guide Cole, Lincoln, Emma, Colin, Anna, Addison, Izzie, Kason, Allie, Taylor, Marisa, Morgan Majerus, Morgan Rehder, Zabe, Lucas, Marcus & Kate as they step into the next chapter of their lives. Guide them with faith, hope, and love.

C: We thank you for those who taught & worked beside them, & all who supported them along the way.

P: Walk with our graduates as they move forward in life that they may live lives of purpose, discipleship, and belonging with you by their side.

C: Strengthen their many talents and skills, instill in them a confidence in the future you provide, where energies may be blessed and used for the good of all people.

P: Father, we pray that you would make this chapter of their lives a time of new beginnings, a time to remember and move on, and a time to move forward with faith.

C: May you always know that Christ is alive and goes before you to show and share His gifts with you. This is a day of new beginnings, our God is making all things new.

Apostles’ Creed: *(Izzy O’Reilly) (please stand as you are able)*

I: Let us confess our faith together through the words of the Apostles Creed

C: 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: *(Morgan Rehder & Allie Christensen)*

M: 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.* Fill the church with the spirit of your redeeming love. Make us steadfast in our proclamation of your grace for all people without exceptions, especially those often overlooked in our communities. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

M: Awaken joy in the beauty & abundance of your creation. Show us the wonder of your presence from the smallest flower to the tallest tree. Recommit us to preservation of wild places. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

M: Instruct all world leaders to protect the most vulnerable among us. Guide those in power toward equitable and just economic policies, so that all might have sufficient resources to live safely and with dignity. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: Pour out your love on all in need of care: those mourning losses, enduring trauma, experiencing broken relationships, yearning for companionship, or facing illness 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 & Peg Campbell. Wipe away every tear. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: Abide with all who are victims of racism, especially people who are doubly marginalized because of gender, sexuality, or ability. Destroy all forms of oppression, and renew our commitment to healing the wounds of our collective body in this community and beyond. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: Thank you for accompanying your people amid uncertainty and change. Be with our graduates on this day. We pray for Cole, Lincoln, Emma, Colin, Anna, Addison, Izzie, Kason, Allie, Taylor, Marisa, Morgan Majerus, Morgan Rehder, Zabe, Lucas, Marcus & Kate. Walk with them toward a holy future. May they put their feet in your steps and live as the hands and feet of Christ. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: We commend 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:

P: Let us pray together as Jesus taught us to pray,

C: 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; & forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; & lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, & the power, & 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.

“I’ll Worship You Forever” written by Debbi St. John, Choir leads
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.

“Nothing But The Blood” (CCLI Licensed)
Vs 1: What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Chorus: Oh! precious is the flow That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Vs 2: For my pardon, this I see, Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing this my plea, Nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Chorus]
Vs 3: Nothing can for sin atone, Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done, Nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Chorus]
Vs 4: This is all my hope and peace, Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness, Nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Chorus]

“Bless the Lord O My Soul” (CCLI Licensed)
Chorus: Bless the Lord, oh, my soul, oh, my soul. Worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, oh, my soul. I 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. [Chorus]
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. [Chorus]
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.
Final Chorus: Bless the Lord, oh, my soul, oh, my soul. Worship his holy name. Sing like never before,
oh, my soul. I worship your holy name, worship your holy name

Communion Prayer: *(Emma Voth) (please stand as you are able)*
P: Let us pray together,
C: God of hope, you fed your people manna in the wilderness to sustain them on their journey to the promise land. May the presence of your Son found in simple things like bread & wine sustain us as we run, walk, stumble, & pray our way into the future you’ve prepared for us. Amen.

“The Blessing”
Sending Hymn: “You Shall Go Out With Joy” 3X © The Right Reverend N. T. Wright
You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills will break forth before you; there’ll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands; the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.

Dismissal: *(All Graduates)* L: Go in peace to love the Lord & serve your neighbor, C: Thanks be to God.



Senior RECOGNITION

St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson

Senior Recognition Sunday • 9:30AM • May 18, 2025

Prelude: *music by Debbi St. John*

Welcome and Announcements

The Easter Litany: *(Anna Mangan, Addison Taxdahl, & Kate Carlson)*
P: Christ is risen! C: **Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**
P: We begin worship today in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. C: **Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness: P: Let us confess our sins together. 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: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, & made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: “We Are One In The Spirit” (CCLI licensed)
Vs 1: **We are One in The Spirit, We are One in The Lord. We are One in The Spirit, We are One in The Lord.**
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.
R: **And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, By our Love, Yes they’ll know we are Christians by our love.**
Vs 2: **We shall walk with each other, We shall walk hand in hand. We shall walk with each other,**
We will shall walk hand in hand. And together we spread the news that God is in our land! [refrain]
Vs 3: **We Will Work With Each Other We Will Work Side By Side We Will Work Side By Side**
And We’ll Guard Each Man’s Dignity, And Save Each Man’s Pride. [refrain]

Prayer of the Day: *(Lincoln Ryan)*
P: Let us pray together,
C: **Gracious and caring God, you bless our paths with truth and meaning. Guide us today as we are all somehow in transition. Help us to honor our past, carry gratitude for our present, and have hope for our future. We thank you Lord for you make all things new. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.**

The First Reading: Romans 12:9-21 (Colin O’Connor)
⁹Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹²Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord. ²⁰On the contrary: “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

2025 St. Luke Seniors
Cole Jenson, Lincoln Ryan, Emma Voth, Colin O’Connor, Anna Mangan, Addison Taxdahl, Izzabelle O’Reilly, Kason Zetah, Allie Christensen, Taylor Thomforde, Marisa Collins, Morgan Majerus, Morgan Rehder, Zabe Flom, Lucas Erickson, Marcus Young, & Kate Carlson