

<sup>15</sup> But when God, who set me apart from my mother’s womb and called me by his grace, was pleased <sup>16</sup>to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, my immediate response was not to consult any human being. <sup>17</sup>I did not go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but I went into Arabia. Later I returned to Damascus. <sup>18</sup>Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Peter and stayed with him for fifteen days.

**(Galatians 2)** <sup>11</sup> When I met Peter, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. <sup>12</sup>For before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. <sup>13</sup>The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray. <sup>14</sup>When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter in front of them all, “You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs? <sup>15</sup>“We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles <sup>16</sup>know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.

<sup>19</sup>“For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. <sup>20</sup>I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

**Hymn of the Day: “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

**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.* Unite your people with communities of faith throughout the world. Further cooperation between people of different faith traditions and bless our non-Christian neighbor, that we learn and grow in deeper relationship. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Bless the earth with fresh water, clean air, and rich soil. Nurture growing crops and encourage communities developing sustainable farming practices. Help us to live in balance and harmony with your good creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Reconcile nations and communities suffering from violence and conflict. Protect refugees, asylum-seekers, and all who flee their homes seeking safety and security. Make all nations safe for both migrants and residents. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Sustain all who are in need, especially individuals and families struggling with trauma or addiction. Support caregivers, especially nurses, doctors, counselors, and social workers. Come alongside all who are ill or struggling 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. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

This Memorial Day weekend, we remember all who have died in military service. Soothe loved ones who mourn, and strengthen support systems for veterans and their families. Bring peace among nations, that war and conflict around the world might cease. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give you thanks for all your saints raised to new life in Christ. Gather us, with them, into the peace only you can give. 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.*

**“Faith Of Our Fathers”** ELW #812

**Vs 1: Faith of our fathers, living still in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.**  
**Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy whene’er we hear that glorious word.**

**Refrain: Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to thee till death.**

**Vs 2: The martyrs, chained in prisons dark, were still in heart and conscience free;**  
**and blest would be their children’s fate if they, like them, should die for thee. [refrain]**

**Vs 3: Faith of our fathers! We will love both friend and foe in all our strife;**  
**proclaim thee too, as love knows how, by saving word and faithful life. [refrain]**

“Here Is Bread” ELW #483

Vs 1: Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, He is with us.  
Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.

Refrain: In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.  
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

Vs 2: Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Jesus here. [Refrain]

Vs 3: Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
We’ll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified. [Refrain]

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: “America the Beautiful” ELW #888

Vs 1: O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain;  
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

Vs 2: O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!  
America! America! May God thy gold refine, till all success be nobleness, & every gain divine.

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: “America, The Beautiful” ELW #888 pianist Debbi St. John



St. Luke Lutheran • Pastor Eric Hanson

Sixth Sunday of Easter • 9:30AM • May 25, 2025

Prelude: “Jesus, Name Above All Names” W&P #77 and “Old Rugged Cross” CCLI Lic.

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: “My Country ‘Tis Of Thee” CCLI Lic.

Vs 1: My country, ’tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;  
land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims’ pride, from ev’ry mountainside let freedom ring.

Vs 2: My native country, thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love;  
I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills; my heart with rapture thrills like that above.

Vs 3: Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees sweet freedom’s song;  
let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake; let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.

Vs 4: Our fathers’ God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing;  
long may our land be bright with freedom’s holy light. Protect us by thy might, great God, our king.

Prayer of the Day: 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.

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

Reading & Message: Galatians 1:11-18, 2:11-16, 19-20 Pastor Eric Hanson

<sup>11</sup> I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. <sup>12</sup> I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ. <sup>13</sup> For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it. <sup>14</sup> I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers.