

**Prayer of the Day:**

P: Let us pray together

**C: God of abundance, none of us have enough until all of us have enough. Thank you for the gifts we lay upon your table. Create in us generous hearts that we may share your gifts with all creation so that one day everyone has enough. Amen.**

**Praise for the Word: “O Lord, Hear My Prayer” #751**

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, answer me.**

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen to me.**

**The Reading: Matthew 6:19-24**

<sup>19</sup>“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup>But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <sup>22</sup>“The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. <sup>23</sup>But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness! <sup>24</sup>“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

P: This is the Word of the Lord,

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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

**PreK-1st Graders Sing: “Rejoice in the Lord Always”**

**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.*

**“How Firm A Foundation” #796**

**Vs 1: How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said, who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**

**Vs 2: Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed; for I am your God, and will still give you aid;  
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**Vs 3: When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;  
the flames shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine.**

**Vs 4: Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove my sov’ reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn, like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.**

**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.**

**Offertory Prayer:**

L: Let us pray together,

**C: Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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)**

Challenged by God’s Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation. *A brief silence.* Lord of all, we give thanks for the whole church throughout the world. Open wide the paths toward unity between denominations so that all followers of Christ may join in shared worship and mission. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Renewing God, as the dying leaves display their beauty, we are reminded that nature’s cycle of life includes and requires both life and death. Instill in your people a mission of preservation and appreciation for trees, animals, and waterways threatened by climate collapse. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, in the spirit of reformation we pray for all who cry out for relief from systemic oppression. May the hearts of those who occupy seats of power be reformed so that peace becomes the center of our life together. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Comforting God, be with all who are sick, suffering, or grieving in our own community and beyond especially Keith Brown, Jan Benidt, Dave (Pud) Gnotke, Shawn Fredrixon, Marc Bode, Harlan Reese, Beth Carlson, Gage Miller, Alex Stehr, Maria Starr Quiggle, Perry Fitzgerald, Tanya Bakken, Lorraine Hinsch, Jeff Ferkinhoff, Jean Alms, Henry Strauss, Diane Krenke, Colton Zimdars, Jerry Siems, and Steve Pabst. Surround them with the promise of your love, comfort, and grace that never ends. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Divine Guide, continue to challenge this community to be ever reforming in our ministries and outreach efforts. Inspire creative ideas among us so that the communal, grace-filled word of God remains at the heart of our ministry. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, in Christ’s resurrection you ensure that though life be wrenched away, death cannot win the day. May the truth of your saving grace through faith sustain our hope for life in you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever. **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.*

*"The Church's One Foundation" #654*

Vs 1: The church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord; She is his new creation  
By water and the Word. From heaven he came and sought her To be his holy bride;  
With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.

Vs 2: Elect from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth; Her charter of salvation,  
One Lord, one faith, one birth; One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food, And to one hope she presses, With every grace endued.

Vs 3: Though with a scornful wonder We see her sore oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed, Yet saints their watch are keeping;  
Their cry goes up, "How long?" And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.

Vs 4: Through toil & tribulation, And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore; Till, with the vision glorious,  
Her longing eyes are blest, And the great church victorious Shall be the church at rest.

Vs 5: Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won. Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!  
Lord, save us by your grace, that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.

*"There Is A Longing In Our Hearts, O God"*

Refrain: There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to reveal yourself to us.  
There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, our God.

Vs 1: For justice, for freedom, for mercy: hear our prayer.  
In sorrow, in grief: be near; hear our prayer, O God. [Refrain]

Vs 2: For wisdom, for courage, for comfort: hear our prayer.  
In weakness, in fear: be near; hear our prayer, O God. [Refrain]

Vs 3: For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer.  
In sickness, in death: be near; hear our prayer, O God. [Refrain]

Vs 4: Lord, save us, take pity, light in our deepest night.  
We call you; we wait: be near; hear our prayer, O God. [Refrain]

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

P: Let us pray together,

C: Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to  
welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Blessing:**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. C: Amen.

**Sending Hymn:** *"Built On A Rock" #652*

Vs 1: Built on the Rock, the church shall stand, even when steeples are falling;  
crumbled have spires in ev'ry land, bells still are chiming and calling,  
calling the young and old to rest, calling the souls of those distressed, longing for life everlasting.

Vs. 2: Surely, in temples made with hands God the Most High is not dwelling;  
high in the heav'ns His temple stands, all earthly temples excelling.  
Yet God who dwells in heav'n above deigns to abide with us in love, making our bodies His temple.

Vs 3: Christ builds a house of living stones: we are His own habitation; He fills our hearts,  
His humble thrones, granting us life and salvation. Where two or three will seek his face,  
he in their midst will show his grace, blessings upon them bestowing.

Vs 4: Yet in this house, an earthly frame, Jesus the children is blessing; hither we come to praise his name,  
faith in our Savior confessing. Jesus to us his Spirit sent, making with us his covenant,  
granting his children the kingdom.

Vs. 5: Through all the passing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are ringing,  
many may come to hear your Word, who here this promise is bringing: "I know my own,  
my own know me, you, not the world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. Amen."

**Dismissal:** P: Go in peace, share your gifts! C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

# Welcome

We're Glad You're Here

**St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson**

*"My church" not "The church I go to"*  
*Giving as Discipleship not Transaction*

**9:30AM • October 27, 2024**

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Prelude: *"El Shaddai" solo by Katie Schafer*

Welcome & Announcements

Temple Talk: *Why do I give? by Todd Budensiek*

Greeting: *(stand as you are able)*

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

C: Come Holy Spirit, Come!

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing. *(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors  
with our tongues. Desires and pains at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be  
first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of others after ourselves. In your great  
mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way  
of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity & to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name  
of + Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. Live in a new way in Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn: *"All Are Welcome" #641*

Vs 1: Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and  
children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and  
vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions.

Refrain: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Vs 2: Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: [refrain]

Vs 3: Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground,  
where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: [refrain]

Vs 4: Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen,  
serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image  
of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger. [refrain]

Vs 5: Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured,  
taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house proclaim from floor to rafter. [refrain]