

The Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

¹After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.”² But Abram said, “Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?”³ And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”⁴ Then the word of the Lord came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.”⁵ He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”⁶ Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

P: This is the Word of the Lord,

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Message & Bible Blessing: *3yr Old Preschoolers, 3rd graders, and 7th graders (you may be seated)*

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.

“Be Thou My Vision”

Vs. 1: Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art.

Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Vs. 2: Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord.

Thou my soul’s shelter, and thou my high tow’r, raise thou me heav’nward, O Pow’r of my pow’r.

Vs 3: Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always.

Thou and thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Vs 4: Light of my soul, after victory won, may I reach heaven’s joys, O heaven’s Sun!

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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.

Baptism of Nolan Richard Dahlstrom, the son of Nicole Tyler & Adam Dahlstrom

The Prayers: *(call and response)*

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God’s good creation, and all who are in need. *A brief silence.* We pray for the church throughout the world. Form us into communities of forgiveness and grace. Help us to notice where you are calling us into new relationships, and give us courage to embrace the uncomfortable and unfamiliar. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the earth and all its inhabitants. Protect lands at risk of wildfire and heal dying forests. Where fire brings destruction, raise up new growth. Guide us in tending precarious ecosystems. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those who govern nations, tribes, and cities. Open them to the cries of people in need. Direct them in shaping policies that prioritize the health and well-being of all who struggle with hunger and housing insecurity. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all who are ill, all who are lonely or anxious, and all who grieve especially Keith Brown, Jan Benidt, Dave (Pud) Gnotke, Shawn Fredrixon, Marc Bode, Julie Marklevits, Harlan Reese, Beth Carlson, Gage Miller, Alex Stehr, Maria Starr Quiggle, Perry Fitzgerald, Tanya Bakken, Lorraine Hinsch, Jeff Ferkinhoff, Betty Johnson, Jean Alms, Henry Strauss & Diane Krenke. Draw them close to you and soothe them with the promise of your enduring love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for teachers, professors, librarians, school administrators, staff, and all who support the education of young people. Sustain them as they shape learning communities, rooted in equity and authenticity. We pray for children of all ages in their learning. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember our beloved dead, who with the great cloud of witnesses bear witness to your saving grace. Accompany us in our pilgrimage of faith, that we too place our hope and trust in you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our 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.

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.

“On Eagles Wings” #787

Vs 1: You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, Who abide in His shadow for life.

Say to the Lord, “My refuge My rock, in whom I trust!”

Refrain: And He will raise you up on eagle’s wings, Bear you on the breath of dawn,

Make you to shine like the sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand.

Vs 2: The snare of the fowler will never capture you, And famine will bring you no fear,

Under His wings, your refuge, His faithfulness, your shield. [refrain]

Vs 3: You need not fear the terror of the night, Nor the arrow that flies by day,

Though thousands fall about you, Near you it shall not come. [refrain]

"Day By Day" #790

Vs 1: Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me, bringing comfort to my anxious soul.
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure, brings to naught the burdens of my quest;
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure, where at last I'll find eternal rest.

Vs 2: Day by day, I know you will provide me strength to serve and wisdom to obey;
I will seek your loving will to guide me o'er the paths I struggle day by day.
I will fear no evil of the morrow, I will trust in your enduring grace.
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow till in glory I behold your face.

Vs 3: Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my burdens grow too great to bear;
oh, what joy to know that you will hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.
Day by day, no matter what betide me, you will hold me ever in your hand.
Savior, with your presence here to guide me, I will reach at last the promised land.

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: "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine" #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]

Dismissal: P: Go in peace to love the Lord and serve your neighbor.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Welcome
We're Glad You're Here

St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:30AM • September 15, 2024

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

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: "Morning Has Broken" #556

Vs. 1: Morning has broken like the first morning, Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Vs. 2: Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from Heaven, Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Vs. 3: Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning, Born of the one light Eden saw play.
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning, God's re-creation of the new day!

Prayer of the Day: *(you may be seated)*

P: Let us pray together

C: **God of the covenant, As you promised Abraham descendants as numerous as the stars, you have also promised us that we might live under those stars as your people, faithful and loved. Show us how to live as your people, and how to nurture all your children with whom we share the same canopy of sky night after night. Amen.**

Praise for the Word: *(stand as you are able)* "Earth and All Stars!"

Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind, & rain! Loud blowing snowstorm! Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things. I too sing praises with a new song!

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