

**St. Luke Lutheran Church**

**Albuquerque, New Mexico**

## **Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost**

**August 24, 2025**

**8:15 and 10:30 AM**

(8:15 AM: in-person and e-worship; 10:30 AM: in-person)

### **The Blessing of the Preschool and its Ministry**

**(Director and Staff, Teachers and Helpers, Families and**

**Students at the beginning of a New School Year**

**(at both Sunday Liturgies)**



*"Ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for 18 years be loosed from this bondage on the Sabbath Day?"*

*"Jesus said to her: 'Woman, be freed from your infirmity.' And Jesus laid his hands on her and she was made straight, and she praised God."*

*- Luke 13:16, 12-13*

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Website: <http://www.stlukeabq.org/> ♦ Find our Livestream online **on Sunday, Aug. 24, 8:15 AM** MDT at: Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stlukeabq/>

**Welcome to worship here** at St. Luke Lutheran Church ELCA. We gather around the story of Jesus! We are glad you have joined us to worship our Lord in this Service of Word and Meal. If you are visiting, longing to be a part of a community, want to join, are searching for faith, need a good-news-shaped word, or seek healing and peace, we invite you to sign the Guest Book in the Entry Narthex, complete the goldenrod "Connections" page, give us your contact information and the opportunity to respond and welcome and get to know you. Please return to worship with us again. Read our weekly announcements on the white GPS page. If you are in need of assistance or have questions of any kind, please speak with an usher, a Staff member, a Council member or Pastor Brad Brauer, our Interim Pastor. This is Christ's Church. Here the scriptures are opened and preached. Here is Christ's Welcome Table of grace and mercy. There is a place for you here. Join us in Jesus' mission.

**Today we celebrate and bless and pray** for our Preschool teachers, staff and families. It is a great blessing to have this ministry of the Church, where teachers and staff, in partnership with the church and families, provide a safe and secure Christian learning environment. Today and everyday, we strive to support our preschool and equip the staff, so that through their work, not only do our children learn foundational academic skills, but also grow and transform in the ways of Christ—our greatest Teacher. Our All God's Children Message will include a special message and prayer for our preschool community. Everyone is invited to participate in the Interactive Prayer station in the Narthex to share your individual prayers for the St. Luke Preschool community.

**Today's Sermon Reflection** will be focused on the Story Luke tells, Luke 13:10-17. We have concluded our Hebrews sermon series. Helps for today's Hebrews Reading can be found on the bulletin table, *"Pastor Brad's Helps for Hearing Hebrews 12 and 13"*

**Please join us to receive HOLY COMMUNION:** At St. Luke, all Christians who desire to receive Christ's presence and blessing, in, with and under the forms of bread and wine in the Holy Communion Meal are welcome to do so, regardless of your age or denomination. If you or your children are not yet baptized into the Christian faith, please contact the pastor who would love to help you begin to receive this sacrament of grace and belonging and learn about its meanings. As Lutheran Christians, we trust and teach what Martin Luther wrote in his Small Catechism: *"These words, (given for you) and (shed for you for the forgiveness of sins) when accompanied by the physical eating and drinking, are the essential thing in the sacrament, and whoever believes these very words has what they declare and state, namely, 'forgiveness of sins, new life, and salvation.'" By hearing these words of our Lord Jesus Christ spoken, and by receiving ordinary bread and ordinary wine (or grape juice), we believe the Holy Spirit unites us with the Jesus of the past and the Christ of faith and with each other, even those whom physical distance and health concerns separate. Jesus Christ humbles himself to become fully present in his real body and blood, given to each of us, and all of us together. This Meal is for you. All are welcome here! Friend and stranger. All are welcome at the banquet of the Savior! Come up the center aisle to the Pastor or Assisting Minister and receive the bread into your open, flat palm/hand, go left or right and receive/or take the cup of wine/ juice from the server at Table. If you desire only a blessing, please do come and receive the sign of the Cross and a word of blessing and prayer. Cross your arms to indicate you are not communing but wish a simple blessing. Everyone, young and old, is encouraged to share in this Holy Communion Meal. These are the gifts of God for you, the people of God.*

## Prelude

## Welcome & Announcements

## Confession and Forgiveness Rite

We begin by invoking the strong name of our God: god the Creator, god the Savior, Jesus the Christ, and the life-giving Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

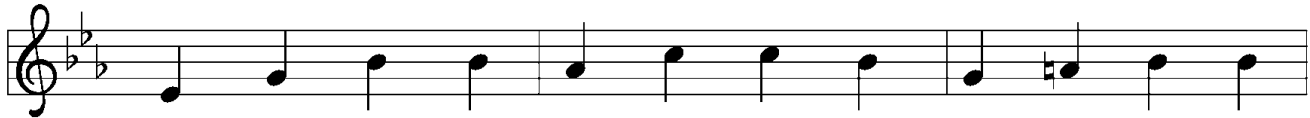
*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection and self-examination. (Let us hold ourselves before the Commandments of the Lord which, like a mirror, expose our idolatry, measure us up like a yard stick, and judge us [Divine gavel in the courtroom] as those totally in need of the Lord's healing touch.)*

Gracious God,  
have mercy on us. **In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The minister stands and addresses the congregation.*

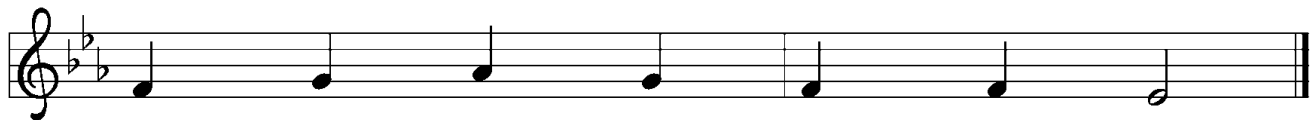
May Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you for eternal life. **Amen.**



1 God, when hu - man bonds are bro - ken and we lack the  
 2 Through that still - ness, with your Spir - it come in - to our  
 5 Give us faith to be more faith - ful, give us hope to



love or skill to re - store the hope of heal - ing,  
 world of stress, for the sake of Christ for - giv - ing  
 be more true, give us love to go on learn - ing:



give us grace and make us still.  
 all the fail - ures we con - fess.  
 God, en - cour - age and re - new!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

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## Pastoral Greeting

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the very Love of God, and the indwelling Presence and gifts of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you!**

## PRAYERS OF THE DAY

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Your Son, Jesus, healed a bent-over woman with a long illness to bring her life, health, acceptance, and remedy from the affects of satanic bondage. **Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin and brokenness, we may rise victorious and live in faith and hope, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

O God, source of all goodness, we give you thanks for the gifts of wisdom, reason and learning. Bless the Schols of the Church, especially our Preschool here, that they and it may be a place of learning and safety where teachers teach the faith we hold and challenge their students to grow in mind, body, and spirit. Your Son Jesus came among us as a Teacher and Rabbi. **Send your blessing upon all who are engaged in this ministry of education and nurture and enable them to train up our children in the ways and values of Jesus our Healer and Savior Son. Amen.**

# WORD

## First Reading

## Isaiah 58:9b-14

*God promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.*

<sup>9b</sup> If you *remove* the yoke from among you,  
(quit) pointing the finger at each other, the passing on of the blame,  
the speaking of evil,  
and, instead, offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.

<sup>11</sup> The LORD will guide you continually  
and satisfy your needs in parched places  
and make your bones strong,  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water  
whose waters never fail.

<sup>12</sup> Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.

<sup>13</sup> If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath Day,  
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;  
if you call the Sabbath: a delight  
and the holy day of the LORD: honorable;  
if you honor it, not going your own ways,  
serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs;

<sup>14</sup> then you shall take delight in the LORD,  
and I, the Lord, will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;  
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

## Psalm 103:1-8

*The LORD crowns you with mercy and steadfast love. (Ps. 103:4)*

<sup>1</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
**and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.**

<sup>2</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
**and forget not all God's benefits—**

<sup>3</sup> who forgives all your sins  
**and heals all your diseases;**

- <sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the grave  
**and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**  
<sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desires with good things  
**so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.**  
<sup>6</sup> O LORD, you provide vindication  
**and justice for all who are oppressed.**  
<sup>7</sup> You made known your ways to Moses  
**and your works to the children of Israel.**  
<sup>8</sup> LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,  
**slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

## Second Reading

## Hebrews 12:7-29

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<sup>7</sup> Endure trials for the sake of discipline. God is treating you as children, for what child is there whom a parent does not discipline? <sup>8</sup> If you do not have that discipline in which all children share, then you are illegitimate and not God's children. <sup>9</sup> Moreover, we had human parents to discipline us, and we respected them. Should we not be even more willing to be subject to the Father of Spirits and live? <sup>10</sup> For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but the Heavenly Father disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share God's holiness. <sup>11</sup> Now, discipline always seems painful rather than pleasant at the time, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore lift your drooping hands and (make strong) your weakened knees <sup>13</sup> and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but, rather, be healed.

<sup>14</sup> Pursue peace with everyone and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. <sup>15</sup> See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God, that no root of bitterness springs up and causes trouble and through it many become defiled. <sup>16</sup> See to it that no one becomes an immoral and godless person, as Esau was, who sold his birthright for a single meal. <sup>17</sup> You know that later, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, even though he sought the blessing with tears.

<sup>18</sup> You have not come to (Mount Sinai) something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, <sup>19</sup> and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup> *(As on Mt. Sinai at the giving of the 10 Commandments of the Law, for they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.")* <sup>21</sup> *Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.")* <sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup> and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the Mediator of the New Covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

<sup>25</sup> See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned *them* on earth, how much less will *we* escape if we reject the One who warns from heaven! . . . Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe . . ."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Blessing of the Preschool

We kindly ask all St. Luke teachers, staff, families and preschool committee members to join our children for the All God's Children Message

St. Luke Teachers & Staff:

Daisy Aniles	Danielle Cordova	Kathy Montgomery
Kelly Bailey	Lori Erven	Mindy Muniz
JoEllen Bennington	Laura Fleher	Moriah Perea
Sydney Cawthon	Meranda Hope	Jena Van Der Geest
Jane Clinger	Aaliyah Logan	

St. Luke Preschool Committee Members:

Michelle Barba	Dick Lynch	
Allie Brandt	Daleen Olson	Leeondra Schuler
Clare Castiglia	Diane Quarles	William Tierney
Mary Fidler	Alison Schuler	Marge Zinser-Knorovsky

*ending with an interactive blessing Prayer based on the old Celtic tradition of "Caim" or encircling prayer that incorporates the ideas of making a sign of the Cross and shield within a circle. The Caim involves physically or imaginatively drawing a circle around yourself or a loved one. This creates a sacred space for protection and reminds someone of the constant companionship and watchfulness of the divine. A finger might be used to draw the circle during prayer around something or someone to invite God's protective blessing.*

Now join me in this interactive prayer of Blessing:

"Circle us, O Lord. Keep love within, keep strife without.

**Keep hope within, keep despair without. Keep peace within, keep harm without."**

*(Make a circle around those we bless with your finger; Make the sign of the Cross in the circle upon those being prayed for . . . )* "May the Mighty Three-in-One God your protection be,

**encircling you, guarding you, holding you and nurturing you.**

Thank You, Lord that You surround each life, each home, each School of the Church, each teacher and leader, each student and family - encircling each one, shielding, blessing, equipping. O Sacred Three, Mighty Three-in-One God,

**hold Your people in the hollow of Your hand. Surround their going out and their coming in. Bless them with your love and protect them.**

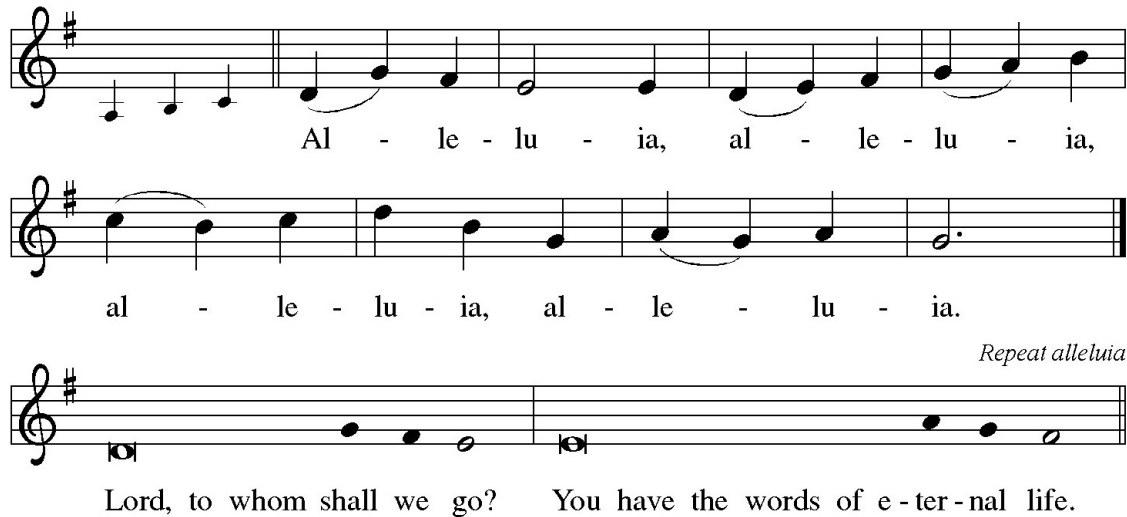
Guide by your Holy Spirit all who teach and lead our children and grandchildren. Bless all who are involved in the ministry and work of education here in our St. Luke Preschool village.

**Amen."**

*(The Celtic Caim blessing, through the act of drawing a circle and invoking the Celtic Cross symbolism with its protective shield, creates a sacred and safe space. It embodies life's interconnectedness and the protective presence of the divine.)*

## Gospel Acclamation

## ELW Setting 1



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
*Repeat alleluia*  
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## Gospel

## Luke 13:10-17

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

*Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding "sabbath work" to include setting people free from bondage.*

<sup>10</sup> Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath Day. <sup>11</sup> And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was all bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, be set free from your ailment." <sup>13</sup> When he laid his hands on her, immediately she was cured; she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup> But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath Day, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." <sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, "a daughter of Abraham" whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" <sup>17</sup> When Jesus said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd kept rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

**The Rev. Dr. Brad Brauer**

*"The Woman with the Battered Face. . ."*



1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of  
 2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and  
 5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in



bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your  
 reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -  
 our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our



Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.  
 mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.  
 nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

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 Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764–1824  
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## Profession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and 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 to the dead.  
 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.**

## Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near. *A brief silence.*

*(Each prayer bid ends with . . . . Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.***

Response after the final petition: **Amen.**

## Peace

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. Then the assembly is seated.*

## Offerings are Received

We are invited to give joyfully our tithes and offerings to join in God's unceasing mission to and through the Church. Place your offerings in the basket in the aisle. You may also send gifts directly to St. Luke via mail or contribute via our online giving resources on our church website

***<http://stlukeabq.org/>***

You are also invited to give, in addition, to our Bucket of Change recipient and its ministry. **The Bucket of Change recipient for August is Cuidando Los Niños of Albuquerque.** Its mission: To break the cycle of homelessness for children and families by providing high-quality early childhood education, case management, supportive housing, & parent education. Website: CLNabq.org

## Offertory Hymn ELW 879, vs 1 & 3

## For The Beauty of the Earth



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:

*Refrain*



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.

Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

## Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – **our selves, our time, our possessions, all signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of the Christ who offered himself for us, Jesus our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

## Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy  
that we should always sing of your glory,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For you are the hope of the nations,  
the builder of the city that is to come.

Your love made visible in Jesus Christ  
finds and brings home the lost,

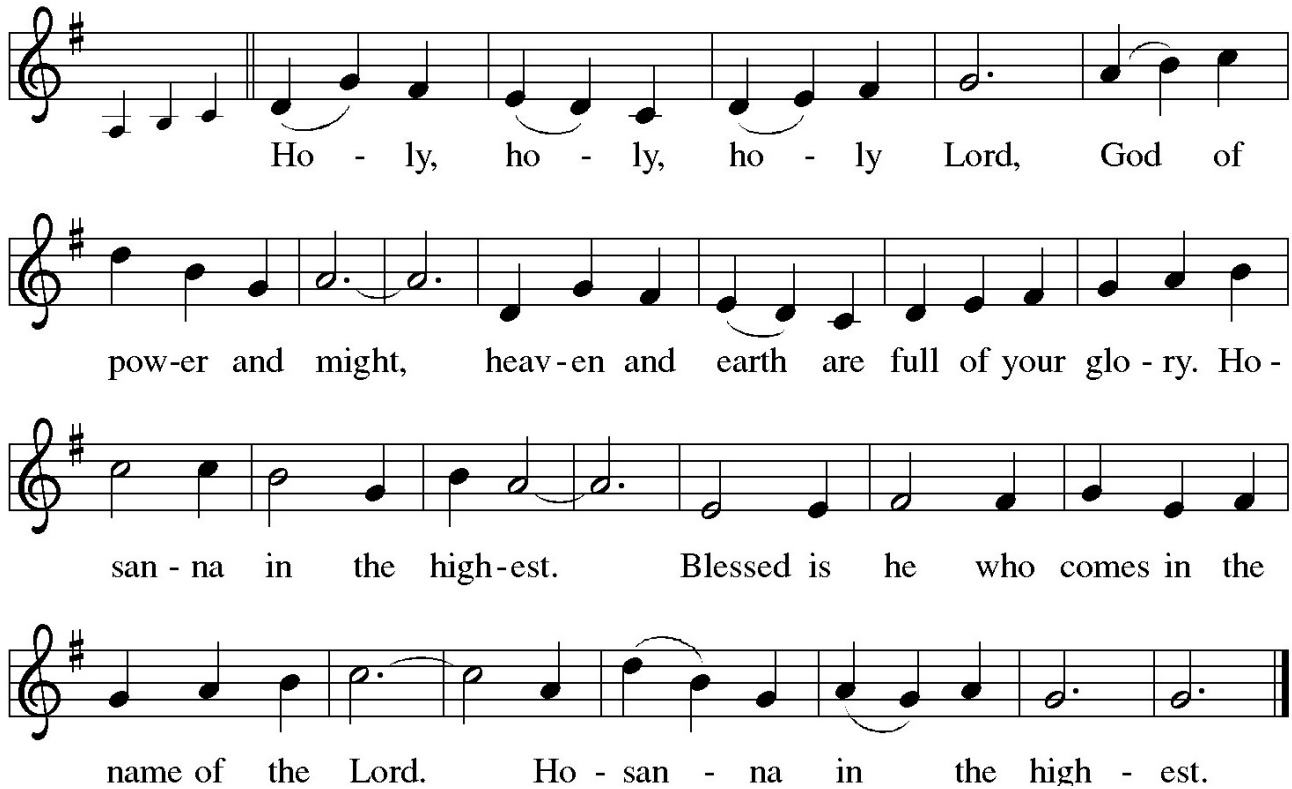
heals the broken,  
restores the sinner with acceptance and welcome,  
and gives dignity to the despised and outcast.

In Jesus' face your light shines out,  
flooding lives with goodness and truth, mercy and love,  
gathering into one in your Kingdom  
a divided and broken humanity.

And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their  
unending hymn:

# Sanctus

# ELW Setting 1



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Thanksgiving at the Table continues . . .*

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, God our Creator  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
We praise you for your world and for sending us a Savior.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

*We remember now at this table his Last Meal and Testament . . .*

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,  
 that by this Holy Communion we may know  
 the unity we share with all your people  
 in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
 Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*The presiding ministry may introduce the Lords's Prayer*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray together as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
 now and forever. Amen.**

## Invitation to Communion

The kingdom of God is set before you in sign and symbols.

Eat from Jesus' open Table and rejoice in the gifts Jesus offers: forgiveness, salvation, and eternal life.

-or-

O taste and see that the Lord is good. Come to the banquet, for everything is now ready.

*The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.*

*The ministers commune both after and before others commune.*

## Agnus Dei

## ELW Setting 1

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
 way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Communion

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond*

## The Distribution of Communion



*You are invited to move up the center aisle and receive bread (gluten-free bread is also available) from the pastor or assistant. Go left or right. Take a cup of wine (red) or grape juice (white) from the tray held by the assistant. After receiving it, please walk back by the side aisle where you can place your empty disposable cup in the basket. All are welcome. If you desire only a blessing, please do come and stand before the Pastor or minister with crossed arms to receive a blessing prayer and sign of the Cross.*

## Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, and his blessing, strengthen you, keep us all in that One True Faith, and bring us all to everlasting life. Depart from the Lord's Table in peace and joy.  
**Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift and feast of life. **In your mercy, strengthen us through these means, in faith towards you and in fervent love for one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's Face shine upon you with grace and mercy.

May the Lord look upon you with kindness and give you peace.

**In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**



1 O Zi - on, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,  
 2 Pub - lish to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion  
 3 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere you meet him,



to tell to all the world that God is light;  
 that God, in whom they live and move, is love;  
 make known to ev - 'ry heart his sav - ing grace;



that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing  
 tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion  
 let none whom he has ran - somed fail to greet him,



one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.  
 and died on earth that we might live a - bove.  
 through your ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.



Pub - lish glad tid - ings, tid - ings of peace,



tid - ings of Je - sus, re - demp-tion, and re - lease.

Text: Mary A. Thomson, 1834–1923  
 Music: ANGELIC SONGS, James Walch, 1837–1901

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**

**Scripture readings for Twelfth Weekend After Pentecost: August 30 & 31**

Proverbs 25:6-7; Psalm 112; Hebrews 13:1-16; Luke 14:7-14

Presider and Preacher: Pastor Hal Nilsson

**Participating in Today's Worship**

The Rev. Dr. Brad Brauer, Interim Pastor, Presider and Preacher

Sacristy Care: Steve & DeAnn Eaton Azar

Pianist: Danielle Cordova

Nursery Care: Taylor Hollowwa

8:15 AM

Reader: Lorelei Bintz

Vocalist: Elizabeth Bentz

Sound: Andreas Hochstein

Video Engineer: Greg Haschke

Ushers: Deanna Vendel, Cindy Callisto

10:30 AM

Reader: DeAnn Eaton Azar

Sound: Ken Sorenson

Communion Assistants: Betty Ann Arner, Elaine Kovach

Ushers: Debbie Werner, Shirley Smith

Sacristy Candle for August: Given by Daleen Olson, in loving memory of Bruce MacDonald

Pastoral Care: call the church office

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Michelle Barba, Business Manager † Angie Miller, Church Office Manager & Ministry Assistant

***My soul melts away for sorrow; strengthen me according to your word! - Psalm 119:28***

**Let us offer our prayers for the wideness of God's mercy for the whole world—**

**For the church universal, its bishops, for the newly baptized and confirmands, and for all the faithful, its ministry, and the mission of the Gospel**

† Blessing upon Presiding Bishop-elect Yehiel Curry, Synod Bishop Meghan Aelobouni and the work of the Rockies Synod and its ministries, for the ministries of the ELCA in Jordan and the Holy Land and for her bishops and clergy seeking peace together with the Rabbis of Israel

**For the well-being of your creation; that we may be good stewards of all your gifts and share generously with all who are in need, for an increase of peace and justice in the world,**

† Especially in Gaza and the larger Middle East and in the Ukraine and for Oksana's family in Ukraine, for safety and an end to war and terror

† *Brandon & Chris & Peter (from Nancy Espy)*, Janie (from Daleen Olson), Thomas Young's medical work (from Cindy Callisto), Don, safety as he travels, Mark Mooty, Elisa, Felisa, Joshua Kiniaard (16 yrs), Andy, Nancy, Rob, Dave, Sam, Andrew, Scott & Beels, Emily, Seth, Nora & Logan, Kathy, Lisa Gail & Mary, Chele, Debra, Roseann Schneider, Sofia, Michael R, Joan & Dave, Kaela, Callie Coughenour, Kurt Coughenour, Russ Glauner, Magdalena Barba & family, Jean Klinke

**For the nations and those in authority, rulers, legislators, and judges,**

† For this community; for peace and security for all peoples, for this assembly here at St. Luke Church, for our growth in faith and service for the poor, oppressed

† For the starving children and families in Gaza and in Sudan

† For August Bucket of Change recipient Cuidando Los Niños in Albuquerque

**For the sick and infirm of body, mind, and spirit, those who live with incurable diseases, AIDS, malaria, last stage cancer, and polio**

† For Erinn, for Renae (dealing with breast cancer and ATM Genetic mutation), *Don, for healing from surgery (from Sandy Williams Clark)*

† For the hospitalized and recovering, especially those who will have surgery: Jason (son of Judy Moore), Steve Azar, Daleen Olson, Myra Lynch

† For the bereaved and sad: Family & friends of Betty Jewell, Lori Erven and family at the death of her

mother; family of Stephen Smith, that they might have peace, and hope and receive your Presence and promises with faith

**For the hungry and homeless on our streets and neighborhoods, for the mentally ill especially, for the lonely**

† Amy, Juvanna, and Frankie, and others we pass by unable to help them sufficiently

**For the congregation and its needs, and for its special concerns,**

† The Call Committee and the Church Council

† For our St. Luke Preschool and the children and families at the beginning of a new school year

† For Interim Pastor Brad, church committees/ministries, and staff

† *Ellen & Roland Seylar (move to assisted living in Maryland)*, Forrest Blech, Sandy Bowers, Bob & Sherri Domres, Karin Duda, Dorela Cole, Lorna Hill, Brenda Sanchez, Polly Brodbeck, Melda Burns, Leah Coughenour, Dottie Donohoe, Kay Dunbar, Lucille Few, Marie Lenard, Marv Plugge, Loretta Roe, Liz Wills (ride to church)

**For blessings of our faithful and loving Lord, we give thanks**

† *For healing of Jason and his return to work (son of Judy Moore)*

† Gabrielle Marie Jaderborg, finishing her Bachelor of Science degree in nursing and working at the Pediatric ICU; Grace, recovery from surgery (niece of Tom & Bev Berardinelli)

**We remember the faithful departed who now are at rest and all the saints in our lives most dear to us who have lived out the faith and taught us by their great examples; we give thanks for our time with them, and, as we believe Jesus died and rose again, we look forward to uniting with them in eternal life with Jesus**

† Betty Jewell (from Cindy Callisto), Betty (Lori Erven's mother), Stephen Smith (friend of Betty Ann), Lois Rowland

**Into your mercy we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting always in your mercy and love for us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Please submit your prayer requests to PrayerChain@StLukeABQ.org or contact the church office. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month.*