

Welcome to Worship  
St. Luke's Evangelical  
Lutheran Church



June 9, 2024



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*Whether this is your first time with us or you have been here your whole life, **WELCOME** to the place where we stand together before God as equals. If you are new here and seeking a church home, please contact the church office at 419-257-3253 and leave a message.*

## **Assisting in Worship**

Organist: *Janet Goldner*  
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## **To the Glory of God**

June Altar Candles: [\*available for sign-up\*](#)  
June Bulletins: *Laura & Tony Damon*  
June Newsletters: *Laura & Tony Damon*



**North Baltimore Food Pantry June** requested donations include: instant potatoes and canned meats. Without our help, some families in our community will go without. Please give generously.

# Order of Worship

Sunday, June 9, 2024

*God is glad you have joined us for worship today. At the symbol ✠ assembly members may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked upon us at baptism.*

*\*please stand, sit, or kneel as you feel comfortable.*

*Pandemic update: we will continue monitoring the CDC and following their guidelines.*

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## GOD GATHERS US

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### GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE WITH SILENT MEDITATIVE PRAYER

*Use your breath as a form of prayer as you listen to the music. When you breathe in, pray, "Holy Spirit." When you exhale, pray, "guide my life."*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: A wind from God blew over the face of the waters,

**ALL: and the voice of God spoke from the burning bush.**

Leader: Jesus breathed peace on the disciples,

**ALL: and the Spirit of God, like little flames, rested on all who gathered.**

Leader: So, God's Spirit moves among us this day.

**ALL: Let us worship God.**

### \*GATHERING HYMN #396

SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS

### \*AN OFFERING OF CONFESSION

Leader: Sometimes we are like those disciples so long ago:

**ALL: huddled in fear of what others will think, of what others will do, and of what God will do.**

Leader: Sometimes we are like passive bystanders:

**ALL: making fun of what we do not understand, tearing down what is sacred to another, and waiting until we are sure it's okay.**

Leader: Always, God is with us:

**ALL: nudging us like a gentle breeze, stirring us with flames of hope, and speaking to us with words engraved in our heart.**

Leader. In silent prayer, let us offer God our confession and our hope.

*Please take a moment for personal reflection.*

## \*KYRIE HYMN #151

1, 3 Lord, . . . . have mer - cy. Lord, . . . . have mer - cy.  
2 Christ, . . . . have mer - cy. Christ, . . . . have mer - cy.

Lord, . . . . have mer - cy. Lord, . . . . have mer - cy.  
Christ, . . . . have mer - cy. Christ, . . . . have mer - cy.

## \*CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: Sisters and brothers in Christ, God's Spirit did not leave us after that first Pentecost. The Spirit is still with us, empowering us to know mercy and grace, forgiveness and service. In this Spirit, and through Christ, we proclaim the Good News: **ALL: We are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.**

## \*GLORY TO GOD

SETTING 2, HYMNAL PAGE 121

*Refrain*

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

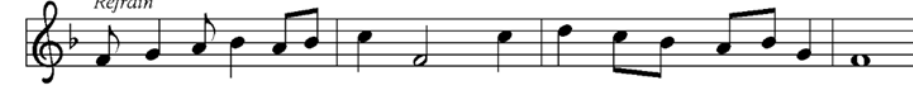


you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray together:

**ALL: All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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## GOD SPEAKS TO US

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### FIRST READING

GENESIS 3:8-15

Reader: Adam and Eve heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.<sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?”<sup>10</sup>He said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.”<sup>11</sup>He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”<sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.”<sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.”

<sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.”

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM READING

(responsively)

Psalm 130

Reader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

**ALL: O LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**

Reader: If you were to keep watch over sins, O LORD, who could stand?

**ALL: Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.**

Reader: I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

**ALL: My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

Reader: O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

**ALL: For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

2 CORINTHIANS 4:13-5:1

Reader: Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup>because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

<sup>5:1</sup>For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

SETTING 3 HYMNAL PAGE 142

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

**\*GOSPEL READING**

MARK 3:20-35

*In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demon-possessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, siblings of Christ.*

Leader: There is good news for us today and if comes from the gospel according to Mark, chapter 3. **ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Leader: Jesus went home; <sup>20</sup>and the crowd came together again, so that Jesus and the disciples could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.



<sup>28</sup>“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”- <sup>30</sup>for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

<sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” <sup>33</sup>And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” <sup>34</sup>And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

Leader: The gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

## **THE MESSAGE**

### **\*HYMN OF THE DAY #824**

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

### **\*THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**ALL: 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 INTRODUCTION

Prayer Leader: One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer for the church, the well-being of creation, our community, ourselves, and the people of a world in need.

## \*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Leader: Merciful God, **ALL: receive our prayer.**

We pray for Lorraine, Sue, Dave, Emily, Carl, Jim, Rick, Kolton, Ron, Cheryl, John, Shirley, Larry, Bob, Caroline, Marilyn, Bertha, Barb, Tony, Ron, Chase, Bob, Emelyn, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery, Caroline, Ethan, Brent, Richard, Deanna, Laura, Michael, Cindy, Donniss, John, Gary, Paul, Sue, Betty, David, LuAnn, Colene, Eva, Eric, Lisa, Chris, Arlene, Bob, Don, Beth, Ashley, and Pat.

## \*SHARING OF THE PEACE

Leader: Let the Holy Spirit bring peace to your heart and let us share that peace with one other. The peace of Christ be with you.

**ALL: and also with you.**

*Please share God's peace."*

## INVITATION FOR OFFERINGS

Leader: Heavenly Father, our hearts are filled with gratitude for the countless blessings you have bestowed upon us. As we give tithes and offerings today, we ask for your guidance and wisdom to help us understand that it's better to give than receive. Inspire us to embrace the joy and blessing that come from selfless giving, mirroring the generous spirit of our Savior.

## OFFERTORY

### \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #186

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

## \*OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray together.

**ALL: Everlasting God, you have raised us to new life in Christ. Give us voices to proclaim the Good News, and live with resurrection joy and holy peace, wherever your Spirit leads us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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# GOD NOURISHES US

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## \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: God's love binds us together. Grace comes to us through Christ Jesus. The Spirit moves among us giving us life.

**ALL: All praise to God who is holy, almighty, and merciful.**

Leader: As children of God, in baptism, we were sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**ALL: With our hearts lifted high, we give God thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, Holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting, who in the multitude of your saints did surround us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us and, together with them, may receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore, give thanks to the One who raises us to new life and sing to the God of everlasting love.

## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

SETTING 3 HYMNAL PAGE 144



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## \*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Leader: Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is my body, given to you. This do in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying, "Drink of it all of you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do in remembrance of me." **ALL: Amen**

Leader: With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith;

**ALL: By the Spirit, we believe that Christ died for us.**

**By the Spirit, we affirm that Christ was raised.**

**Be the Spirit, we proclaim that Christ will come again.**

Leader: In the unity of the Holy Spirit, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us saying,

## **\*THE PRAYER OUR LORD TAUGHT US**

**All: 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**

## **\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Leader: We break this bread and drink this cup, for it is the Holy Spirit who gathers us together around this table.

**ALL: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

## **DISTRIBUTION**

## **\*TABLE BLESSING**

Leader: Through the body, blood, and spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. This is God's promise to us. May his love and mercy strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **ALL: Amen**

## **\*HYMN AFTER COMMUNION #204**

THANKFUL HEARTS AND VOICES RAISE

## \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: Please join with me in prayer,

**ALL: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.**

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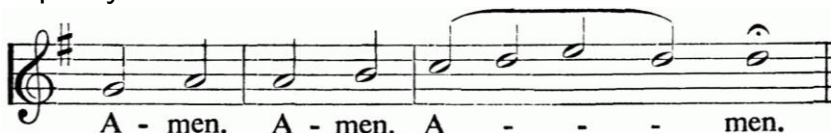
## GOD SENDS US

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### \*BLESSING

Leader: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✝ be upon you now and forever.

### \*THE AMEN



### \*SENDING HYMN #504

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

### \*DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Let the Holy Spirit be your guide.

**ALL: Alleluia! Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

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**Include God in everything you do.**

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Vacation Bible School (July 21-25) will be here before you know it. Please see the main bulletin board to sign up to volunteer. We have filled the most important position as Beth Williams is diving in to be the Superintendent. **Thank you, Beth.**

We will need a registration assistant, music leader, story teller, Imagination Station leader and helper, Activities/Games Leader and helpers, group leaders and helpers, and chefs and cooks in the kitchen. Please set up to help make this VBS the best yet.

Registration for both children and volunteers has begun. Forms are on the Information Table and the bulletin board. You can go online to [www.myvbs.org/stlukeslutherannb](http://www.myvbs.org/stlukeslutherannb) or scan the QR Code below.



## Honor Linda's 22 years of service with a gift to Katie's Fund



Linda Post Bushkofsky, executive director, has announced her retirement.

To honor Linda's 22 years of service to Women of the ELCA, you are invited to make a gift to [2122: Growing Katie's Fund for the next 100 years](#), the campaign to raise \$1 million for this endowment.

Katie's Fund supports ministries focused on global sharing, leadership development, and faith in daily life. Linda has focused her leadership in these areas, too. So, a gift to Katie's Fund in honor of Linda's leadership is a natural way to say "thanks."

Will you consider a gift today to show your gratitude and support for the future of Women of the ELCA? [Learn more.](#)

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### 2024 Summer *Gather* Bible study by the Rev. Dr. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni

A global pandemic, political upheaval, a changing climate... these days, the future is more uncertain than it has ever been. Or is it? For the people of the Bible, life was often shaped by deep uncertainty. Encounters with God sparked awe, confusion or courage, but rarely certainty. Instead, God's people have always been called to follow God into the unknown, trusting in God's certain grace and love. This three-session summer Bible study explores God's invitation to the people of the Bible and to us, to take the holy journey beyond certainty to curiosity, community and compassion, where we find abundant life in Christ.

[Learn more and watch the Session 1 Bible Study video](#)

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**“On the mountaintop or in the valley,  
through scarcity and abundance,  
unemployment or job promotion,  
good credit or bad, marriage or  
divorce, baptisms or funerals,  
sorrows and joys, Jesus is with us.”**

The Rev. Angela !Khabebe



# Sermon Notes

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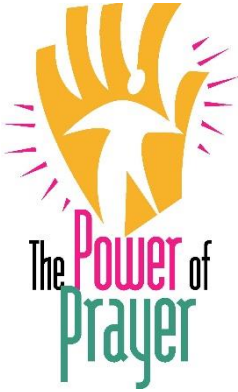
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Something I might do to put this sermon into practice.

Write a brief prayer relating to the sermon.



Please help to keep our Prayer List up-to-date by notifying the church office of any changes, additions or deletions.

**WE GIVE THANKS:** for the faithful and generous gifts of time, talents, and tithes of the members of St. Luke's to the ministry of this congregation. Thanks be to God!

**MEMBERS:** Lorraine Ferguson, Sue & Dave Ebersole, Emily Meyerson, Carl Lieser, Jim Wymer, Rick Van Mooy, Kolton Williams, Ron Bean, Cheryl & John Kruse, Shirley Heilman, Larry Slaughterbeck, Bob Kelley, Caroline Lieser, Marilyn Ziegler, Bertha Carter, Barb Williams.

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** Jennifer Dochod, Tony Matthes, Ron Stewart, Chase, Bob, Emelyn, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery Breece, Caroline, Ethan, Brent Bradley, Richard Roberts, Deanna Griffith, Laura, Michael Sullivan, Cindy.

**MILITARY:** for all those who are in training and who are serving in the military & their families; the chaplains (*especially those in combat zones*); grieving families and friends of those who died while serving.

**COMPANION CHURCH:** Mwanawotta Lutheran Church, of the Dodoma Diocese, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

**WIDER CHURCH PRAYERS:** all ministries of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America), our presiding **Bishop Elizabeth Eaton**, all our bishops, pastors, and leaders of the congregations of the NWOS (Northwestern Ohio Synod), **Bishop Daniel Beaudoin**, and our 15 Central Conference congregations.

**THE WORLD:** for peace in our country and around the world. For the end of violence against one another. For world leaders to seek guidance from you.

  
**A.S.A.P.**  
*always say a prayer*

## Baptismal Water Is Thicker than Blood

Many, perhaps most, subcultures in North America affirm the belief that “blood is thicker than water.” Even when our commitment to family is too often served through hand-wringing sentiment over the so-called decline of the family or pandered to by politicians seeking to prove their “family values” credentials, we like to think of ourselves as loyal to our own kin. Family comes first! In the gospel, Jesus sharply, alarmingly, contradicts the norm; he snubs his nuclear family, his blood.



We discover that Jesus’ family is not defined by objective or biological categories—DNA tests, adoption records, or custody papers—but rather by *function*: Jesus’ family consists of those whom God has called into mission and are engaged in that mission.

Bringing a child of God from birth to maturity of faith requires many things, among them food, shelter, new birth, story, discipline, catechism, and an enduring hope in the one who raised Jesus from the dead. It is a joy to be celebrated when these gifts are provided by those who live in one’s own household—parents, grandparents, extended families. But Jesus reminds us (with an echo from Paul) that even when those nearest to us thwart God’s purposes, we “do not lose heart” but trust that God will call and create a household “not made with hands,” where God’s purposes for us will be nurtured and we will become like the one who “does the will of God.”

There is a strong challenge here to Christian communities to keep their focus on the mission of God and not be tempted to confuse God’s mission with what’s “best” for nations or communities or (even) nuclear families.

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