

Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

10:30am
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*We at St. Luke's dedicate
ourselves to grow in faith
and love, to serve together,
and to reach out with the
Gospel of Jesus Christ.*



250th
Anniversary

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME & GREETING & Invitational Prayer

Gathering Song: 'Come to the Water'

1. O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:
without money, without price. Why should you pay the price,
except for the Lord?
2. And let all who seek, let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:
without money, without strife. Why should you spend your life,
except for the Lord?
3. And let all who toil, let them come to the water.
And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord:
all who labor, without rest. How can the soul find rest,
except for the Lord?
4. And let all who are poor, let them come to the water,
Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord:
bring the children without might. Easy the load and light:
come to the Lord.

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Stand, as able

CALL TO WORSHIP

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Psalm

Psalm 145:1-14

- P: ¹I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.
- C: ²**Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.**
- P: ³Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.
- C: ⁴**One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.**
- P: ⁵On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
- C: ⁶**They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.**
- P: ⁷They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
- C: ⁸**The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
- P: ⁹The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.
- C: ¹⁰**All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you!**
- P: ¹¹They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,
- C: ¹²**to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**
- P: ¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.
- C: ¹⁴**The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Exhortation

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- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

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P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Absolution

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P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray... Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Be Seated

Opening Song: 'We Believe'

In this time of desperation When all we know is doubt and fear
There is only one foundation We believe, we believe
In this broken generation When all is dark, You help us see
There is only one salvation We believe, we believe

Refrain:

We believe in God the Father We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection And He's comin' back again, we believe

So, let our faith be more than anthems Greater than the songs we sing
And in our weakness and temptations We believe, we believe ~ **Refrain**

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised
In the here and now, let love invade
Let the church live love our God will see
We believe, we believe
And the gates of hell will not prevail
For the power of God, has torn the veil
Now we know Your love will never fail
We believe, we believe

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We believe in the Holy Spirit And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection And He's comin' back
He's comin' back again He's comin' back again
We believe We believe

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

First Reading ~ Old Testament Prophet

Zechariah 9:9–12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Second Reading ~ New Testament Epistle

Romans 7:14–25a

¹⁴We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Third Reading

Isaiah 61:1–3

¹The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; ²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³to grant to those who mourn in Zion— to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

Fourth Reading ~ Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Apostles' Creed

☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Message Song: 'Lord I Need You'

Praise Team Lord, I come, I confess
 Bowing here I find my rest
 Without You I fall apart
 You're the One that guides my heart

Chorus **Lord, I need You, oh, I need You**
 Every hour I need You
 My one defense, my righteousness
 Oh God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
 Where grace is found is where You are
 And where You are, Lord, I am free
 Holiness is Christ in me

Chorus **Lord, I need You, oh, I need You**
 Every hour I need You
 My one defense, my righteousness
 Oh God, how I need You

To teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
When I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay

Chorus **Lord, I need You, oh, I need You**
 Every hour I need You
 My one defense, my righteousness
 Oh God, how I need You
 My one defense, my righteousness
 Oh God, how I need You

MESSAGE ~ "The Prisoner's Paradox" (Zechariah 9:11-12)

THE GATHERING OF OUR GIFTS & WE CARE CARDS

Offertory Song: 'Hold On To Me' - SOLO

Remain Seated

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(Veterans are asked to rise during their branch of service in prayers.)

For the United States Army *I invite those who have served in the Army to stand.* Lord God of Hosts, You are our shield and our buckler. We thank You for these "Prisoners of Hope" who have marched in the defense of our land. As they have "Fought the Good Fight," we pray that You would continue to be their Stronghold and their "Light of Life." Lord, in Your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

For the United States Marine Corps *I invite those who have served in the Marine Corps to stand.* O Eternal Father, we thank You for those who have served "from the halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli." We praise You for their faithfulness and discipline. Grant them Your peace, which passes all understanding, and keep them always *Semper Fidelis* to You. Lord, in Your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

For the United States Navy *I invite those who have served in the Navy to stand.* O Lord, Your way is in the sea and Your path is in the great waters. We thank You for those who have gone down to the sea in ships to guard our liberty. When the "restless waves" of life grow high, be their anchor and their City of Refuge. Lord, in Your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

For the United States Air Force *I invite those who have served in the Air Force to stand.* Almighty God, who "soars on the wings of the wind," we thank You for those who have guarded our skies. Protect them in the "upper sky" and keep them under the shadow of Your wings, for You are the high tower from which our help comes. Lord, in Your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

For the United States Coast Guard *I invite those who have served in the Coast Guard to stand.* Lord Jesus, You are the Master of the storm. We thank You for those who are "Always Ready" to rescue the perishing. In all the "perils of the flood," may they find their ultimate safety in the Blood of Your Covenant. Lord, in Your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

For the United States Space Force *I invite those who have served in the Space Force to stand.* Creator of the Stars and Night, we thank You for those who look toward the "stellar heights" to protect this land. As they serve "Always Above," remind them that nothing in all of height or depth can separate them from Your love in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

For our Nation and Leaders

Gracious Father, we give You glory for 250 years of providence. We pray for our President, our Congress, our Courts, and all local leaders. Enlist them in the service of truth and justice. Grant them wisdom to see their work as a holy vocation, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

As the High Priest of our salvation has died to set us free, let this Jubilee Year be a time of national healing and spiritual restoration. Keep us ever mindful that our ultimate citizenship is in Heaven, from which we await our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Heavenly Father, fill our homes with Your Word and grace. Be the companion of those who are alone. Strengthen husbands and wives. Bless parents as they catechize their children. Let them all find refuge in You and so preserve them from every plague and evil. Lord in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Lord God, be with all who are weary and heavy-laden with the tribulations of this life. Give comfort to and all who suffer illness. Console them with the knowledge that Your yoke is easy and Your burden light, and that in You they will find rest for their souls. Lord in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

Benedicamus

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A Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Stand and able

Sending Song: 'House of the Lord'

1 We worship the God who was
We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors
He parted the raging sea
My God He holds the victory yeah

Chorus There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise

Interlude Oh oh oh
We shout out Your praise

2 We sing to the God who heals
We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
'Cause He hung up on that cross
Then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away **(Chorus)**

Bridge ('Cause) We were the beggars
Now we're royalty
We were the prisoners
Now we're running free
We are forgiven accepted
Redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise **(Repeat)**

Chorus There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise **(Repeat)**

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Sending Instructions & Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**