Twenty Sixth Sunday After 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.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

People may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Invitational Prayer

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 95:1–7a*

P: 1Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

C: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

P: 2Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

C: 3For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

P: 4In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

C: 5The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

P: 6Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

C: 7For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Exhortation *LSB 213*

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 *LSB 213*

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 *LSB 213*

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… Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the

kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Be Seated

Opening Song: 'Blessed Be Your Name'

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say:

Chorus: Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's all as it should be blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering blessed be Your name.

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say ***(Chorus)***

You give and take away, You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name. ***(Repeat)***

(Chorus)

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

First Reading ~ Old Testament Prophet *Ezekiel 34:11–12, 15–16*

11"For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for
my sheep and will seek them out. 12As a shepherd seeks out his
flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will
I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where
they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.
15I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will
make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. 16I will seek the lost,
and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured,
and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will
destroy. I will feed them in justice.

Second Reading ~ New Testament Epistle *1 Corinthians 15:20–26*

20But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits
of those who have fallen asleep. 21For as by a man came death, by
a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. 22For as in
Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. 23But each
in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those
who belong to Christ. 24Then comes the end, when he delivers the
kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every
authority and power. 25For he must reign until he has put all his
enemies under his feet. 26The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Stand, as able

Third Reading ~ Holy Gospel *Matthew 25:31–46*

31[Jesus said:] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all
the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne.
32Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate
people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from
the goats. 33And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats
on the left. 34Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come,
you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared
for you from the foundation of the world. 35For I was hungry and
you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a
stranger and you welcomed me, 36I was naked and you clothed me,
I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.'
37Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we

see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? 38And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? 39And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' 40And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

41"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, 43I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' 45Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Apostles' Creed

C **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

Children are invited forward for a brief lesson and treat.

Sermon Song: 'In Christ Alone'

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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SERMON ~ "A Kingdom That Turns Everything Upside Down" (Philippians 2:8–11)

THE GATHERING OF OUR GIFTS & WE CARE CARDS

Offertory Song: 'I Will Rise' - Solo

(Rise)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Prayer Response

Each petition ends with the following prompt from the Pastor and response from the Congregation:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer. (***After the final petition:* ***Amen.)***

Lord's Prayer

C **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.**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface *LSB 216*

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 and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious

Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Introduction to The Words of Our Lord

P In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

The Words of Our Lord *LSB 217*

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also 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 testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Be Seated

Distribution Song: 'Just As I Am'

Just as I am without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that You ask me to come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To You whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Chorus: Just as I am, You take me
For by Your grace I believe
Just as I am You forgive me
For all that You are, is all I am not,
So You paid the price to save me…
Just as I am.

Just as I am, You will receive,
Will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Your promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come, ***(Chorus)***

Just as I am, Your love unknown
has broken every barrier down.
Now to be Yours, and Yours alone,
O Lamb of God I come, I come. ***(Chorus)***

Just as I am.

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Distribution Song: 'Above All'

Above all powers, above all kings,
Above all nature and all created things;
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man,
You were here before the world began.
Above all kingdoms, above all thrones,
Above all wonders the world has ever known;
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth
There's no way to measure what You're worth.

Chorus: Crucified, laid behind the stone;
You lived to die, rejected and alone;
Like a rose trampled on the ground
You took the fall and thought of me above all.

Like a rose trampled on the ground,
You took the fall and thought of me above all.

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Remain Seated

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray… We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benedicamus *LSB 218*

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.**

Sending Song: 'Lord I Lift Your Name On High'

Lord I lift your name on high
Lord I love to sing your praises
I'm so glad you are in my life
I'm so glad you came to save us

You came from heaven to earth, to show the way
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky
Lord I lift your name on high

(Repeat Above)

You came from heaven to earth, to show the way
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky
Lord I lift your name on high

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Sending Instructions & Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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