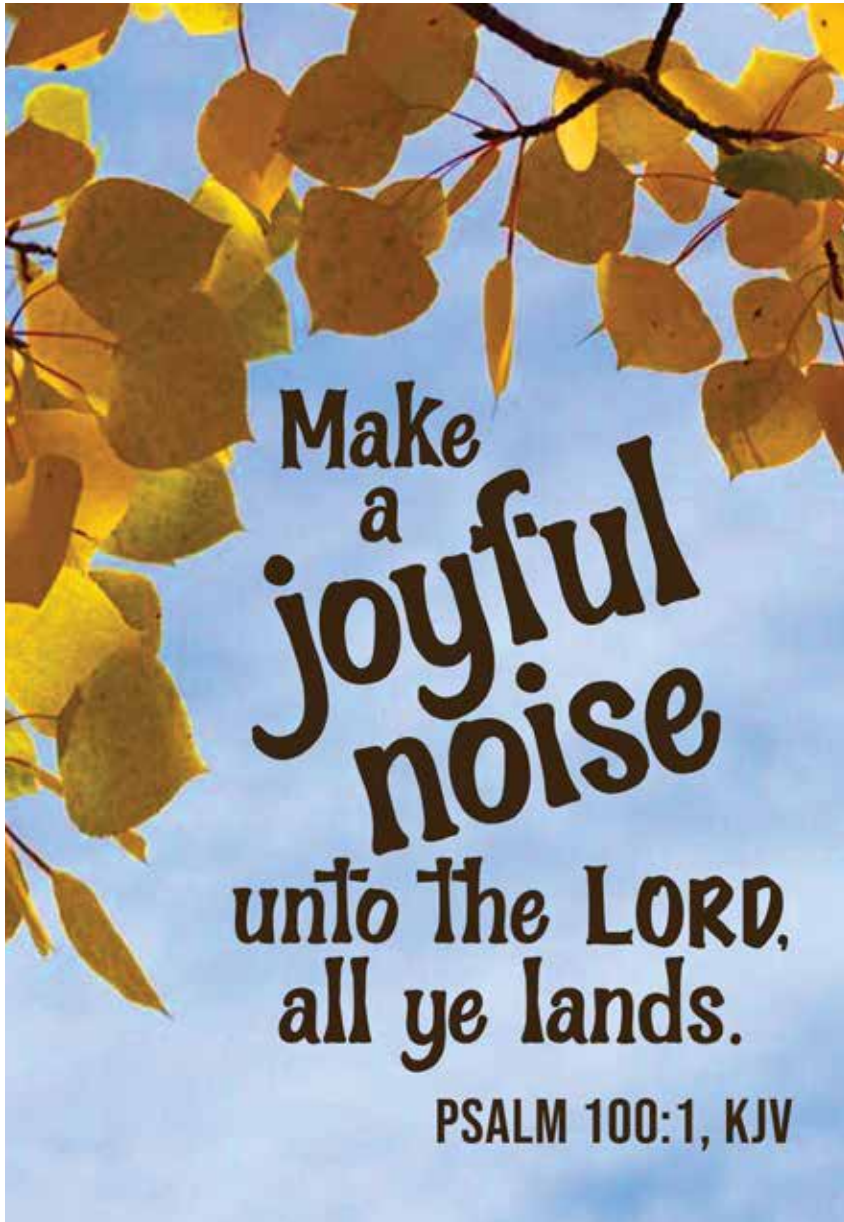


St. Luke's Lutheran Church
Sunday, August 3, 2025



Dream Bigger

PRELUDE

"My Faith Looks up to Thee"
"God of Grace and God of Glory"
"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

arr. Rouse
Hughes
arr. Manz

AS WE GATHER

Golfers enjoy getting a mulligan—a free shot or do-over. As we look back on our lives, we sometimes see times that we wish we could go back to and have a mulligan. We would like to be able to go back and make a different decision or fix a mistake we made. We cannot turn back time. God gives us something better. He gives us a new life—a fresh start that we get to celebrate every day as we remember our Baptism and the riches God gives us.

WELCOME, GREETING OF PEACE

HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

Pastor leads

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| 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 | 3. Be Thou my shield
And my sword for the fight
Be Thou my dignity
Be Thou my might
Thou my soul's shelter
And Thou my high tow'r
Raise Thou me heav'nward
O pow'r of my pow'r | 5. High King of heaven
When vict'ry is won
May I reach heaven's joys
O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart
Whatever befall
Still be my vision
O Ruler of all |
| 2. Be Thou my wisdom
Be Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee
And Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father
I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling
And I with Thee one | 4. Riches I heed not
Nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance
Now and always
Thou and Thou only
Be first in my heart
High King of heaven
My treasure Thou art | Eleanor Henrietta Hull, Mary
Elizabeth Byrne
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BAPTISM (8AM)

Olias Phoenix Borowy-Parker

INVOCATION (10:30AM)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES (10:30AM)

*Psalm 24:1–2; 127:2; 147:9; Matthew 6:26;
James 1:17; Exodus 20:3; Colossians 3:5–6*

Pastor: The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for He has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

People: He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry.

Pastor: Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

People: It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for He gives to His beloved sleep.

Pastor: Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

People: The First Commandment reminds us, "You shall have no other gods before Me."

Pastor: Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

People: On account of these the wrath of God is coming.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (10:30AM)

Pastor: Almighty God,

People: You are the giver of everything we have. Yet, we are guilty of coveting the possessions, experiences, and social standing of others. We sin by valuing these things above You. For Jesus' sake, forgive our sins. Renew us in Your knowledge and conform us to Your image by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9). We receive the riches of God's forgiveness because of Jesus. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, You have set us free and made us a new creation, renewed in knowledge after the image of our creator. Empower us to live this new life in our families, with our friends, and to eat, drink, and find enjoyment in all the riches You graciously give us; for You reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26

(Enjoying your work is a gift from God.)

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . .

I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . .

I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Colossians 3:1–11

(Live as the people you are in Christ.)

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 100, antiphon v. 3

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!

People: Know that the Lord, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Pastor: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

People: For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

People: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.

NICENE CREED (10:30AM) *please see the inside back cover of the maroon hymnal (LSB)*

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:13–21

(Trust in the Giver of all that is good.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

LSB 783

SERMON *Dream Bigger*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Morning Prayers"

arr. Line

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

People: 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.

PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: We give You thanks, O Lord our God, King of the universe, that though You were seated at the right hand of God You descended to earth and put on our humanity to raise us to new life through Your divinity. You gave Your life and took it back again so that we might live life eternally.

As we gather in Your name, set our minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. Forgive, renew, and strengthen us in knowledge after the image of our

creator. Nourish and strengthen us as we gather at Your Table to dine on Your body and blood, which was given and shed for us for the forgiveness of our sins. Gather us together from every tribe, nation, language, and tongue as we wait for Your appearing. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Amazing Grace"	LSB 744
"Now Thank We All Our God"	LSB 895
"Oh, Blest the House"	LSB 862

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us the gifts of life, forgiveness, and salvation through Your one and only Son. Set our hearts on things above, not on the things of this earth, so that when Your Son appears again, we will also appear with Him in glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace"

LSB 937

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"A Festal Fanfare"

Bach

Preacher: Rev. DJ Thomsen
Elders: Lowell Volkert
Organist: Dennis Alfveby
Altar Guild: x

COMMUNION STATEMENT The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because this Supper is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder before coming to the table. Please note that non-alcoholic wine is available in the center cups of the communion tray. Gluten Free wafers are also available.