

**St. Luke's Lutheran Church**  
**God's Work. Our Hands.**  
**Sunday, September 10, 2023**  
**8:30 AM**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** *{Front Center}* (Rob)

**+OPENING HYMN**

**"Beautiful Savior"**  
*Verses 1 & 4*

**ELW #838**

**Verse 1**

Beautiful savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of god and son of man!  
Truly I'd love thee,  
Truly I'd serve thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

**Verse 4**

Beautiful savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of god and son of man!  
Glory and honor,  
Praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be thine!

**FIRST READING** *{Lectern}* (Al Buss)

Philippians 2:12-18

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Do all things without murmuring and arguing, so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world. It is by your holding fast to the word of life that I can boast on the day of Christ that I did not run in vain or labour in vain. But even if I am being poured out as a libation over the sacrifice and the offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you—and in the same way you also must be glad and rejoice with me.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**+THE HOLY GOSPEL** *{Pulpit}*

John 14:8-14

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**SERMON** *{Pulpit}*

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

**+THE APOSTLES' CREED** *(Front Center)* (Beth Angerhofer)

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**C: 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 INTERCESSION** *{Front Center}* (Becky Olson)

**Screen**

L: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**+ THE 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.

**+SHARING OF THE PEACE** {Front Center} (Becky Olson)

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

L: For all who are gathered, let us take a moment to welcome everyone with a wave of peace. For those of you online, please share a word of peace in the comment or chat. Most all as we go out into the world may we greet others as people of peace.

**+SENDING LITANY** {Front Center} (Rob)

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L: At the font, God brings us from death to life and calls us to share that abundant life with the world.

**C: We are freed in Christ to serve!**

L: Through the word, God accompanies us through our life journeys and calls us to walk with others on their journeys.

**C: We are freed in Christ to serve!**

L: At the table, God feeds us with Christ's own body and forms us to be the body of Christ for others.

**C: We are freed in Christ to serve!**

L: In the world, God goes ahead of us to places in need and calls us to join the work.

**C: We are freed in Christ to serve!**

L: Let us pray. Holy One, as we serve others today, give us courage to see you in our neighbor; give us strength to sustain us in our work; and give us more opportunities to continue your work in our community. As we give our hands in service for your work, help us to trust in your mercy for those who are still in need.

**C: Amen.**

**+BENEDICTION** (Rob)

L: The Creator who forms you anew, the Christ who sets you free, the Spirit who draws you one to another, One God, bless you in your service to others, bless you in your rest and renewal, bless you today, tomorrow, and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**+SENDING HYMN**

"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"

**ELW #512**

**Verse 1**

Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
Open to the seed of your word.  
Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
Where love can grow and peace is understood.  
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.

When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.  
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.  
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,  
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

**Repeat Verse 1**

**+DISMISSAL** {Front Center} (Becky Olson)

L: In Christ there is a new creation! See, everything has become new! Go forth to love and serve in Christ's name.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

***Altar Flowers Today  
Given by:  
Rob and Nancy Norris-Weber  
In celebration of their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary***