

St. Luke's Lutheran Church
God's Work. Our Hands.
Sunday, September 8, 2024
8:30 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *{Front Center} (Beth Angerhofer)*

+OPENING HYMN

"All Creatures, Worship God Most High!"

ELW #835/Screen

Verse 1

All creatures, worship God most high!
Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright;
sing, sister moon and stars of night:

Alleluias:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!

Verse 2

Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain
you grow the gifts of fruit and grain:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear sister water, useful, clear,
make music for your Lord to hear:

Alleluias:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!

Verse 3

Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong;
drive far the shadows, join the throng:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear mother earth, so rich in care,
praise God in colors bright and rare:

Alleluias:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!

FIRST READING *{Lectern} (Lori Murray)*

Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17, 3:1-9

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it

Verse 4

All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain or sorrow grieve:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
still make your song a mid the tears:

Alleluias:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!

Verse 5

And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.

Alleluias:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!

Verse 6

O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and holy Spirit, Three in One:

Alleluias:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!

your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. They 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. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?'

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

+THE HOLY GOSPEL {Pulpit} (Britt Halaas)

Matthew 6:19-24

'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 'The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! 'No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON {Pulpit}

Britt Halaas

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

Screen

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} (Beth Angerhofer)

Screen

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

+ THE LORD'S PRAYER

Screen

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} (Beth Angerhofer)

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} (Beth Angerhofer)

Screen

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 (*Beth Angerhofer*)

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

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

ELW #679/Screen

Verse 1

For the fruit of all creation
thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev'ry nation,
thanks be to God.

For the plowing, snowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

Verse 2

In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.

In our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

Verse 3

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

+DISMISSAL {*Front Center*} (*Beth Angerhofer*)

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

Gerald and Maddie Boyle

In celebration of our daughters' birthdays