

St. Luke Lutheran Church

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The Rev. Dr. Robert McKee

Evangelical Lutheran Worship
The 3rd Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018

“A BEGINNER’S GUIDE TO PRAYER”

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE. ASK ANY USHER.

Dear Members & Guests - Welcome to Worship!

God has greatly blessed us with your presence here today. Thank you for responding to his invitation.

If you have a prayer request, bright yellow forms are located on the back of the pews. They are collected during Offering in this morning’s worship. You will also find pew pads in each pew, as it is passed to you during the service, we ask that all visitors & members sign in.

Name tags are available in the back of the church. Please wear your name tag to assist those of us with failing memories to remember your name!

SERVING US THIS MORNING

Ministers: All of the Members of this Congregation!

The Rev. Dr. Robert McKee – Pastor

The Rev. Gary Berkland – Visitation Pastor

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Children's Message: Pastor Bob McKee

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Greeter(s) - Front Door: Anna Buskirk, Amy McKee & Carol Schweizer

Greeter(s) - Side Door: Roy & Theresa Tuason

Ushers: John Krogman & John Dhanaraj

Altar Guild: Georgine Acly, Shirley Loo & Kathy Moore

Background Worship: Beth Stauter

Contemporary Worship Leader: Joe Howard

Worship Team: Joe Howard, Seth Henderson, Paul Mitchell, Claudia Zichterman, Ron Zichterman, and Deb Mandac.

Director of Music: Claudia Zichterman

Organist: Claudia Zichterman

Choir Director: Chris Frye

Bell Choir Director: Wil Mandac

Sound-Computer Tech: Brad Sime & Francis Prabhu

Altar flowers given today by the St. Luke Members, for God's Amazing love.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

Beth Stauter

PRELUDE

Claudia Zichterman

WELCOME

Pastor Bob McKee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG:

"WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS"

ELW #742

(Red Hymnal)

INVOCATION

[P] The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all

[C] *And also with you.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[P] Let us pray...

[C] **Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME WITH PASTOR BOB MCKEE

SONG: *"I'VE GOT THE JOY"*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

[P] The peace of the Lord be with you always.

[C] **And also with you.** (Share your peace, with one another, and then please be seated.)

GOD ENCOUNTERS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

1st Reading – Jeremiah 33:1-9

Read by Steve Moyer

The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah a second time, while he was still confined in the court of the guard: Thus says the LORD who made the earth, the LORD who formed it to establish it — the LORD is his name: Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known. For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the houses of this city and the houses of the kings of Judah that were torn down to make a defense against the siege ramps and before the sword: The Chaldeans are coming in to fight and to fill them with the dead bodies of those whom I shall strike down in my anger and my wrath, for I have hidden my face from this city because of all their wickedness. I am going to bring it recovery and healing; I will heal them and reveal to them abundance of prosperity and security. I will restore the fortunes of Judah and the fortunes of Israel, and rebuild them as they were at first. I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.⁹ And this city shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and a glory before all the nations of the earth who shall hear of all the good that I do for them; they shall fear and tremble because of all the good and all the prosperity I provide for it.

Psalm 103:1-15

Led by Steve Moyer

[M] Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

[W] *Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits —*

[M] who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

[W] *who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,*

[M] who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

[W] *The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.*

[M] He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

[W] *The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*
[M] He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.
[W] *He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.*
[M] For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
[W] *as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.*
[M] As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.
[W] *For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust.*
[C] **As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field;**

CHORAL OFFERING:

“PRAYER”
(By Robert Lau)

Worship Choir

2nd Reading – Romans 8:22-27

Read by Erin Peters

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

[P] Lift up your heart and receive the Holy Gospel...

[C] **Glory to you, O Lord.** (spoken)

Gospel – Matthew 7:7-12

Read by Pastor Gary Berkland

"Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

"In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.

[P] This is the Gospel of our Lord.

[C] **Praise to you, O Christ.** (spoken)

MESSAGE:

“A BEGINNER’S GUIDE TO PRAYER”

Pastor Gary Berkland

SERMON HYMN:

“SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER”

APOSTLES' CREED

[C] I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.
(*universal)

GATHERING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

(All members and guests, please sign in on the form in the pew pads when it is passed to you. Prayer requests are collected when plates are brought forward.)

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

[A] Let us pray...

[C] **Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[A] Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

I. GOD FORGIVES HIS PEOPLE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

[P] In the name of the Father, and of the **†** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] **Amen.**

[P] God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

[C] **Amen.**

[P] Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

[P] Most merciful God,
[C] **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

[P] In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION - THE EUCHARIST (be seated)

Our Lord Jesus is the host of his table. He invites all to come to him. Those who are baptized and believe in our Lord's presence "...in, with, and under the bread and wine..." are invited to commune by intinction. If you are not communing, please receive a blessing of the day. We come to his table via the center aisle, returning to our seats via the side aisles. If you are unable to come forward but wish the gifts Christ has for you, please notify an usher, and the servers will come to you.

COMMUNION SONG

"COME, LET US EAT" "

**ELW #491
(Red Hymnal)**

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

[P] The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

[C] **Amen.**

SENDING SONG:

"ON OUR WAY REJOICING"

**ELW #537
(Red Hymnal)**

BENEDICTION

(Forgiven and fed, we are empowered to return to the world in service. Turn your attention to the receding cross of Christ, as he leads us back to the world with his final "good word" God's Benediction.)

THE DISMISSAL

[A] Our worship continues; our service is just begun. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

[C] (with the joy of Christ) **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

POSTLUDE

Claudia Zichterman

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