

*AS WE GATHER*

As our study of Luke's Gospel moves to chapter 13, there is strong sense that this isn't just a job to Jesus, His mission as Savior, and His understanding of God's Kingdom is very personal. In a very real sense, our understanding of Christianity isn't just what we know, but WHO. Join us for worship, communion, and Pastor Jerry McNamara's teaching on Jesus in Luke.

**+ SING TO OUR KING +**

*HWC 29 GLORIFY THY NAME*

- 1 Father we love You, We worship and adore You  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth  
Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth
- 2 Jesus we love You, We worship and adore You  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth  
Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth
- 3 Spirit we love You, We worship and adore You  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth  
Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name  
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## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Hebrews. 12:1–2

**P** Let us now confess our sins to God our merciful Father.

**C** **O God our heavenly Father, we confess to You that we are born sinful and have sinned against You in many ways. We have not walked in Your ways of truth and righteousness. We have not followed Your Commandments. We confess our sins and ask Your forgiveness. Have mercy on us, and for the sake of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, forgive our sins, and help our infirmities. Create in us clean hearts, and grant us new songs to sing to Your glory.**

**P** God has promised His merciful forgiveness to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him for forgiveness. Upon your confession and in obedience to our Lord's command, I 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.

## THIS IS THE FEAST

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**C** ***This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

***This is the feast of victory for our God.***

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.**

***This is the feast of victory for our God.***

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

***This is the feast of victory for our God.***

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.**

***This is the feast of victory for our God.***

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

## **SALUTATION**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## **PRAYER**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fount of all wisdom, by Your Holy Spirit enlighten those who teach and those who learn that, rejoicing

in the knowledge of Your truth, they may worship You and serve You from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## + GOD'S WORD FOR US +

### *OLD TESTAMENT READING*

Ruth 1:6–18 NIV

<sup>6</sup> When Naomi heard in Moab that the Lord had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. <sup>7</sup> With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah.

<sup>8</sup> Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back, each of you, to your mother’s home. May the Lord show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me. <sup>9</sup> May the Lord grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband.”

Then she kissed them goodbye and they wept aloud <sup>10</sup> and said to her, “We will go back with you to your people.”

<sup>11</sup> But Naomi said, “Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands?

<sup>12</sup> Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me—even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons—<sup>13</sup> would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the Lord’s hand has turned against me!”

<sup>14</sup> At this they wept aloud again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her.

<sup>15</sup> “Look,” said Naomi, “your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her.”

<sup>16</sup> But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. **Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.** <sup>17</sup> Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me.” <sup>18</sup> When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*HOLY GOSPEL*

Luke 13 NIV

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>13:1</sup> Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup> Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? <sup>3</sup> I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. <sup>4</sup> Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup> I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.”

<sup>6</sup> Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. <sup>7</sup> So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’

<sup>8</sup> “‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it. <sup>9</sup> If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’”

<sup>10</sup> On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, <sup>11</sup> and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, “Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.” <sup>13</sup> Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

<sup>14</sup> Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, “There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath.”

<sup>15</sup> The Lord answered him, “You hypocrites! Doesn’t each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? <sup>16</sup> Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?”

<sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus asked, “What is the kingdom of God like? What shall I compare it to? <sup>19</sup> It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his garden. It grew and became a tree, and the birds perched in its branches.”

<sup>20</sup> Again he asked, “What shall I compare the kingdom of God to? <sup>21</sup> It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

<sup>22</sup> Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. <sup>23</sup> Someone asked him, “Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?”

He said to them, <sup>24</sup> “Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. <sup>25</sup> Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, ‘Sir, open the door for us.’

“But he will answer, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from.’

<sup>26</sup> “Then you will say, ‘We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.’

<sup>27</sup> “But he will reply, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!’

<sup>28</sup> “There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out. <sup>29</sup> People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. <sup>30</sup> Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last.”

<sup>31</sup> At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, “Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.”

<sup>32</sup> He replied, “Go tell that fox, ‘I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.’ <sup>33</sup> In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

<sup>34</sup> “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. <sup>35</sup> Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*LSB 423 JESUS, REFUGE OF THE WEARY* sts. 1, 3

1 Jesus, refuge of the weary, Blest Redeemer, whom we love,  
Fountain in life’s desert dreary, Savior from the world above:  
Often have Your eyes, offended, Gazed upon the sinner’s fall;  
Yet upon the cross extended, You have borne the pain of all.

3 Jesus, may our hearts be burning With more fervent love for You;  
May our eyes be ever turning To behold Your cross anew  
Till in glory, parted never From the blessed Savior's side,  
Graven in our hearts forever, Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

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*MESSAGE "IT'S PERSONAL"*

Luke study, part 10

*APOSTLES' CREED*

Nicene Creed

**☐ 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.**



*OFFERING*

*OFFERTORY*

*OUR PRAYERS*

**+ SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION +**

*INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNION*

*THE WORDS OF OUR LORD*

**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.”

*LORD’S PRAYER*

**G** **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.**

*AGNUS DEI*

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**+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +**

*LSB 722 LORD, TAKE MY HAND AND LEAD ME*

- 1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way;  
Direct, protect, and feed me From day to day.  
Without Your grace and favor I go astray;  
So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.
- 2 Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear,  
For You, the Rock of Ages, Are always near.  
Close by Your side abiding, I fear no foe,  
For when Your hand is guiding, In peace I go.
- 3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come,  
I know that You will strengthen My steps toward home.  
Then nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend;  
So take my hand and lead me Unto the end.

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*LSB 825 RISE, SHINE, YOU PEOPLE*

- 1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered  
Our human story; God in Him is centered.

He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,  
With grace unbounded.

2 See how He sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;  
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.  
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,  
Now are forgiven.

3 Come, celebrate, your banners high unfurling,  
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.  
To all the world go out and tell the story  
Of Jesus' glory.

4 Tell how the Father sent His Son to save us.  
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.  
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation  
His new creation.

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## *YOU ARE MY GOD*

1 You are my God  
And I belong to You, Lord.  
You are my God  
And I will always follow You.  
Your ways will be my ways  
And Your people my people  
And Your truth shall be my truth.  
You are my God  
I have no other God but You. **REPEAT**

End: You are my God  
I have no other God but You

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## *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.  
**G** **Amen.**

## *LSB 537 BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR*

sts. 1, 3–4

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.

3 Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration  
Now and forevermore be Thine!

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