

St. Luke Lutheran Church
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Sermon on the Mount Series 4
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 3/4, 2020

St. Luke RADIANT
(in person and e-worship)



But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...

Matthew 5:44

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Prelude

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

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Nancy Granert, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose self-giving love overcomes all rifts, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen.**

Call to Worship (from Ministry Matters)

Leader: Come and learn the ways of life.

All: We have come to follow Jesus.

Leader: Love your enemies and do good to those who persecute you.

All: We have come to follow Jesus.

Leader: Bless those who curse you and pray for those who persecute you.

All: We have come to follow Jesus.

Leader: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

All: We have come to follow Jesus.

Kyrie ELW S175



Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .



so - tros. Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -
mer - cy. Lord, . . have mer - cy on



dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.



Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
Christ, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Christ, have . .



so - tros. Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie -
mer - cy. Christ, . . have mer - cy on



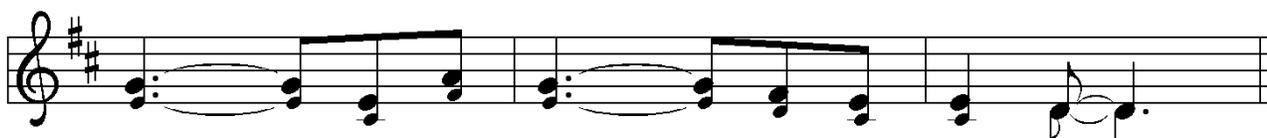
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dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
 us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.

Gloria ELW S176



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
 Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
 Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



Y en la tie - rra paz pa - ra a - que - llos que a - ma el Se - ñor.
 And on earth . . . peace to God's peo - ple. Glo - ry to God.



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 And on earth . . . peace to God's peo - ple. Glo - ry to God.

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Inexhaustible source of love and life, be with us in our time of worship as we seek the love it takes to walk in the ways of your Son. Help us love our enemies and bless those who wrong us, for we cannot do so alone. Teach us the joy of treating others with all the same respect and goodness with which we hope to be treated. May our every word and deed make known that we are your beloved children and vessels of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

WORD

Psalm 139: 1-14, 19-24

You have searched me, Lord,
and you know me.

**²You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.**

³You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.

**⁴Before a word is on my tongue
you, Lord, know it completely.**

⁵You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.

**⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.**

⁷Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?

**⁸If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.**

⁹If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,

**¹⁰even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.**

¹¹If I say, 'Surely the darkness will hide me
and the light become night around me,'

¹²even the darkness will not be dark to you;

**the night will shine like the day,
for darkness is as light to you.**

¹³ For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ **I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.**

¹⁹ If only you, God, would slay the wicked!
Away from me, you who are bloodthirsty!

²⁰ **They speak of you with evil intent;
your adversaries misuse your name.**

²¹ Do I not hate those who hate you, Lord,
and abhor those who are in rebellion against you?

²² **I have nothing but hatred for them;
I count them my enemies.**

²³ Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.

²⁴ **See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.**

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation ELW S179a

*¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!*

*¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!*

*¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,*

*a - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le - lu - ya!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!*

Gospel

Matthew 5: 33-48

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fifth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ 'Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, "Do not break your oath, but fulfil to the Lord the oaths you have made." ³⁴ But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. ³⁶ And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. ³⁷ All you need to say is simply "Yes," or "No"; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

³⁸ 'You have heard that it was said, "Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth." ³⁹ But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. ⁴⁰ And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. ⁴¹ If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. ⁴² Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

⁴³ "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

**The Sermon on the Mount Part 4:
Loving Your Enemies**

Pastor Wayne

Hymn of the Day

Christ, Your Words of Love Confound Us

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Tune: BEACH SPRING 8.7.8.7 D

The Sacred Harp, 1844; attr. Benjamin Franklin White

1. Christ, your words of love confound us,
even as we give you praise,
for the lessons that you teach us seem
so far from this world's ways.
How can we love those who hate us?
How can we love enemies?
What of people who abuse us?
How can we love even these?
2. Faced with those who seek to hurt us,
make us confident and free:
you don't call us to be helpless
but to stand with dignity.
Lord, when others are demanding,
may we know they matter more than
our money or possessions.
May we share, not keeping score.
3. If we love just those who love us,
where's the giving? Where's the grace?
Even sinners try to do this;
they have friends that they embrace.
May we do, Lord, unto others
as we'd have them also do.
You have shown us: Love is action.
May we love, and make things new.

Biblical Reference: Luke 6:27-38; Matthew 5:38-48; I Corinthians 13

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The Apostle's Creed

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

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

- response after each petition: Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**
- response after the final petition: **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Within a household, we greet one another with a sign of God's peace and remember our siblings scattered across Albuquerque and throughout the world.

THANKSGIVING

Offering

We are invited to joyfully give our tithes and offerings to join in God's unceasing mission through the Church. We may place our offerings in the basket in the aisle. We may also send gifts directly to St. Luke via mail or contribute via our online giving resources on our church website <http://stlukeabq.org/>.

*Our St. Luke "bucket of change" offerings for **October** will go to **Albuquerque Habitat for Humanity**, a nonprofit housing organization working in local communities across all 50 states and in more than 70 countries around the world. Habitat's vision is of a world where everyone has a decent place to live.*

Offering Music

Change My Heart O God

Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953
Charles Shirley, Keyboard

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

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 gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING

Blessing (Benediction)

- response after the prayer: **Amen.**



1 Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, lead me through the dark;
 2 Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, you and you a - lone:



Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, heal this wan - d'ring heart.
 Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, lead me safe - ly home.



Be my eyes, be my ears, be the on -
 Ev-'ry step that I make, be the road



- ly voice I hear; guide my soul, give me sight,
 I will take; be the thoughts that I keep



help me walk with - in your light.
 and in ev - 'ry word I speak.



3 Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, lead me through the dark;



Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, heal this wan - d'ring heart.



Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, you and you a - lone:



Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, lead me safe - ly home.

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Sat, 5 pm and e-worship

Nun lob mein Seel

arr. K. Sadowski

Sun, 10:30 am

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier

J.S. Bach

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Following worship please go directly outside without staying behind in the Nave or Narthex to converse. You may converse with the pastors and others outside the building entrance while maintaining 6-foot distancing and wearing face coverings. Thank you very much for helping St. Luke to remain safe and healthy.

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