



## Feast of Saint Luke

God's Work. Our Hands

October 15, 8:45 & 11:15 AM

### Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

9100 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD

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*From the visit of Mary to Elizabeth's house; through the visits of Jesus to Zacchaeus's house, Mary and Martha's house, and Levi's house; to the visit of the risen Christ to Cleopas's house, Luke's gospel is a story of God's hospitality. God is guest and host, and Jesus' meal fellowship is a proclamation of God's inner circle of outsiders, a gathering not of the righteous but of those who have received God's mercy.*

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

Voluntary on "King's Lynn"

Robert Lind

### WELCOME

### DIALOG OF THE SAINTS

Praise the Lord, all you saints!  
**Praise the Lord, you heavenly hosts!**

So great a cloud of witnesses surrounds us.  
**They witness to God's mighty acts.**

They witness to God's steadfast love.  
**Their witness guides us in our faith.**

Give thanks to God for St. Luke, the Evangelist,  
**Who tells of Christ's healing power.**

Sing praise to God, sing praises.  
**Sing praise and thanks for all God's saints.**  
**Amen.**

# GATHERING HYMN • ELW 420

By *All Your Saints*

*Please sing verse 1, 21, and the last verse.*



1 By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your saints at rest,

*Insert appointed stanza or this general stanza 2:*

2 A - pos - tles, proph - ets, mar - tyrs, and all the no - ble thron -  
Last Give praise to God Al - might - y, and wor - ship God the Son,



your ho - ly name, O Je - sus, for - ev - er - more be blessed!

who wear the spot - less rai - ment and raise the cease - less song—  
and sing to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One,



For you a - rose vic - to - rious that they might wear the crown

for these passed on be - fore us, we sing our praise a - new  
till all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



and share the light of glo - ry re - flect - ed from your throne.

and, walk - ing in their foot - steps, would live our lives for you.  
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone.

21 For Luke, belov'd physician,  
all praise, whose gospel shows  
the healer of the nations,  
the one who shares our woes.  
Your wine and oil, O Savior,  
upon our spirits pour,  
and with true balm of Gilead  
anoint us evermore.

Text: Horatio Bolton Nelson, 1823–1913, alt.; hymnal version, sts. 4, 9  
Music: KING'S LYNN, English folk tune  
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## 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.

Almighty God, you inspired your servant Luke to reveal in his gospel the love and healing power of your Son. Give your church the same love and power to heal, and to proclaim your salvation among the nations to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our healer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

### READING

Isaiah 35:5-8

*The Lord will heal the blind and deaf.*

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (8:45)

Al - le - lu - ia, al -  
le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**All:** Alleluia

Choir: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation. (Isa. 52:7)

**All:** Alleluia

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (11:15)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL

Luke 1:1-4; 24:44-53

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the first and twenty-fourth chapters.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*These introductory and concluding verses of Luke's gospel provide us with the reason he is writing: so that we might know the truth about Jesus Christ who, in his suffering, death, and resurrection, fulfilled the ancient promises of God.*

[Luke writes:] Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.

[Before he ascended, Jesus said to the disciples and their companions:] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## REFLECTION

Pastor Miller

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Blessing of Hands (Marked with the Cross of Christ)

Bless the work of our hands, O God. Hands that work the land, hands that manufacture, create and mold.  
Bless the hands that clean, hands that wash, mop and scrub. Bless the hands that make music, and art, hands

that play instruments and hold paint brushes. Bless the hands that care for people, hands that cook, feed, heal and nurture. Bless the hands of those who use keyboards to learn and to do work. Bless the hands that are generous, hands that share, hands that give food and money. Bless tiny hands. Bless strong hands. Bless the hands that are folded in prayer. Bless the hands that are lifted in praise. Marked with the cross of your eternal love, let it be your work, our hands.

**Amen.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY • ACS 1000**

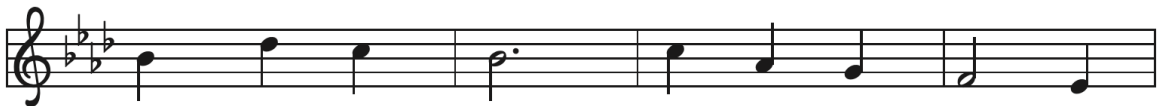
*God's Work, Our Hands*



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,  
 2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,  
 3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,  
 4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,  
 fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,  
 prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,  
 seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,  
 walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,  
 pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,  
 Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.  
 run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.  
 claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.  
 gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
 Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,  
 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,  
 Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.  
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## APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

*After each portion of the prayers:*

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

## PEACE

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

*Please be seated.*

## MEAL

### OFFERING

We invite you to give your offering online at [saintlukegive.us](http://saintlukegive.us)  
You may also mail your checks to:

Saint Luke Lutheran Church  
9100 Colesville Road  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

## CHORAL ANTHEM

*To be a pilgrim*

Who would true Valour see  
Let him come hither;  
One here will Constant be,  
Come Wind, come Weather.  
There's no Discouragement,  
Shall make him once Relent,  
His first avow'd Intent,  
To be a Pilgrim.

Hobgoblin, nor foul Fiend,  
Can daunt his Spirit:  
He knows, he at the end,  
Shall Life Inherit.  
Then Fancies fly away,  
He'l fear not what men say,  
He'l labour Night and Day,  
To be a Pilgrim.

Who so beset him round,  
With dismal Storys,  
Do but themselves Confound;  
His Strength the more is.  
No Lyon can him fright,  
He'l with a Gyant Fight,  
But he will have a right,  
To be a Pilgrim.

Text: John Bunyan (1628-88)  
Music: Nicholas Burt (b. 1962)

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY (11:15)

Prelude on 'King's Lynn'

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through the great shepherd of your flock, our Savior Jesus Christ; who after his resurrection sent forth the apostles to preach the gospel and teach all nations, and promised to be with them, even to the end of the age. And so, with Luke, the glorious company of the apostles, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Please pray in your own preferred language.*

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

**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.

**Padre Nuestro, que estas en los cielos,**

santificado sea tu nombre,

venga a nosotros tu reino,

hagase tu voluntad,

asi en la tierra como en el cielo.

**Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia;**

perdona nuestras ofensas,

como nosotros perdonamos

a los que nos ofenden;

y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion,

mas libranos del mal.

**Porque tuyo es el reino,**

el poder, y la gloria,

por los siglos de los siglos. Amen

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites us to this table.

Come, taste and see.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

## COMMUNION + ANOINTING OF HANDS

*All are invited to the Lord's table, a table of grace and mercy. There are two stations at the foot of the chancel steps. Please stretch out your hand, palm up, to receive the host, the body of Christ. (Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask your server) Then receive in the individual cup the blood of Christ. You may deposit your cup in the basket near the side wall. Those who wish to receive a blessing instead of the Lord's supper are also encouraged to come forward. Those who wish to receive the sacrament in the pew please inform an usher. All are welcome to the Lord's table.*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The communicant may say:*

**Amen.**

## LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.  
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.  
 ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.  
 way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

*Refrain*

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
 Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen  
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*Please stand as you are able.*

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980  
Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923  
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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

The God of glory,  
Jesus Christ, name above all names,  
and the Spirit who lives in you,  
✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,  
 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low  
 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture  
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;



from this meal of love and grace;  
 af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, whole;  
 God has called us to re - ceive;  
 cour - age be our dai - ly breath;



may we through such love en - vi - sion  
 bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed  
 pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,  
 mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion



whose we are, and whose, our praise.  
 to re - lease and to con - sole.  
 Spir - it - ed then let us live.  
 from this day and un - to death.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



God, the won - der of our days.  
 Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.  
 Spir - it, grace by whom we live.  
 Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace.

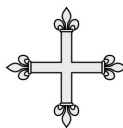
**God's work. Our Hands.**

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

Recessional

Richard Elfyn Jones (b. 1944)



## WORSHIP LEADERS

### PRESIDING MINISTERS

The Rev. Connie A. Miller, *Senior Pastor*

The Rev. Richard Zawistoski, *Confirmation Pastor*

### COMMUNION SERVERS

8:45 Melissa Groen, *Director of Children's Ministries*

8:45 The Rev. Gary Nuss, *Support Pastor*

Deacon Kyle Warfield, *Director of Discipleship and Senior High Ministries*

### READERS

8:45 Brock Beamer, *Physician*

11:15 Carol Darnell, *Nurse*

### INTERCESSORS

8:45 Lynne Yao, *Physician*

11:15 Ruth Manchester, *Parish Nurse*

### MUSICIANS

Dr. Alain Truche, *Director of Music and Organist*

Schola Cantorum & Choristers (8:45)

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## This week at Saint Luke Lutheran Church

### SUNDAY, Oct. 15—St. Luke Sunday –God’s

#### Work. Our Hands

**8:45 AM**     **Worship**  
10:00 AM     Reception  
10:00 AM     God's Work Our Hands-Ministry in  
Daily Life  
10:00 AM     Service Project for Children and Teens  
**11:15 AM**   **Worship**  
12:30 PM     Genesis Bells Rehearsal

### MONDAY, October 16

8:00 AM     CDS Classes  
1:30 PM     CDS Staff Meeting  
4:00 PM     After School Art Program - Langley  
Park  
6:00 PM     Yoga  
7:00 PM     ESL Class

### TUESDAY, October 17

8:00 AM     CDS Classes  
4:30 PM     Piano Lessons  
7:00 PM     Reformation Bells  
7:00 PM     Girl Scouts  
7:00 PM     ESL Class

### WEDNESDAY, October 18—St. Luke, Evangelist

7:00 AM     Faith Connections (Zoom)  
8:00 AM     CDS Classes  
10:00 AM     Women in Community  
10:00 AM     CDS Pastor Chapel  
3:00 PM     En Camino: Children’s Tutor Program  
5:00 PM     Choristers RSCM Program  
5:30 PM     Zoom Sara/Lydia Circle  
7:00 PM     ESL Class  
7:30 PM     AA  
7:30 PM     Schola Cantorum Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, October 19

6:30 AM     Parking Lot Ministry - Langley Park  
8:00 AM     CDS Classes  
9:00 AM     Organ Tuning  
10:00 AM     Fire Drill  
2:45 PM     Caring Project: Children’s Tutor Pro-  
gram  
7:30 PM     Centering Prayer (Zoom)

### FRIDAY, October 20

8:00 AM     CDS Classes

### SATURDAY, October 21

8:00 AM     Food Distribution: Langley Park  
9:30 AM     Quilters  
9:30 AM     AA  
11:00 AM     Al-Anon

### SUNDAY, Oct. 22—21st Sunday after Pentecost—

#### Quilt and Baby Blanket Dedication

**8:45 AM**     **Worship**  
10:00 AM     Affirmation of Baptism Class  
10:00 AM     Sunday School  
10:00 AM     Up For Discussion (Hybrid)  
10:00 AM     SLSHY  
**11:15 AM**   **Worship**  
12:30 PM     Genesis Bells Rehearsal  
4:00 PM     Wickre Organ Concert  
5:00 PM     Reception

*NB: Worship Services are in person and  
livestreamed*

## Upcoming Commemorations

### Teresa of Avila, teacher, renewer of the church, died 1582

#### Sunday, October 15, 2023

A mystical writer and reformer of the monastic order (Carmelites) to which she belonged, Teresa may also be commemorated with John of the Cross on December 14. Latino Christians traditionally remember her on this date.

### Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr, died around 115

#### Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Ignatius was the second bishop of Antioch in Syria, the city where the name "Christians" originated. Ignatius is known to us from his letters, which encouraged Christians to live in love, yet stand firm in true doctrine.

### Luke, Evangelist

#### Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Identified as the author of both Luke and Acts, Luke was careful to place the events of Jesus' life in their social and religious contexts. His gospel gives us some of the most beloved parables, as well as the songs of Zechariah, Mary, the angels, and Simeon.

## **ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST SUNDAY GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS**

**TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE FESTIVAL OF ST. LUKE**, our name Sunday. The actual festival is every year on October 18. What do we know about St. Luke? Not too much is stated in scripture but it is clear he was a great physician, a healer, and a companion of St. Paul. The gospel of St. Luke is one that reaches out to the outcasts and is filled with stories about the lowly being lifted up. What a wonderful name then for a caring congregation!

**WHAT IS THAT FLYING OX** all about on the front of this bulletin? Indeed the winged ox represents the gospel of St. Luke. Oxen were symbols of sacrifice back in Bible times. The gospel of Luke opens with Zechariah in the temple. He was giving sacrifices. Of course, Jesus, too was the ultimate sacrifice for our salvation. So, what about those wings? This comes from the Old Testament in Ezekiel where there was a vision of four heavenly creatures around the throne of God. One was like an ox (Luke), another had the face of a human (Matthew), another was a lion (Mark), and another an eagle (John). You will also see these symbols at all four corners up at the altar at Saint Luke.

**TODAY WE ALSO CELEBRATE GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY.** Make sure to head to the Great Hall at 10:00. See all the information below.

**10:00 a.m.**

### **MINISTRY IN DAILY LIFE CELEBRATION – GREAT HALL**

**Refreshments – Woodmoor Bakery Goodies – Yum!**

**Meet some special people and their vocations:**

**Jacky Martin, magazine editor, Patsy Zawistoski, textile artist, Raj Roy, physics professor, Jordan Gerth NOAA weather observation, Hans Linsenhardt, medial research scientist, Ralph Watkins, League of Women Voters, archivist**

**Hear their stories – God's Word Our Hands**

**SERVICE PROJECT for Children and Youth**

**PACKING BAGS OF ESSENTIALS FOR REFUGEE FAMILIES**

**Via LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES**



## Today's Music

### Organ Music

**Robert Lind** attended North Park College and the American Conservatory of Music, majoring in organ, composition, and music theory. At the age of 20 he studied composition with Leo Sowerby, and two years later succeeded his mentor as organist and choirmaster at the Cathedral of St. James, Chicago. After serving in the U.S. Army, Bob worked in the publishing world for 34 years and continued to play and conduct in various churches in the Chicago area. He joined the Lord of Life staff in September 2009. Over the past several decades he has played recitals, presented organ repertory workshops, and composed extensively for the church. At this time, over 130 of his organ works and a number of anthems and songs have been published.—Lord of Life Lutheran Church. The *Voluntary on “King’s Lynn”* has a medieval quality due to the extensive use of parallel 5ths. The tune is found in different registers and colors. The piece comes to a triumphant close with a crescendo to quasi full organ.

After studying at the University of Wales, Bangor and King’s College, Cambridge, **Richard Elfyn Jones** started his career as an organist (he was an FRCO Limpus Prizewinner at the Royal College of Organists); orchestral conductor (semi-finalist in the Cantelli International Conducting Competition, Milan 1980); and choral director (for many years conductor of the Cardiff Polyphonic Choir). But his main activity has been composition. He recently retired as head of composition at Cardiff University.

Richard Elfyn Jones is one of Wales’s most versatile composers with an output that is very wide-ranging. He has written prolifically, mainly to commission, in all genres except opera. During the early 1990s his scores for the Maryland PBS television series *After the Warming* and *Timeline* gained him international recognition. Two large-scale choral/orchestral works by him are *Goroesiad Cenedl* (2000) and *In David’s Land* (2006). Among the artists for whom he has composed are Bryn Terfel, Rebecca Evans, Dame Gillian Weir, Jack Brymer, John Scott, Llŷr Williams, the Choir of King’s College Cambridge, the Britten Quartet, the Debussy Trio and the BBCNOW. He is also the author of four books including *The Early Operas of Tippett* and *Music and the Numinous*.

His *Recessional* is a fun rich harmony filled piece featuring some fanfare elements. A slightly subdued middle section quickly gives way to the fanfare motif.

### Choral Anthem

“Whoever serves Me must follow Me; and where I am, My servant also will be” (John 12:26)

A hymn which reminds us that the servants of Christ must follow Him and have the courage to be with Him is “He Who Would Valiant Be.” The original text was written by John Bunyan who was born on Nov. 30, 1628, at Elstow in Bedfordshire, England. Educated briefly in the local school, he became a tinker (an itinerate mender of domestic tin utensils such as pots and pans; one who does repairing work; a jack-of-all-trades) like his father. During the English Civil War of 1646, he served in the parliamentary army. After 1653 he was a member of a Baptist congregation in Bedord and clashed with his fellow nonconformists, the Quakers. As a result, he authored two religious pamphlets in 1656 and 1657 to defend his faith and began a new career as an itinerant preacher. After being arrested in 1660 for preaching without a license, he spent most of the next twelve years in jail and while there produced ten books, including his spiritual autobiography, *Grace Abounding to the Chief of Sinners*, in 1666, and started his most famous work, *Pilgrim’s Progress*, an allegory of salvation. Following his release from prison in 1672 and his temporary reimprisonment for non-conformism, he completed *Pilgrim’s Progress* and published it in two parts, the first in 1678 and the second in 1684.

The section originally entitled “Who Would True Valor See” was believed to have been penned during his twelve-year prison sentence for refusing to conform to the official state church and was published in the second part of *Pilgrim’s Progress* in 1684.

## Hymns

**Horatio Bolton Nelson (1823-1913)** included *By All Your Saints* in his *Hymns for Saints' Days, and Other Hymns, By a Layman* (London, 1864). This hymn is modeled after “Ye Saints! In Blest Communion,” published the previous year, in which the first stanza gave a general introduction, a stanza for a specific person or persons would be inserted, and a doxology served as a conclusion.—ELW Hymnal Companion

*God's Work, Our Hands* was selected as the winning entry in the ELCA's “God's work. Our hands.” Sunday hymn contest in 2019. More than 120 entries were submitted to be considered as a hymn for the ELCA's annual dedicated day of service. The selected hymn represents the official tagline of the ELCA and expresses how the people of this church live in service for the life of the world. We offer our thanks to all who submitted original compositions — the large number of entries gives witness to the enthusiasm that “God's work. Our hands.” Sunday has inspired throughout this church and in our communities. The selected hymn includes music to a familiar tune as well as music to an original composition. - elca.org

According to **Marty Haugen (b. 1950)** *Healer of Our Every Ill* “was written during the winter of 1985-86 while my family was residing at Holden Village, a retreat center in the Cascade Mountains of Washington State. On January 28, 1986, the space shuttle Challenger crashed shortly after take-off. In addition to the loss of seven astronauts, it was a symbolic loss for Americans. At Holden we had very infrequent communication with the outside world, so that we did not know of the disaster for a couple of days. When we got some information, we held a service in the evening, and “Healer of Our Every Ill” was written as an expression for our community to grieve together.” - ELW Hymnal Companion

**Susan Palo Cherwien (1953-2021)** wrote *Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen* for the fiftieth anniversary of the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Roseville, Minnesota in 1997. In her writing, she was influenced by a lecture of Michael Joncas in which he said, “God invited us here; who are we, not to become merciful?” The result was this sending hymn about the church rising to take up its role in the world in this (and every) generation, remembering the future God gives us to receive. - ELW Hymnal Companion