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*Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.*

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**LENTEN MIDWEEK 2**

**The Good News of a God Who Reveals Himself to Us  
(Series A)**

## **WELCOME**

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, [office@stlukesmanhattan.org](mailto:office@stlukesmanhattan.org), or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, if you need non-gluten wafers at communion, or need to have communion brought to you, please notify the elder who is serving. We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

## **AS WE GATHER**

We pray, but at times God seems distant. Today we hear the Good News that God has come down to us as Jesus, who calls Himself “I AM,” the name Moses was to use. Jesus is God, in whom all of God dwells bodily, Paul writes. In His Son, our heavenly Father made lavish promises: to Abraham, “In you shall all the nations be blessed” (Galatians 3:8), and to us, who belong to Christ, “If you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise” (Galatians 3:29). God has revealed Himself in our Savior, Jesus, by His wondrous love.

## **IMAGE ON THE COVER**

Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God. And God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.  
*Exodus 2:23–24*

## **WELCOME**

## **✠PREPARATION✠**

## 543 WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When  
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To  
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That  
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -  
God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my  
neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my  
is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will  
sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!  
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.  
sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.  
on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## OPENING SENTENCES

*Colossians 2:6; Exodus 3:8; John 8:51; Colossians 2:9, adapt.; Psalm 124:8*

**P** As you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him.

**C** **I have come down to deliver them.**

**P** If anyone keeps My word, he will never see death.

**C** **In [Christ] the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily.**

**P** Our help is in the name of the LORD,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

## PSALM

*Psalm 124*

**P** If it had not been the LORD who was on our side—  
let Israel now say—

**C** **if it had not been the LORD who was on our side  
when people rose up against us,**

**P** then they would have swallowed us up alive,  
when their anger was kindled against us;

**C** **then the flood would have swept us away,  
the torrent would have gone over us;  
then over us would have gone the raging waters.**

**P** Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us  
as prey to their teeth!

**C** **We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers;  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped!**

**P** Our help is in the name of the LORD,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

*Sit*

**✠WORD✠**

## FIRST READING

*Exodus 3:1–15*

*(God appears to Moses in a bush which does not burn up.)*

**L** A reading from the third chapter of Exodus.

Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, “I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.” When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush,

**P** “Moses, Moses!”

**L** [And he said,] “Here I am.”

**P** [Then He said,] “Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” [And He said,] “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.”

**L** And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

**P** [Then the LORD said,] “I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.”

- L** [But Moses said to God,] “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?”
- P** [He said,] “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”
- L** [Then Moses said to God,] “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is His name?’ what shall I say to them?”
- P** [God said to Moses,] “I AM WHO I AM.” [And He said,] “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” [God also said to Moses,] “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is My name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.”
- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

*Colossians 2:6–10*

*(The complete deity dwells in Christ.)*

<sup>6</sup>Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

- P** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### THIRD READING

*John 8:48-59*

*(Jesus uses the "I Am" name about Himself.)*

<sup>48</sup>The Jews answered [Jesus], "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" <sup>49</sup>Jesus answered, *"I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. <sup>50</sup>Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. <sup>51</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death."* <sup>52</sup>The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, *'if anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.'*" <sup>53</sup>Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" <sup>54</sup>Jesus answered, *"If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.'*" <sup>55</sup>*But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. <sup>56</sup>Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad."* <sup>57</sup>So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" <sup>58</sup>Jesus said to them, *"Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."* <sup>59</sup>So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Sit*

# WHAT PROMPTED CHRIST

sts. 1-2



1 What prompt - ed Christ, our Lord, to come  
2 Why did our heav'n - ly Fa - ther send



down to the cross? What prompt - ed Him to die for my  
down His dear Son? Why did He send His Son down to



soul? It was the Fa - ther's love That  
earth? It shows that God is love; We



sent Him to the cross That in Christ's bound - less  
learn what is true love. He prom - is - es to



love - He would pay for all sin To  
nev - er us leave nor for - sake. The



pay for ev - 'ry sin since the fall.  
Gos - pel strength - ens faith— our true birth.

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**P** The Passion of our Lord according to St. Mark, the fourteenth chapter.

They went to a place called Gethsemane.

**L** [And He said to His disciples,] “Sit here while I pray.”

**P** And He took with Him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled.

**L** [And He said to them,] “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch.”

**P** And going a little farther, He fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him.

**L** [And He said,] “Abba, Father, all things are possible for You. Remove this cup from Me. Yet not what I will, but what You will.”

**P** And He came and found them sleeping,

**L** [and He said to Peter,] “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

**P** And again He went away and prayed, saying the same words. And again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer Him. And He came the third time

**L** [and said to them,] “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, My betrayer is at hand.”

**P** And immediately, while He was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man. Seize Him and lead Him away under guard.” And when he came, he went up to Him at once and said, “Rabbi!” And he kissed Him.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### 437 ALAS! AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, And  
 2 Was it for crimes that I had done He  
 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide And  
 4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face While  
 5 But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay The



did my sov - 'reign die? Would He de - vote that  
 groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y,  
 shut his glo - ries in When God, the might - y  
 His dear cross ap - pears, Dis - solve my heart in  
 debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give my -



sa - cred head For such a worm as I?  
 grace un - known, And love be - yond de - gree!  
 mak - er, died For His own crea - tures' sin.  
 thank - ful - ness, And melt mine eyes to tears.  
 self a - way: 'Tis all that I can do.

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## SERMON

### VOTUM

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** Amen.

### OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

1. Please **send** your offerings to  
St. Luke's Lutheran Church  
4801 Anderson Avenue  
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2. **Electronic Funds Transfer**  
Sign up through the church office.

*Stand*

### PRAYERS

- P** Let us pray for all people who are unsure of God's hearing their prayers.
- C** **Hear their cries, O Lord, grant them courage as You accompany, and answer them speedily.**
- P** Let us ask God to strengthen the faith of those who only recently have known Him.
- C** **Reveal Yourself gently to them, Lord Jesus, through the caring of Your church.**
- P** Let us pray for those who feel trapped by circumstances beyond their control.
- C** **Assure them that You know their dilemma and that the deliverer has come: Jesus, our Savior and Lord.**

- P** Let us pray for all who fear God’s punishment.
- C** **Show them mercy, O Lord, as You passed over Your Old Testament people. Grant them peace through Your presence.**
- P** Let us pray for all who know no good ways to turn, are unsure of the truth, and await only their deaths.
- C** **Tell them again, Lord Jesus, that You alone are the way, and the truth, and the life.**
- P** Finally, let us pray for all who are tired from opposition in the world around them and from their own conflicts within themselves.
- C** **Awaken in them a sense of Your accompanying them on their journey until that day when they and we join those who have gone before us at Your heavenly banquet hall.**
- P** O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the Promised Land.
- C** **Guide the people of Your church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Christ, our Lord.**
- P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works,
- C** **give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness;**
- P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.

## BENEDICTION

**P** Our heavenly Father, who revealed Himself to us as love eternal, bless you;  
His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who gave Himself in love for the sins of all,  
bless you;  
and the Holy Spirit, who has worked trusting faith in your hearts, bless you  
now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## GREET ONE ANOTHER

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "The Lord be with you,"  
"Peace be with you," or "The peace of the Lord be with you".*

## 526 YOU ARE THE WAY; THROUGH YOU ALONE



1 You are the way; through You a - lone Can  
 2 You are the truth; Your Word a - lone True  
 3 You are the life; the emp - ty tomb Pro -  
 4 You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant



we the Fa - ther find; In You, O Christ, has  
 wis - dom can im - part; You on - ly can in -  
 claims Your con - qu'ring arm, And those who put their  
 us that way to know, That truth to keep, that



God re - vealed His heart and will and mind.  
 form the mind And pu - ri - fy the heart.  
 trust in You Not death nor hell shall harm.  
 life to win Whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

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## DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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