



**St. Luke's  
Lutheran Church**



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

**Sunday, May 17, 2026 – 11:00 AM**

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**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**(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

### **The Hour. The Name. The Keeping.**

In the days between Christ's ascension and the coming of the Spirit, the Church listens to the Son pray for His own. In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of **the Hour** when His cross becomes His glory, of **the Name** He has revealed in His saving work, and of **the Keeping** by which the Father guards His people in faith and unity. As trials and uncertainties surround us, we take comfort that the risen and ascended Lord still intercedes for His Church and keeps us steadfast in His Word until the day He comes again.

## IMAGE ON THE COVER

*"Holy Father, keep them in Your name, which You have given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one."* – John 17:11

## PRELUDE

*Please use this time to prayerfully prepare your hearts to enter into the presence of Jesus*

## ✠A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE✠

## WELCOME

## OPENING SONG – “This is the Day” Psalm 118:24

### Praise & Worship Team

### Congregation

1, 2, 3      This is the day  
              That the Lord hath made  
              We will rejoice  
              And be glad in it

This is the day  
That the Lord hath made  
We will rejoice  
And be glad in it

All:                    This is the day that the Lord hath made  
                              We will rejoice and be glad in it

This is the day

This is the day

All:                    That the Lord hath made

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*Stand*

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

## INVOCATION

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

**C** Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES

*John 17:1; 17:3; 17:11*

**P** The **hour** has come; the Son is glorified,

**C** **that the Father may be glorified in Him.**

**P** And this is eternal life,

**C** **that we know the only true God and Jesus Christ whom He has sent.**

**P** Holy Father, **keep** us in Your **name**,

**C** **that we may be one, even as You are one.**

- P** Christ has prayed for His Church.
- C** **And the Father surely hears Him.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

- P** Holy Father, You have revealed the **Hour** of Your Son's glory, yet we confess that we often resist the cross You place before us. We shrink from sacrifice. We cling to comfort. We trust our own strength instead of Your keeping.
- C** **Ascended Lord, have mercy on us and forgive us.**
  
- P** You have made Your **Name** known through Your Word, yet we confess that we have not honored that Name in our thoughts, our speech, or our lives. We have spoken carelessly. We have lived forgetfully. We have failed to bear Your Name with joy.
- C** **Ascended Lord, have mercy on us and forgive us.**
  
- P** You have promised to **keep** us in the truth, yet we confess that we wander. We chase lesser voices. We fear the world's trials. We doubt Your protection and Your promises.
- C** **Ascended Lord, have mercy on us and forgive us.**
  
- P** For the sake of Your Son—who prayed for us, who died for us, who rose for us, who reigns for us—grant us forgiveness, renew our faith, and keep us steadfast in Your Name.
- C** **In Jesus' name. Amen.**

## ABSOLUTION

- P** Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you, and for His sake He forgives you all your sins. The Son who prayed for you in **the Hour** of His glory, who manifested the Father's **Name** in His saving work, and who still intercedes to **keep** you in the truth—this same Lord Jesus Christ now speaks His forgiveness to you.

As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- C** **Amen.**

## INTROIT

*Psalm 100; antiphon: Psalm 101:1*

**P** I will sing of steadfast love and justice;

**C** to you, O LORD, I will make music.

**P** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

**C** Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

**P** Know that the LORD, he is God!

**C** It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**P** Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

**C** Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**P** For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,

**C** and his faithfulness to all generations.

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**P** I will sing of steadfast love and justice;

**C** to you, O LORD, I will make music.

## SALUTATION

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray.

O God of all grace, as we wait between Your Son's ascension and the coming of the Spirit, keep us steadfast in faith. You have revealed the Hour of His glory and made Your Name known through His Word. Guard Your Church amid every trial, unite Your people in truth and love, and lift our eyes to the hope that does not fade; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **NICENE CREEED**

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both  
the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

*Sit*

### **HYMN OF PRAISE – “How Great is Our God”**

1           The splendor of a king clothed’ in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice  
He wraps himself in light and darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice

2, 4, 7       How great is our God, sing with me  
8, 9         How great is our God and all will see  
How great, how great, is our God

3           Age to age He stands and time is in His hands  
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end  
The Godhead three in one, Father, Spirit, Son  
The lion and the lamb, the lion and the lamb

5, 6         Name above all names, worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing how great is our God

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## FIRST READING

Acts 1:12-26

*(Trusting in the Lord's guidance, the apostles select faithful Matthias to complete the Twelve.)*

<sup>12</sup>Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James.

<sup>14</sup>All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, <sup>16</sup>"Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup>For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." <sup>18</sup>(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. <sup>19</sup>And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) <sup>20</sup>"For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

"May his camp become desolate,  
and let there be no one to dwell in it';

and

"Let another take his office.'

<sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." <sup>23</sup>And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

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

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

**GRADUAL** *adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

**P** Christ has risen from the dead.

**C** **[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.**

**P** He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

**C** **he has put all things under his feet.**

**EPISTLE** *1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11*

*(Peter prepares believers for suffering and points them to the God who cares for them.)*

<sup>12</sup>Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. <sup>15</sup>But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. <sup>16</sup>Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. <sup>17</sup>For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? <sup>18</sup>And

“If the righteous is scarcely saved,  
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

<sup>19</sup>Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. . . .

<sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, <sup>7</sup>casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

<sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*Romans 6:9; John 14:18*

**P** Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

**C** death no longer has dominion over Him.

**P** I will not leave you as orphans;

**C** I will come to you. Alleluia.

### HOLY GOSPEL

*John 17:1-11*

*(Christ prays for the unity and safety of those who believe.)*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, *“Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you,* <sup>2</sup>*since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.*

<sup>4</sup>*I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.*

<sup>6</sup>*“I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you.*

*<sup>8</sup>For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.”*

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

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

*Sit*

## LAMB'S MESSAGE

## 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  
Manhattan, KS 66503
2. **Electronic Funds Transfer**/Sign up through the church office.

**STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: 1 Peter 5:6–7 – “Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.”** We have a Father in heaven who really cares for us and loves us. That is the basis of generosity, because such knowledge spells the end of worry, which is the source of all tightfisted greed.

## OFFERTORY – “Holy Ground”

1, 2      We are standing on holy ground  
            And I know that there are angels all around  
            Let us praise Jesus now  
            We are standing in His presence on holy ground

3            We are standing in His presence on holy ground  
            (Geron Davis ©1983, arr. ©1992 Meadowgreen Music Co. CCLI #288089)

*Stand*

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P**      Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Holy Father, Your Son has ascended to Your right hand and now intercedes for His Church. As the apostles waited in prayer for the promised Spirit, keep us steadfast in Your Word and united in the truth. Strengthen our faith in every season and sustain us in the hope that does not fade. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C**      **hear our prayer.**

**P**      Lord of the Church, You manifested Your Name through the teaching and saving work of Your Son. Bless pastors, teachers, missionaries, and all who serve in Your Church. Guard them from discouragement, error, and the assaults of the evil one. Through their faithful proclamation, pierce hearts with Your Law and comfort them with Your Gospel. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C**      **hear our prayer.**

**P**      Gracious Father, You set the lonely in families and call parents to raise their children in the faith. Strengthen all households with patience, forgiveness, and love. Give parents wisdom to teach their children Your ways, and give children willing hearts to learn and trust in You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C**      **hear our prayer.**

**P** Ruler of the nations, You raise up authorities for the good of all. Grant wisdom, justice, and integrity to those who govern. Turn the hearts of rulers toward peace, protect the vulnerable, and restrain all who would do evil, that we may live quiet and godly lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Merciful Lord, You care for Your people in every trial. Strengthen all who suffer, all who face fiery testing, and all who are weighed down by anxiety. Especially we pray for **[names]**. According to Your will, grant healing, patience, and hope—a foretaste of the eternal restoration You promise in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Faithful God, as Your Son prayed that His people would be kept in Your Name, preserve us in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace. Give us humility toward one another, sober minds against temptation, and firm resistance against the devil, who prowls like a roaring lion. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord, You prepare a table before us in the presence of our enemies. As we come to the Sacrament, grant us faith to recognize the body and blood of Christ, given and shed for our forgiveness. Nourish us with this holy food until the day when we feast with Him in glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** God of all comfort, You promise that death will not have the final word. Console those who mourn with the assurance that Christ is risen, that He loves His people with an everlasting love, and that He will raise all who trust in Him. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## 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."

## THE PEACE OF THE LORD

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

### The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an elder. For further study, see Matt. 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

*Sit*

### DISTRIBUTION

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first. They then distribute the body and blood of Christ to those in the pews who are unable to come forward, and then finally to those who come forward.*

*Distribution and dismissal will be done by half tables.*

### LAMB OF GOD

### DISTRIBUTION SONGS

## “The Lamb”

- 1           The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where’s the sacrifice?  
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!
- 2, 4        Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own!  
6, 8, 10    The Lamb is reigning on his throne!
- 3           The Lamb, the Lamb, one perfect final offering  
The Lamb, the Lamb, let earth join heaven His praise to sing
- 5           The Lamb, the Lamb, as wayward sheep their shepherd kill  
So still, His will on our behalf the Law to fill
- 7           He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness  
He Lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness
- 9           He rose, He rose, my heart with thanks now overflows  
His song prolong ‘till every heart to Him belong  
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## “The Holy Heart” Isaiah 53:5

- 1           The holy Heart was broken, sent from the Father’s side  
The Son of God forsaken, the holy Sacrifice
- 2, 4        For me He was forsaken, for me He died alone  
6, 7        My sin forever taken that I might be His own
- 3           The holy Lamb was stricken, abandoned and alone  
He bore the world’s affliction, He bore it as His own
- 5           And when my heart is broken, torn by my sin and pride  
The Son of God now risen will draw me to His side  
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*Stand*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**P** Let us pray.

Most merciful Father, we give You thanks that in this Holy Supper You have fed us with the body and blood of Your Son and strengthened us for the life to which You have called us. As Your Church once waited in prayer for the promised Spirit, so keep us steadfast in faith and firm in hope. Guard us from the evil one, sustain us in every trial, and unite us in the truth of Your **Name** until the day when we share the feast that has no end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

**P** Receive now the blessing of the Lord, who places His Name upon His people.

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**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".*

## **CLOSING SONG - "I Will Follow (Where You Go I'll Go)"**

1 All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure  
I will trust in You alone  
Higher than my side, high above my life  
I will trust in You alone, in You alone

2, 4 Where You go, I'll go  
6, 7 Where You stay, I'll stay  
When You move, I'll move  
I will follow You  
Who You love, I'll love  
How You serve I'll serve  
If this life I lose, I will follow You  
I will follow You

3 Light unto the world, light unto my life  
I will live for You alone  
You're the one I seek knowing I will find  
All I need in You alone, in You alone

5 In You there's life everlasting  
In You there's freedom for my soul  
In You there's joy, unending joy  
And I will follow

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