



St. Luke's Lutheran Church



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

(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, 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 readings for this Sunday draw us into the steady, undeserved mercy of God. In **Genesis 50**, Joseph forgives his brothers and confesses that God brings good even through human evil. **Romans 12** calls Christ's people to bless rather than curse, to relinquish vengeance, and to overcome evil with good. In **Luke 6**, Jesus teaches that those who have received the Father's mercy are shaped by it—showing compassion, judging with humility, and seeing clearly only after grace has exposed their own sin. As we gather, we come as people who live by this mercy, trusting the God who forgives, restores, and forms His Church to reflect His compassion in the world.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

As You have shown us mercy, O Lord, teach us to overcome evil with good, to forgive as we are forgiven, and to speak peace that flows from Your cross. (Adapted from Genesis 50:20, Romans 12:21, and Luke 6:36)

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 – “I Love Your Grace” Romans 5:21

- 1, 2, 4, 6 I love Your grace, I love Your mercy
I love the way You help me when I call
I love Your truth, I love the power of Your name
But You know I love Your presence most of all
- 3, 5 My soul takes refuge in the shadow of Your wings
Close to You is where I want to be
You are my strength, You are my God, You are my King
And all I want is what You want for me
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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

Psalm 103:8–10; Luke 6:36–38; Romans 12:18–21; Genesis 50:20

- P** Bless the Lord, who is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
C **He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.**
- P** Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.
C **Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you.**
- P** Overcome evil with good; live at peace with all, as far as it depends on you.
C **For the Lord intends good and works His mercy for those who trust in Him.**

CONFESSION

P Merciful Father, You work good even through what others intend for evil, and You call Your people to overcome evil with good. Yet we confess that our hearts often cling to resentment, repay hurt with hurt, and withhold the forgiveness You freely give.

C **Lord, have mercy on us and forgive us.**

P Lord Jesus Christ, You teach us to be merciful as our Father is merciful, to judge with humility, and to see clearly only after Your grace has exposed our own sin. Yet we confess that we judge others harshly, excuse ourselves quickly, and fail to reflect Your compassion.

C **Lord, have mercy on us and forgive us.**

P Holy Spirit, You call us to live at peace with all, as far as it depends on us, and to entrust vengeance to God alone. Yet we confess that we nurture anger, repay wrongs in thought and word, and resist the way of peace.

C **Lord, have mercy on us and forgive us.**

ABSOLUTION

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As Joseph spoke peace to his brothers, as Christ forgave His enemies, and as the Spirit restores the broken, so the Lord now speaks His mercy 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

INTROIT

Psalm 27:3-4a, 5; antiphon: vv. 1-2

P The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

C **The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

P When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,

C **my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.**

P Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

C **though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**

P One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
C **that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life.**

P For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
C **he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.**

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.**

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C **The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

P When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,
C **my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.**

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Merciful God, whose compassion overcomes evil and restores the broken, shape us by Your Spirit to forgive as we have been forgiven, to relinquish vengeance and pride, and to trust that You work all things for Your good purposes; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

APOSTLES' CREED

- P** We confess our faith together, using the words of the Apostles' Creed,
C 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.

Sit

HYMN OF PRAISE – “Gratitude”

- 1 All my words fall short, I've got nothing new
 How could I express all my gratitude?
 I could sing these songs as I often do
 But every song must end and You never do
- 2, 4, 7 So I throw up my hands and praise You again and again
 'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah, hallelujah
 And I know it's not much, but I've nothing else fit for a King
 Except for a heart singing hallelujah, hallelujah
- 3 I've got one response
 I've got just one move
 With my arm stretched wide
 I will worship You
- 5, 6 Come on, my soul
 Oh, don't you get shy on me, lift up Your song
 'Cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs
 Get up and praise the Lord

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 138; antiphon: v. 8b

L ⁸The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;

L ¹I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;

C **before the gods I sing your praise;**

L ²I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your
faithfulness,

C **for you have exalted above all things
your name and your word.**

L ³On the day I called, you answered me;

C **my strength of soul you increased.**

L ⁴All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,

C **for they have heard the words of your mouth,**

L ⁵and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
C **for great is the glory of the LORD.**

L ⁶For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,
C **but the haughty he knows from afar.**

L ⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life;
C **you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,
and your right hand delivers me.**

L ⁸The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
C **your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

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**

L ⁸The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;

EPISTLE

Romans 12:14-21

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Psalm 9:4b, 9

- P** Alleluia. You have sat on the throne, giving righteous judgment.
- C** **The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 6:36-42

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.
- C** **Glory be to You, O Lord.**

³⁶[Jesus said:] *“Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.*

³⁷*“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”*

³⁹He also told them a parable: *“Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? ⁴⁰A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. ⁴¹Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴²How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother’s eye.”*

- 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
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2. **Electronic Funds Transfer**/Sign up through the church office.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: Romans 8:18 – “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.” It is very easy to get caught up in the present and lose track of our ultimate destiny in the kingdom of God. St. Paul encourages us to keep eternity in mind. This certainly applies to our support for the Gospel — if we keep our focus on “the glory to be revealed” we will see our tithes and offerings in a new light.

OFFERTORY – “Glorify Thy Name” Psalm 86:12

- 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, glorify Thy name in all the earth
- 4 Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name in all the earth
Glorify Thy name in all the earth

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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.

Lord God, heavenly Father, help us Your baptized children to be merciful as You are merciful, that we may measure others as You measure us in Christ — not counting their sins against them but forgiving them as You have forgiven us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O God, as Your mercy is poured out in rich measure, so open the mouths of all ministers in the Church to preach Your blessed and saving Gospel. Open the mouths of Christians to proclaim the marvels of Him who called us from darkness into His marvelous light. Let our works of mercy attest to the love we have received from You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord our God, You warn against hatred and grudges among brothers and sons. Watch over the households of Your people. Where there is strife or division, grant peace and reconciliation, that our homes might be havens of forgiveness and love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of all, You raised up Joseph according to Your plan to exercise authority in Egypt, working good from what was meant only for evil. Work by Your power in the leaders and authorities of our nation, whom You have set in place, that many would be kept alive and protected in this life through their governance. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Receive the groanings of Your Church, dear Father, as we await the redemption of our bodies and the freedom of the glory of the children of God. Turn away the corruption of sin, the futility of our fallen state, and every ill of body and soul. [*We pray especially for _____.*] Comfort us in the midst of these sufferings with the certain hope of Your incomparable glory, which at last will be revealed in us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, You are merciful and through Christ have promised that You will neither judge nor condemn us, but graciously forgive all our sins and abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul. By Your Holy Spirit, establish in our hearts a confident faith in Your mercy. Teach us in turn to be merciful to our neighbor, that we may not judge or condemn others, but willingly forgive all and, judging only ourselves, lead blessed lives in Your fear; through the same 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

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.**

CLOSING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose mercy overcomes evil and whose compassion restores the broken, keep us steadfast in the forgiveness we have received from Christ, that we may live at peace with all, bless even those who wrong us, and reflect Your goodness in every word and deed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

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 - "Safe"

- 1 To the one who's dreams are falling all apart
And all you're left with is a tired and broken heart
I can tell by your eyes you think you're on your own
But you're not alone
Have you heard of the One who can calm the raging seas
Give sight to the blind, pull the lame up to their feet
With a love so strong and never let you go
No, you're not alone
- 2, 4, 6 You will be safe in His arms, you will be safe in His arms
The hands that hold the world are holding your heart
This is the promise He made, He will be with you always
When everything is falling apart you will be safe in His arms
- 3 Did you know that the voice that brings the dead to life
Is the very same voice that calls you now to rise
So hear Him now, He's calling you home
You will never be alone
- 5 These are the hands that built the mountains
The hands that calm the seas
These are the arms that hold the heavens
They are holding you and me
These are the hands that healed the leper
Pulled the lame up to their feet
These are the arms that were nailed to a cross
To break our chains and set us free
- 7 Safe in His arms, safe in His arms
Safe in His arms
When everything is falling apart you will be safe in His arms
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