



## **St. Luke's Lutheran Church**



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

**Sunday, July 19, 2026 – 11:00 AM**

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**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**(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**

In today's readings, the Lord lifts our eyes from the groaning of this world to the glory He has promised in Christ. Isaiah 44 proclaims that the Lord alone is God, the First and the Last, who holds His people fast. Jesus' parable of the wheat and the weeds reminds us that though evil and suffering persist for now, the Son of Man will gather His people into His barn at the end of the age. And in Romans 8, Paul reveals that creation groans, the Church groans, and even the Spirit groans—yet all this groaning is the sound of hope, the ache of redemption drawing near. Today we gather as people who suffer, people who wait, and people who hope, confident that the glory to be revealed in Christ far outweighs the burdens we carry now. In this promise we worship, pray, and rejoice.

## **IMAGE ON THE COVER**

"Creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God." — *Romans 8:21*

## **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 – “Come, Now is the Time for Worship”

- 1, 3, 5      Come, now is the time for worship  
Come, now is the time to give your heart  
Come, just as you are to worship  
Come, just as you are before your God  
Come
- 2, 4      One day every tongue will confess You are God  
One day every knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those  
Who gladly choose You now

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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

- P** The Lord declares: *“I am the First and the Last; besides Me there is no god.”*  
**C** **We trust in You, O Lord, our Rock and Redeemer.**
- P** The whole creation groans, waiting for the revealing of the children of God.  
**C** **We wait with hope for the glory to be revealed in Christ.**
- P** The Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.  
**C** **We rest in Your mercy, O Lord, and rejoice in Your promise.**
- P** The Son of Man will gather His wheat into His barn at the harvest of the age.  
**C** **Preserve us in faith until the day You make all things new.**

## CONFESSION

**P** Beloved in the Lord, let us then come before our God, confessing our sins and trusting His mercy.

Heavenly Father, You created the world good, yet our sin has contributed to its groaning. We have failed to care for Your creation, for our neighbors, and for the vocations You have entrusted to us.

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

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, You sowed good seed in Your field, yet we have allowed the weeds of anger, impatience, impurity, and unbelief to take root in our hearts. We have not lived as Your redeemed children, nor have we reflected Your love to those around us.

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

**P** Holy Spirit, You intercede for us with groanings too deep for words, yet we have resisted Your leading, neglected Your Word, and doubted Your promises. We have grown weary in waiting and slow in hope.

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

**P** Triune God, we confess that our lives have not reflected the glory to be revealed. We have lived more by fear than by faith, more by sight than by hope, more by self than by Your Spirit.

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

**P** Let us silently confess our sins to God, trusting that He hears even the groaning of our hearts.

*(Silent reflection)*

## ABSOLUTION

**P** Beloved in Christ, hear the good news. The Lord who is the First and the Last declares that His people will not be put to shame. The Son of Man, who will gather His wheat into His barn, has already borne your sins in His body on the cross. And the Holy Spirit, who intercedes for you according to the will of God, now assures you that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed 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.

**P** You are forgiven. You are redeemed. You are God's children. The Spirit Himself bears witness with your spirit that you belong to Him. Go in peace, and live in the hope of the glory that is coming.

## INTROIT

*Psalm 86:11-15; antiphon: v. 6*

**P** Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;  
listen to my plea for grace.

**C** Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth;  
unite my heart to fear your name.

**P** I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
and I will glorify your name forever.

**C** For great is your steadfast love toward me;  
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

**P** O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men seek my life,  
and they do not set you before them.

**C** But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

**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** Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;  
listen to my plea for grace.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Lord of all creation, You alone are our Rock and Redeemer. In a world that groans under sin, strengthen us by Your Spirit, that we may wait with hope for the glory to be revealed in Christ. Preserve us as Your wheat until the final harvest, and sustain us with the promise of our redemption; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **NICENE CREED**

**☩ 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.**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE – “Cornerstone”**

- 1      My hope is built on nothing less  
         Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
         I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
         But wholly trust in Jesus' name
  
- 2      When darkness seems to hide His face  
         I rest on His unchanging grace  
         In every high and stormy gale  
         My anchor holds within the veil
  
- 3, 5    Christ alone, Cornerstone  
6      Weak made strong in the Savior's love  
         Through the storm He is Lord  
         Lord of all
  
- 4      When He shall come with trumpet sound  
         Oh, may I then in Him be found  
         Dressed in His righteousness alone  
         Faultless I'll stand before the throne

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 44:6-8*

*(The unrivaled Lord reinforces His power, peace, and purpose for His people.)*

<sup>6</sup>Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel  
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

“I am the first and I am the last;  
besides me there is no god.

<sup>7</sup>Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.  
Let him declare and set it before me,  
since I appointed an ancient people.

Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.

<sup>8</sup>Fear not, nor be afraid;  
have I not told you from of old and declared it?  
And you are my witnesses!

Is there a God besides me?

There is no Rock; I know not any.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL

*Romans 11:33, 36*

**P** Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

**C** How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

**P** For from him and through him and to him are all things.

**C** To him be glory forever. Amen.

## EPISTLE

*Romans 8:18-27*

*(Creation groans in hope for the glory yet to be revealed.)*

<sup>18</sup>For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup>For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup>And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*Matthew 13:35b*

**P** Alleluia. I will open My mouth in parables;

**C** I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world.  
Alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

*(Jesus shares and interprets His story of harvest and final judgment.)*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

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

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, *"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, <sup>25</sup>but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. <sup>27</sup>And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' <sup>28</sup>He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' <sup>29</sup>But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"* . . .

<sup>36</sup>Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." <sup>37</sup>He answered, *"The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, <sup>42</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."*

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

**C** Praise 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: 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 has an application 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 – “Everlasting”

1            Everlasting, never changing  
              Always knowing, knowing all  
              You are Lord; You are God most high

2, 3        Everlasting, never changing  
              Always knowing, knowing all  
              You are Lord, You are God most high  
              You are Lord, You are God most high  
              Alleluia! Alleluia!

4            Alleluia! Alleluia!

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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 of all creation, You alone are the First and the Last, our Rock and Redeemer. The whole earth groans under the weight of sin, yet You promise that creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay. Make us faithful stewards of Your world until the day You make all things new in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** Raise up faithful witnesses in Your Church who proclaim Your Word with clarity and courage. Keep Your people as good soil, bringing forth an abundant harvest. Bless pastors, teachers, missionaries, and all church workers as they sow the seed of Your Gospel in the fields entrusted to them. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon all who deliberate, decide, and serve in the work of our Synod. Grant wisdom to those gathered in convention, guard the lips of those who speak, and open the ears of those who listen. Give integrity to our promises and bless all actions undertaken in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** Visit the homes of Your people, that they may be places where faith is nurtured, forgiveness is practiced, and Your Word is honored. Teach us to live our new lives in holiness and righteousness as Your redeemed children. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Loving God, You know the groaning of Your people and the weakness of our flesh. Look with mercy upon the sick, the aged, the infirm, the mourning, and the dying, especially [\_\_\_\_\_]. Grant healing according to Your will and grace to sustain them in every need. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Preserve us in hope for what we do not yet see. As we come to the table of our Lord, grant hearts free from pride, presumption, and every sin that would profane His precious body and blood. Let us rejoice in His bodily presence for our forgiveness, life, and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Redeemer and Lord of hosts, remove fear from our hearts and keep us mindful that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. Strengthen us to wait with patience, trusting the Spirit who intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. 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, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

## 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 each 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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.

*Sit*

### **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.

## LAMB OF GOD

### 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.*

### DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“My Jesus I Love Thee” 1 John 4:19

- 1 My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine  
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now
- 2 I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now

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“How Great Thou Art”

- 1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed
- 2, 4, 6, 8 Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
- 3 When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze
- 5 And when I think that God, His Son not sparing  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin
- 7 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art

*Stand*

## POST COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, You have fed us with the very body and blood of Your Son, our Rock and Redeemer. Through this holy gift, strengthen us for patient endurance in a world that still groans under the weight of sin. As the wheat and weeds grow together until the final harvest, keep us steadfast in hope, confident that the glory to be revealed far surpasses present suffering. Preserve us in faith, sustain us by Your Spirit, and send us forth in love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to 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 - “The Blessing”**

1, 2, 4      The Lord bless you and keep you  
                 Make His face shine upon you  
                 And be gracious to you  
                 The Lord turn His face toward you  
                 And give you peace

3, 5          Amen, amen  
                 Amen  
                 Amen, amen  
                 Amen

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