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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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**THIRTEENTH 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, 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

Today we gather to behold the steadfast mercy and everlasting righteousness of the Lord, who calls us to “look to the rock from which you were hewn” (Is. 51:1) and to trust that His salvation will never be dismayed. With the psalmist we give thanks with our whole heart (Ps. 138), and with Peter we confess Jesus as “the Christ, the Son of the living God” (Matt. 16:16), the One who builds His Church against which the gates of hell cannot prevail. Standing before the depth of God’s wisdom and grace (Rom. 11:33), we hear Paul’s “therefore” and present our bodies as living sacrifices, renewed in mind and joined as members of one Body in Christ. In worship, confession, and praise, we rejoice that His mercies not only save us but shape us, forming us into a people who live for His glory.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways! *Romans 11:33*

PRELUDE

(Please use this time to prayerfully prepare your hearts to enter into the presence of Jesus.)

✠A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE✠

OPENING SONG – “Jesus, Mighty God” Isaiah 64:2

1, 2, 3 Jesus, mighty God, our rock, our fortress, our defense
Your conquering arm will be our strength
O God of power and righteousness
And every foe will tremble at Your name
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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

Isaiah 51:1, 6; Psalm 138:1, 8; Matthew 16:15-16; Romans 11:33, 36

P Look to the Rock from which you were hewn.
C His salvation is forever; His righteousness will never be dismayed.

P I give You thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart.
C Your steadfast love endures forever.

P “Who do you say that I am?” asks our Lord.
C You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.

P Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
C To Him be glory forever. Amen.

CONFESSION

P Standing before the God whose righteousness will never be dismayed and whose judgments are unsearchable, let us confess our sins and trust in His mercies.

Lord, you have told us to look to the Rock from which you were hewn, yet we have often forgotten Your steadfast love and doubted Your everlasting salvation.

C **Forgive us, Lord.**

P Lord, You call us to give thanks with our whole heart, yet our hearts wander and our praise falters.

C **Forgive us, Lord.**

P Lord Jesus, You ask, “Who do you say that I am?” Yet our confession has been weak, our witness faint, and our lives slow to proclaim You as the Christ, the Son of the living God.

C **Forgive us, Lord.**

P Lord, Your wisdom and knowledge are deep beyond measure, yet we have been conformed to this world and resisted the renewal of our minds.

C **Forgive us, Lord.**

P Lord, You call us to present our bodies as **living sacrifices**, yet we have withheld ourselves from Your service and neglected the gifts You have assigned.

C **Forgive us, Lord.**

P Merciful Father, restore us as members of Christ’s Body and lead us in Your good and perfect will.

C **Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

P Almighty God, in His steadfast love, has revealed His Son to you: Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God. For your transgressions He was crucified; for your justification He was raised. Upon this confession He builds His Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. His salvation is forever.

INTROIT

Psalm 2:6-7, 117; antiphon: Psalm 115:18

P But we will bless the Lord

C from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!

P As for me, I have set my King

C on Zion, my holy hill.

P I will tell of the decree:

C The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you."

P Praise the Lord, all nations!

C Extol him, all peoples!

P For great is his steadfast love toward us,

C and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!

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 But we will bless the Lord

C from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!

KYRIE (*Greek for “Lord, [have mercy]”*)

P In peace let us pray to the Lord,

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace that comes from the Rock from which we were hewn, and for steadfast trust in His salvation that stands forever, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the Christ, the Son of the living God, that He would strengthen His Church, keep us firm in the confession of His Name, and build us up in faithful witness, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, that we may not be conformed to this world but be transformed in mind and life, offering ourselves as living sacrifices in His service, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O Lord, whose compassion endures from generation to generation, You have revealed Your Son as the Christ and called us into the fellowship of His Body. Grant that, grounded in Your promises and guided by Your Spirit, we may discern Your will with renewed minds and steadfast hearts. Shape our lives in faithful service, that all we do may honor Him who is our salvation and our hope; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

HYMN OF PRAISE – “Voice of Truth”

- 1 Oh, what I would do to have
The kind of faith it takes to climb out of this boat I'm in
Onto the crashing waves
To step out of my comfort zone
Into the realm of the unknown where Jesus is
And He's holding out His hand
- 2 But the waves are calling out my name and they laugh at me
Reminding me of all the times I've tried before and failed
The waves they keep on telling me time and time again
Oh, you'll never win, You'll never win
- 3, 6 But the voice of truth tells me a different story
The voice of truth says, “Do not be afraid!”
And the voice of truth says, “This is for my glory”
Out of all the voices calling out to me
I will choose to listen and believe the voice of truth
- 4 Oh, what I would do to have
The kind of strength it takes to stand before a giant
With just a sling and a stone
Surrounded by the sound of a thousand warriors
Shaking in their armor
Wishing they'd have had the strength to stand
- 5 But the giant's calling out my name and he laughs at me
Reminding me of all the times I've tried before and failed
The giant keeps on telling me time and time again
“Oh, you'll never win, You'll never win”
- 7 But the stone was just the right size
To put the giant on the ground
And the waves they don't seem so high
From on top of them looking down
I will soar with wings of eagles
When I stop and listen to the sound of Jesus singing over me

8 But the voice of truth tells me a different story
The voice of truth says, "Do not be afraid!"
And the voice of truth says, "This is for my glory"
Out of all the voices calling out to me
I will choose to listen and believe
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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 51:1-6

(The salvation of the Lord will be forever.)

¹"Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD:
look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

²Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
that I might bless him and multiply him.

³For the LORD comforts Zion;
he comforts all her waste places
and makes her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴"Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;

the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.
⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

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 11:33-12:8

(We are one Body in Christ.)

³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

³⁴“For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?”

³⁵“Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?”

³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Ephesians 2:19b-20

P Alleluia. You are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

C built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

(Jesus is confessed as the Christ, the Son of the living God, by Peter.)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, *“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”* ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, *“But who do you say that I am?”* ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, *“Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.*

¹⁸*And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”* ²⁰Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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

LAMB'S MESSAGE

SERMON

VOTUM

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

G 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 12:1 – “I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.” That’s the order: God’s mercies, then our sacrifice. Since God’s mercies are all-encompassing, so is our sacrifice: a total sacrifice, our total selves placed over into God’s service according to how He has called each of us individually to serve in home, church and society.

OFFERTORY – “Hide Me in Your Holiness” Colossians 3:1-3

- 1, 2 Hide me in Your holiness, every sin I now confess
 Praise to You, forgiving Lord
 Hide me in Your holiness, hide me in Your holiness
- 3 Hide me, hide me, hide me, Lord
 Won't you hide me hide me, hide me in your holiness
 Hide me in your holiness

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BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

P Lord, we seek your Blessings on these Quilts as they are distributed to people less fortunate than we are and those in need of comfort. May each recipient realize that someone cares for them. We thank you for the ladies that have contributed to these projects with ingredients, the sewing, the tying, and the finishing. Now we ask that you protect and guide those who will deliver them to the people that need them most.

C Amen.

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.

O Lord, You are faithful from generation to generation. Grant Your Church confidence in Your promises and joy in Your salvation, that we may stand firm upon the Rock from which we were hewn and trust in the righteousness that endures forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Bless all pastors, teachers, and servants of Your Word. Strengthen them to proclaim Christ with clarity and conviction, and grant to all Your people boldness in confessing Jesus as the Son of the living God before the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Guard and uphold families. Protect mothers with child, encourage fathers in godly leadership, and grant that homes may be places where Your Word is honored and Your mercy is known. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Grant wisdom and integrity to our president, Congress, governor, and all who serve in public office. Give judges and magistrates discernment, that justice may be upheld with compassion and peace preserved in our communities. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Be near to all who suffer in body or spirit. Strengthen the weak, uphold the weary, and comfort the grieving with the hope of the resurrection and the life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P As we prepare for the upcoming capital stewardship campaign, grant us generous hearts, united purpose, and joyful trust in Your provision. Lead us to offer ourselves and our resources faithfully, that Your work among us may flourish and Your Gospel be proclaimed with strength. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Teach us humility and repentance, that we may not think more highly of ourselves than we ought, but discern Your good and perfect will with renewed minds and steadfast faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O God, whose wisdom is deep and whose mercy is rich, hear the prayers of Your people. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may remain steadfast in the confession of Christ and faithful in every good work; 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

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose ways are beyond searching and whose truth You reveal in Your Son, grant that Your Church may stand firm in the confession that Jesus is the Christ. Renew our minds by Your Spirit, that we may discern what is good and walk in the path of Your will. Strengthen us to serve You with steadfast hearts, that our lives may reflect the hope You have set before us; 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 upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you 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 - "You are Everything"

- 1 I'm the one with two left feet
 Standing on a lonely street
 I can't even walk a straight line
 And every time you look at me
 I'm spinning like an autumn leaf
 Bound to hit bottom sometime
- 2, 5 Where would I be without someone to save me
 Someone who won't let me fall
- 3, 6, 8 You are everything that I live for
 Everything that I can't believe is happening
 You're standing right in front of me
 With arms wide open all I know is
 Every day is filled with hope
 'Cause You are everything that I believe for
 And I can't help but breathe You in
 Breathe again feeling all this life within
 Every single beat of my heart
- 4 I'm the one with big mistakes
 Big regrets and bigger breaks
 Than I ever care to confess
 You're the one who looks at me
 And sees what I was meant to be
 More than just a beautiful mess
- 7 You're everything good in my life
 Everything honest and true
 And all of those stars hanging up in the sky
 Could never shine brighter than You

You are, You are
Jesus, You are
You are everything

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