



St. Luke's Lutheran Church

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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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FOURTEENTH 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

Christ calls us again to the path of discipleship—denying ourselves, taking up our crosses, and following Him. Jeremiah learns that faithfulness brings hardship, yet the Lord remains near to save. David seeks to walk in integrity, trusting God’s steadfast love. Paul urges genuine love that overcomes evil with good. And Jesus reveals the heart of His mission: He must go to Jerusalem, suffer, die, and rise. In His cross we find life, strength, and hope. May our worship form us as His disciples and deepen our trust in Christ as we follow wherever He leads.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

Jesus told His disciples, “If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.” *Matthew 16:24*

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 – “Today is the Day”

- 1 I'm casting my cares aside
I'm leaving my past behind
I'm setting my heart and mind on You, Jesus
- 2, 5 I'm reaching my hands to Yours
Believing there's so much more
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good, is good
- 3, 6 Today is the day You have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
Today is the day You have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
And I won't worry about tomorrow
I'm trusting in what You say
Today is the day, today is the day
- 4 I'm putting my fears aside
I'm leaving my doubts behind
I'm giving my hopes and dreams to You, Jesus
- 7, 8 I will stand upon Your truth (echo)
All my days I'll live for You (echo)
- 9 Today is the day You have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
Today is the day You have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
And I won't worry about tomorrow
I'm giving You my fears and sorrows
Where You lead me I will follow
I'm trusting in what You say
Today is the day, today is the day, today is the day
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Stand

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

BAPTISM SERVICE

Maggie Lynn & Byron James Hemmert

The candidate, sponsors, and family gather with the pastor at the font.

When candidate is unable to speak for themselves, the sponsors answer the questions on their behalf.

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

C Amen.

P Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 28:19) In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” (Mark 16:16a) And the apostle Peter has written, “Baptism now saves you.” (1 Peter 3:21)

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, (1 John 2:2) that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16).

The pastor addresses each candidate:

P How are you named?
R **Maggie Lynn Hemmert**

P How are you named?
R **Byron James Hemmert**

The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of each candidate while saying:

P Maggie & Byron, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✠ forehead and upon your ✠ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all (1 Peter 3:20). You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism (Ex. 15:4; 1 Cor. 10:2). Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Maggie and Byron according to Your boundless mercy and bless them with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in them, which has been inherited from Adam and which they themselves has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that they be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, they would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

SPONSERS – Johanna & Lucas Berg
Miranda & Matthew Troy

- P** From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

The pastor addresses the sponsor.

- P** Is it your intention to serve Maggie and Byron as sponsors in the Christian faith?

R *Yes, with the help of God.*

- P** God enable you to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

C **Amen.**

- P** Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, *“Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.”* And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them (Mark 10:13-16).

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P We pray the Lord's Prayer together.

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.

P The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time
forth and even ✠ forevermore.

C Amen.

Sit

The pastor addresses the candidate and asks the following questions:

P Maggie Lynn Hemmert and Byron James Hemmert, do you renounce the
devil?

R *Yes, I renounce him.*

P Do you renounce all his works?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you believe 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?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you 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?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Maggie and Byron, do you desire to be baptized?

R *Yes, I do.*

The pastor pours water three times on the head of each candidate while saying:

P Maggie Lynn Hemmert, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Byron James Hemmert, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized while saying:

P The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ✠ everlasting.

C **Amen.**

- P** The white garments that you wear today symbolizes that you have been clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness (Is. 61:10; Rev. 7:13, 14; 19:13; 22:14) that covers all your sin. So shall you stand without fear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you from the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1:4).
- P** The burning light(s) show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world (John 8:12). Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb (Rev. 19:9) in His kingdom, which shall have no end.
- P** In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you members of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs (Romans 8:17) with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our sister and brother in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9).
- C** **Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.**

Stand

- P** Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Maggie and Byron the new birth in Holy Baptism and made them members of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs of Your heavenly kingdom (Romans 8:17). We humbly implore You that, as they have now become Your children, You would keep them in their baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure they may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- C** **Amen.**

P Peace ✝ be with you.

C Amen.

All return to their places.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 26; Matthew 16:24; Psalm 37

P Blessed are those who walk in the way of the Lord,

C **who trust in His steadfast love and follow His paths.**

P Christ calls His disciples, saying, “If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.”

C **We set our minds on the things of God, for His way is life.**

P Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him, and He will act.

C **Our feet stand on level ground; in the great assembly we bless the Lord.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Standing before the God who calls us to follow Christ and bear the cross, let us confess our sins with humble and contrite hearts.

Lord, You say that Your steadfast love is before our eyes and that You are with us “to save and deliver” (Ps 26:3; Jer 15:20–21); yet we have walked in our own ways, doubted Your nearness, and trusted our strength instead of Yours.

C **Forgive us, Lord.**

P Lord Jesus, You say that You must go to Jerusalem to suffer, die, and rise, and that we must deny ourselves and take up our crosses (Mt 16:21, 24); yet we have resisted Your cross, preferred comfort to sacrifice, and shrunk back from the cost of discipleship.

C **Forgive us, Lord.**

P Lord, You say that love must be genuine, that we must overcome evil with good, and that whoever loses his life for Your sake will find it (Rom 12:9, 21; Mt 16:25); yet we have harbored grudges, repaid evil for evil, and clung to our own lives instead of the life You freely give.

C **Forgive us, Lord.**

P Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As Christ restored Jeremiah, as He lifted David, and as He reclaimed Peter, so He restores you. 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 37:5–7; antiphon: v. 4

P ⁴Delight yourself in the Lord,

C **and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

P ⁵Commit your way to the Lord;

C **trust in him, and he will act.**

P ⁶He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,

C **and your justice as the noonday.**

P ⁷Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him;

C **fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way,
over the man who carries out evil devices!**

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 ⁴Delight yourself in the Lord,

C **and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You set Your face toward Jerusalem and willingly embraced the cross for our redemption. Form our hearts by Your Word, that we may deny ourselves, take up our crosses, and follow You with steadfast faith. Strengthen us in every trial, preserve us from fear, and grant that, trusting Your victory over sin and death, we may walk in the way that leads to life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

THE PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO 3RD GRADERS

P In Holy Baptism God the Father made us members of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. We continue to grow in our faith by the power of the Spirit working through the Word.

(Pastor hands out Bibles to parent).

P Because the Word of God is a means of grace by which the Holy Spirit works in our lives, today we place this Word of God into your hands so that you in turn will place this Word of God into the hands of your children.

P Do you believe the Bible is the Word of God? If so, then say: I believe.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): I believe.

P Do you believe that the Holy Spirit will work through the Word of God to help your child grow in faith toward God and in fervent love toward others? If so, then say: I believe.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): I believe.

P Do you believe that the Word of God is a treasure from God that is to be passed on from one generation to the next? If so, then say: I believe.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): I believe.

P Then place the Holy Scriptures into the hands of your child.

(Parent hands Bible to their child at this time).

P Will you help your child to read the Holy Scriptures and to grow in faith and love so that through the power of the Holy Spirit the Scriptures may be blessing to your child? If so, then say: I will, with the help of God.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): I will, with the help of God.

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, in Holy Baptism You began Your good work in these children. Continue to bless them with Your Holy Spirit that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of Your Word. Increase in them their love toward you and one another. Enable them to resist all evil and to live a godly life. We pray that they would remain faithful to You and finally come to life everlasting; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

C Amen.

P Go in peace dedicated to grow in the knowledge of God through His Word.

(Families may return to their seats)

HYMN OF PRAISE – “Hosanna”

1 I see the King of Glory coming on the clouds with fire
The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes
I see His love and mercy washing over all our sin
The people sing, the people sing

2, 4 Hosanna, hosanna
6, 7 Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna, hosanna
Hosanna in the highest

3 I see a generation rising up to take their place
With selfless faith, with selfless faith
I see a new revival stirring as we pray and seek
We're on our knees, we're on our knees

5 Heal my heart and make it clean
Open up my eyes to the things unseen
Show me how to love like You have loved me
Break our hearts for what breaks Yours
Everything I am for Your kingdom's cause
As I walk from earth into eternity

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 15:15-21

(The Lord promises deliverance to His people.)

¹⁵O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance take me not away;
know that for your sake I bear reproach.

¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷I did not sit in the company of revelers,
nor did I rejoice;
I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,
for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail?

¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD:
"If you return, I will restore you,
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall be as my mouth.

They shall turn to you,
but you shall not turn to them.

²⁰And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,

for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
declares the LORD.

²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 26; antiphon: v. 8

L ⁸O LORD, I love the habitation of your house

C and the place where your glory dwells.

L ¹Vindicate me, O LORD,

for I have walked in my integrity,

C and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

L ²Prove me, O LORD, and try me;

C test my heart and my mind.

L ³For your steadfast love is before my eyes,

C and I walk in your faithfulness.

L ⁴I do not sit with men of falsehood,

C nor do I consort with hypocrites.

L ⁵I hate the assembly of evildoers,

C and I will not sit with the wicked.

L ⁶I wash my hands in innocence

C and go around your altar, O LORD,

L ⁷proclaiming thanksgiving aloud,

C and telling all your wondrous deeds.

L ⁸O LORD, I love the habitation of your house

C and the place where your glory dwells.

L ⁹Do not sweep my soul away with sinners,
C **nor my life with bloodthirsty men,**

L ¹⁰in whose hands are evil devices,
C **and whose right hands are full of bribes.**

L ¹¹But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity;
C **redeem me, and be gracious to me.**

L ¹²My foot stands on level ground;
C **in the great assembly I will bless 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.**

L ⁸O LORD, I love the habitation of your house
C **and the place where your glory dwells.**

EPISTLE

Romans 12:9-21

(The hallmarks of living in Christ.)

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

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

Matthew 16:25

P Alleluia. Whoever would save his life will lose it,

C but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

(Jesus calls His faithful followers to take up their crosses.)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” ²³But he turned and said to Peter, *“Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”*

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, *“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”*

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: Matthew 16:26 – “For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?” He who dies with the most toy...is dead. But the one who trusts in the Lord, even though he dies, yet shall he live. We live out our trust in the Lord by faithfully fulfilling the roles God has given us to play in home, church and society as loving, generous people. Those who don't know the Lord are afraid to be generous because they think that what they give away is lost to them. But we who know the Lord know that the things of this world become true blessings when they are used for God's kingdom.

OFFERTORY – “Beautiful”

1, 2 Beautiful, beautiful, Jesus is beautiful
And Jesus makes beautiful things of my life
Carefully touching me, causing my eyes to see
Jesus makes beautiful things of my life

3 Jesus makes beautiful things of my life
(Dennis Cleveland ©1982, arr. ©1997 Maranatha! Music CCLI #288089)

INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS, BASIC TEACHERS, AND EARLY LEARNING CENTER TEACHERS

ADDRESS *(The pastor addresses those to be installed)*

P Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, you are to be installed as teachers at St. Luke’s Lutheran Church and our Early Learning Center, a work in which our Father in heaven has great joy.

Hear the Word of the Lord:

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.”

P Beloved in the Lord, You are to assist me, the minister of Word and Sacrament, in the instruction of God’s people according to His holy Word. You are to prepare yourselves for this work by your individual and corporate study of the Word of God and the faith drawn from it as it has been delivered to us in the Small Catechism.

While holiness of life and obedience to Christ are expected of all members of the congregation, it is especially important that you show yourselves, by word and example, to be faithful to Him in service and Christian devotion.

In the presence of God and of this congregation, I therefore ask you: Do you accept the position entrusted to you, and do you promise faithfully to carry out your duties, trusting in the Lord and conforming yourself to His Word in accordance with the faith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church? If so, then answer: I do.

R *I do.*

ADDRESS *(The pastor addresses to the congregation)*

P Beloved in the Lord, you have heard the promises of faithfulness spoken by these men and women. Do you promise to support them in their work, to remember them in your prayers, and to work with them to the best of the abilities that God has given you, so that He may be glorified and His work be done in our midst? If so, then answer: We do.

C **We do.**

INSTALLATION

P Brothers and sisters in Christ, I install you as teachers at St. Luke's Lutheran Church and our Early Learning Center in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P The almighty and most merciful God enlighten and strengthen you in your service that you may be good and faithful leaders and teachers to the glory of His name and the salvation of His people.

C **Amen.**

Stand

PRAYER

P Let us pray.

O Lord, grant to these Your people the gifts of wisdom and discretion, kindness and faithfulness, so that they may effectively teach and guide, and grant to all Your people a ready willingness to learn. Let the knowledge of Your Word be preserved and extended among us so that all may know and praise You now and forever; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P Go in the name of the Lord. Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

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.

Almighty God, ever righteous and faithful, You are our refuge and strength. As Jeremiah cried out under the weight of opposition, so we also entrust ourselves to Your deliverance. Guard Your Church from all who oppose Your Word, and grant us steadfastness to walk in integrity, trusting that You will redeem Your people from the grasp of the ruthless. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Gracious Father, strengthen all pastors, teachers, missionaries, and church workers, that they may proclaim Your Word with clarity and conviction. As Jeremiah declared, “Hear the Word of the Lord,” grant that all who serve in Your name may do so with joy, endurance, and confidence in Your promises. Bless their households with peace and protection. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of all mercy, look with favor upon the households of this congregation. By Your Spirit, form us as disciples who deny ourselves, take up our crosses, and follow Christ. Let love be genuine among us, as Paul exhorts, and let our lives reflect the righteousness David desired when he prayed, “I walk in Your faithfulness.” Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of wisdom, guide all who make, administer, and judge our laws—especially our local leaders here in Manhattan and throughout Kansas. Turn their eyes toward You, that they may carry out their duties with justice, integrity, and compassion for the weak and vulnerable. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Compassionate Lord, have mercy on all who suffer in body or spirit, especially those we name before You now... Grant them relief from pain, courage to endure their crosses, and confidence that You are near to save, as You promised through Your prophet: “I am with you to save you and deliver you.” Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, as our congregation prepares for our Capital Stewardship Campaign, *Faith in Christ, Building Our Future*, grant us generous hearts and joyful trust in Your provision. Unite us in purpose, deepen our commitment to Your mission, and let every gift offered in faith serve the Gospel and strengthen Your Church for generations to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord Jesus, You call Your disciples to deny themselves, take up their crosses, and follow You. Strengthen all who are persecuted for Your name. Give endurance to Your saints throughout the world, and keep us faithful unto the day when the Son of Man comes with His angels in the glory of His Father. 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.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING COLLECT

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; 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 grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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 – “My Life is in You, Lord” Deuteronomy 6:5

1, 2, 4 My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord
6, 7 My hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You
My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord
My hope is in You Lord, in You, it's in You

3, 5 I will praise You with all of my life
I will praise You with all of my strength
With all of my life, with all of my strength
All of my hope is in You

8 In You, it's in You
In You, it's in You
In You

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