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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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FIFTEENTH 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

In today's Readings, the Lord teaches us that true greatness in His kingdom is found not in self-sufficiency but in the humble, childlike faith that receives everything from Him as gift. As the **watchman** sent to warn the wicked, Ezekiel reminds us that love speaks God's Word both in truth and in mercy, calling sinners back from the path that leads to death. Jesus deepens this calling by showing us the heart of the Good Shepherd, who seeks the wandering, restores the fallen, and rejoices over every sinner brought home. And St. Paul teaches that such humility before God bears fruit in love toward the neighbor, for **love** is the fulfilling of the Law. As we gather, we confess that we ourselves were once lost, yet Christ sought us, saved us, and now sends us to seek the erring with His restoring forgiveness. It is not the will of our Father that any of His little ones perish; therefore, we pray for hearts that warn, hands that restore, and voices that speak His saving Word with joy.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

The Son of Man came to save the lost. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. *Matthew 18:11–13*

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 – “You’re Worthy of My Praise”

- 1 I will worship (I will worship)
 With all of my heart (With all of my heart)
 And I will praise You (I will praise You)
 With all of my strength (All my strength)
 I will seek You (I will seek You)
 All of my days (All of my days)
 I will follow (I will follow)
 Follow all of Your ways (All Your ways)
- 2, 4, 5, 6 I will give You all my worship
 I will give You all my praise
 You alone I long to worship
 You alone are worthy of my praise
- 3 I will bow down (I will bow down)
 And hail You as King (Hail You as King)
 I will serve you (I will serve You)
 Give You everything (everything)
 I will lift up (I will lift up)
 My eyes to Your throne (My eyes to Your throne)
 And I will trust You (I will trust You)
 I will trust You alone (Trust in You alone)

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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

Ezekiel 33:7-9; Psalm 32:1-7; Romans 13:1-10; Matthew 18:1-20

- P** The watchman warns; the Shepherd seeks.
- C** **Blessed is the one whose sin is forgiven.**

- P** Love fulfills the Law; grace restores the lost.
- C** **It is not the Father's will that any should perish.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Beloved in the Lord, our God calls His watchmen to warn the wicked and His children to walk in love. Yet we have wandered from His ways and failed to seek the lost. Let us confess our sins before God our Father.

- P** We have kept silent when Your Word called us to speak. We have ignored the wandering and turned from those who needed restoration.
- C** **Forgive us for our neglect.**

- P** We have not humbled ourselves as little children. We have trusted our strength, despised the weak, and resisted Your call to love.
- C** **Forgive us for our pride.**

- C** **Forgive us for failing to love as You command, and teach us to rest in Christ, whose perfect love has fulfilled the Law for us.**

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. He is the Shepherd who seeks the lost, the Watchman who warns to save, the Savior who restores the fallen. 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.**

- P** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. He who began this good work in you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **Amen.**

INTROIT

Psalm 92:1-4; antiphon: v. 5

P How great are your works, O LORD!

C Your thoughts are very deep!

P It is good to give thanks to the LORD,

C to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

P to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

C and your faithfulness by night,

P to the music of the lute and the harp,

C to the melody of the lyre.

P For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;

C at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

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 How great are your works, O LORD!

C Your thoughts are very deep!

KYRIE

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For watchful hearts that heed Your warning and turn from sin, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the wandering and the lost, that the Shepherd would seek, restore, and rejoice over them, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For humble faith like little children, receiving Your grace and walking in love, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For forgiveness that covers sin, for the love of Christ that fulfills the Law, and for hearts renewed to walk in that love and in unity within His body, 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, You call Your watchmen to speak Your Word and Your children to walk in the humble faith of the little ones. By Your Spirit, turn our hearts from wandering and restore us through the love of Christ, who seeks the lost and fulfills the Law for us. Grant that we may warn with truth forgive with mercy, and live in the unity of Your Church; 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 – “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

Ezekiel 33:7-9

(I have made you a watchman.)

⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

P Fear the LORD, you His saints,

C for those who fear Him lack nothing!

P Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

C but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

EPISTLE

Romans 13:1-10

(“Love is the fulfilling of the law.”)

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing.

⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. ⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Matthew 5:3

P Alleluia. Blessed are the poor in spirit,

C for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:1-20

(The Son of Man came to seek the lost and save them.)

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

C Glory be to You, O Lord.

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, *“Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.*

⁵“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

⁷“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

¹⁰“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹¹For the Son of Man came to save the lost. ¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

¹⁵“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREEED

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

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

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

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

Sit

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
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4801 Anderson Avenue
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2. **Electronic Funds Transfer**/Sign up through the church office.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: Matthew 18:4 – “Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” What does it mean to have childlike faith? Certainly Jesus does not want us to have a faith that is *childish* — we are not called to ignorance or silliness. Rather, we are called to trust the way a child trusts: with complete confidence in the Father. We show that confidence in our lives when we follow His directives for our life. Father knows best, so we'll take His advice!

OFFERTORY – “Come, Thou Almighty King” Daniel 7:22

- 1 Come, Thou almighty King, help us Thy name to sing
Help us to praise
Father all-glorious, o’er all victorious
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days
- 2 Come, Thou incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword
Our prayer attend
Come, and Thy people bless, and give Thy Word success
Spirit of holiness on us descend
- 3 Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour
Thou, who almighty art, now rule in every heart
And ne’er from us depart, Spirit of power
- 4 To Thee, great One in Three eternal praises be
Hence evermore
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see
And to eternity love and adore

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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.

Blessed Lord, You have promised that where two or three are gathered in Your name, You are in the midst of them. Strengthen Your Church with this promise, that we may carry out Your will with confidence and joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

P O God, You have set watchmen over Your people to warn, to call, and to restore. Grant courage to pastors and congregations, that through faithful proclamation sinners may turn and live, and the wandering be brought home through repentance and forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious Father, guard all Your little ones who believe in You. Bless parents, pastors, teachers, and all who nurture the young in the faith, that they may teach Your truth with clarity and love, and that these children may grow in humble trust in Christ.. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, You alone establish authority. Bless our leaders with wisdom, integrity, and justice, that under their care we may live quiet and godly lives. Guard those who protect us, and guide those who govern us. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Lord, look with compassion upon all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those we name before You now... Grant them comfort, healing, and hope, remembering that the Shepherd seeks and saves the one who is lost. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious God, prepare our hearts to receive the body and blood of Christ with childlike faith. Let this Sacrament strengthen us in repentance, anchor us in forgiveness, and unite us in fervent love toward one another. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, as we prepare 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, that every gift offered in faith may serve Your kingdom and strengthen Your Church for generations to come. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

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

PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C** Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
- For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

The Lord's Supper

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

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

DISTRIBUTION

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

Distribution and dismissal will be done by half tables.

LAMB OF GOD

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“I Will Follow”

- 1 Father always near, I wait for you here
Resting in the love that vanquishes fear
Waiting, not a care, silence everywhere
Yet here in my heart a still small voice
Bids me to come and I will follow

- 2 Suffer me to come, risen wounded One
I've found shelter in Your fathering arms
Suffer me to hear Your voice in my ear
Becken me with words that draw me near
Bid me to come and I will follow

- 3 I will follow
Where you want me to
I will follow you

- 4 May Your kingdom come, may Your will be done
Father in heaven, lift my eyes to the sky
One day I will see heaven's Royalty
'Till the day the trumpet rings in my ear
Bid me to come and I will follow
Bid me to come and I will follow

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“Open Our Eyes, Lord” Matthew 5:8

- 1, 2, 3 Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus
 To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him
 Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen
 Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus
- 4 Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus
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Stand

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P Let us pray.

O Lord, our gracious Father, we give You thanks that in this Holy Sacrament You have fed us with the body and blood of Christ, granting us the forgiveness of sins, strengthening our faith, and uniting us in love. Preserve us in the grace we have received, and bring us at last to the joy of Your eternal kingdom; 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 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 - "Forever"

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King
 His love endures forever
 For He is good, He is above all things
 His love endures forever
 Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise
- 2 With a mighty hand, and an outstretched arm
 His love endures forever
 For the life that's been reborn
 His love endures forever
 Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise
- 3, 4, 6, 7 Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong
11, 12 Forever God is with us, forever
- 5 From the rising to the setting sun
 His love endures forever
 By the grace of God we will carry on
 His love endures forever
 Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise
- 8, 9, 10 His love endures forever
 His love endures forever
 His love endures forever, forever
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