



**St. Luke's
Lutheran Church**



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(Series A)

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WELCOME

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, office@stlukesmanhattan.org, or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, if you need non-gluten wafers at communion, or need to have communion brought to you, please notify the elder who is serving. We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

AS WE GATHER

The Scriptures today confront us with the immeasurable mercy of God and the costly calling to forgive as we have been forgiven. Joseph speaks kindly to the brothers who betrayed him, Paul reminds us that whether we live or die we belong to the Lord, and Jesus tells a parable that exposes both the enormity of our debt and the danger of withholding forgiveness from others. In Christ, God has canceled our impossible debt and made us His own, freeing us to forgive from the heart without counting the cost. As we gather, we pray that the Spirit would soften our hearts, deepen our repentance, and shape our lives with the same mercy that has saved us, so that forgiveness received may become forgiveness given in Christ's name.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

If you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. *Matthew 6:14*

WELCOME

✠PREPARATION ✠

606 I LAY MY SINS ON JESUS



1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of God;
2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness dwells in Him;
3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry soul of mine;



He bears them all and frees us From the ac - curs - ed load.
He heals all my dis - eas - es; My soul He does re - deem.
His right hand me em - brac - es; I on His breast re - cline.



I bring my guilt to Je - sus To wash my crim - son stains
I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur - dens and my cares;
I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;



Clean in His blood most pre - cious Till not a spot re - mains.
He from them all re - leas - es; He all my sor - rows shares.
Like fra - grance on the breez - es His name a - broad is poured.

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Tune: Neu-vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch, 1693, 3rd ed., Meiningen

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Stand

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

INVOCATION

LSB 151

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

C Amen.

EXHORTATION

LSB 203

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 203

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

LSB 203

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.**

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT

Psalm 143:1-2; antiphon: v. 9



- P** Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD! *
I have fled to you for | refuge!
- C** Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy! *
In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!
- P** Enter not into judgment with your | servant, *
for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.
- C** Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- P** Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD! *
I have fled to you for | refuge!

KYRIE

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** For those who labor, those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** For these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 205

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord of mercy, You have forgiven our immeasurable debt in Christ and, according to Your saving purpose, have brought good out of what others intended for evil. Grant us hearts that gladly forgive as we have been forgiven, welcoming one another in Your grace until we stand before You in joy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 50:15-21

("Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin.")

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him."

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

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The next hymn is inspired by Psalm 103:1-13, the appointed Psalm for the day.

BLESS, O MY SOUL, THE LIVING GOD



1 Bless, O my soul, the liv - ing God, Call home thy
2 Bless, O my soul, the God of grace; His fa - vors
3 'Tis He, my soul, that sent His Son To die for
4 The vi - ces of the mind He heals, And cures the



thoughts that rove a - broad; Let all the pow'rs with -
claim thy high - est praise: Why should the won - ders
crimes which thou hast done; He owns the ran - som,
pains that na - ture feels Re - deems the soul from



in me join In work and wor - ship so di - vine.
He hath wrought Be lost in si - lence and for - got?
and for - gives The hour - ly fol - lies of our lives.
hell, and saves Our wast - ing life from threat-'ning graves.

5 Our youth decayed, His pow'r repairs;
His mercy crowns our growing years;
He satisfies our mouth with good,
And fills our hopes with heav'nly food.

6 He sees th' oppressor and th' oppressed,
And often gives the suff'ers rest;
But will His justice more display
In the last great rewarding day.

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EPISTLE

Romans 14:1-12

(Each of us must give an account before the Lord our God.)

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 205



("Forgive your brother from your heart.")

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

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

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, *"I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven."*

²³*"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."*

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

LSB 207

P God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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

“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

Words: LSB 843 “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

Tune: LSB 526 “You Are the Way; through You Alone” – DUNDEE (CM)

- 1 “Forgive our sins as we forgive,”
You taught us, Lord, to pray;
But You alone can grant us grace
To live the words we say.
- 2 How can Your pardon reach and bless
The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let
Old bitterness depart?
- 3 In blazing light Your cross reveals
The truth we dimly knew:
What trivial debts are owed to us,
How great our debt to You!
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
And bid resentment cease;
Then, bound to all in bonds of love,
Our lives will spread Your peace.

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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 14:7 – “For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.” We just don't belong to ourselves — we belong first of all to God, and through Him, we belong to our neighbors. We are here to serve God in our service to one another. God has called you to this service through your vocation: as a Christian you serve others in the church, as a neighbor you serve others in society, and as a son or daughter, husband or wife, father or mother, you serve your family.

Stand

956 CREATE IN ME

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Text: Psalm 51:10–12

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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.

Gracious King, You have forgiven us an impossible debt through the mercy of Your Son. Soften our hearts toward one another, that we may gladly forgive as we have been forgiven. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, bless Your Church throughout the world, and especially our Synod, its president, our district president and leaders, and all who serve in Your name. Unite us in the truth of Your Word and in the proclamation of Christ's saving mercy. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Lord of all nations, lead the enemies of Your Church to repentance and faith. Turn their hearts from hatred to hope, from persecution to praise, that they may confess Christ as Lord and receive the life He gives. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Merciful God, You sent the greater Joseph, Christ Jesus, to forgive His brothers and reconcile those who sinned against Him. Build our homes upon that same mercy, that husbands and wives, parents and children, brothers and sisters may live together in peace and reflect Your gracious ways. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty Lord, raise up among us leaders like Joseph—wise, courageous, and compassionate. Grant them hearts that forgive, minds that discern, and strength to preserve order in a fallen world. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord of life and death, You hold all who suffer in Your hands. Strengthen, heal, and comfort those in need, (*especially [names]*). Remind them that whether we live or die, we belong to You. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Faithful Father, as our congregation prepares for the Capital Stewardship Campaign beginning next Sunday—*Faith in Christ, Building Our Future*—grant us willing hearts, joyful generosity, and unity of purpose. Prepare us to receive the vision set before us, and bless our efforts to strengthen the ministry entrusted to us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Holy Lord, give us hearts eager for reconciliation, that we may stand before You forgiven and united in faith, doctrine, and life. Make us quick to forgive, slow to anger, and steadfast in love, that Your mercy may be seen in all we do. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Master, You are always ready to forgive, though we deserve only punishment. Press the proclamation of Your eager love deeply into our hearts, that we may sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

CONCLUDING COLLECT

P Let us pray.

Lord of mercy, You have forgiven us an unpayable debt through the compassion of Your Son. Grant that, having received His grace, we may live in forgiveness toward one another and reflect Your reconciling love in all our ways. Keep us steadfast in Your Word, eager in prayer, and joyful in service, until the day we stand before You in perfect peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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

818 IN THEE IS GLADNESS



1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,
2 Since He is ours, We fear no pow - ers, Not of

sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of
earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -

heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou
tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where-fore the

wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -
sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -

cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are
joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for

pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing
glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him

To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!
And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

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