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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday 2026

(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 around Jesus' parable of the vineyard, where the master's repeated sending of servants—and finally his beloved Son—reveals both the seriousness of sin and the astonishing patience and love of God. Though the Son was rejected and crucified, He is now the Cornerstone who makes us His own and calls us to bear the fruit of repentance and faith. In Him we press on toward the upward call of proclaiming His Gospel to all creation. On this **LWML Sunday**, we rejoice that the same Lord who came to save us now sends His Church—including Lutheran Women in Mission and our whole congregation—to support and carry His saving Word into the world.

PRELUDE

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

✠A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE✠

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OPENING SONG - "Every Time I Breathe"

- 1 I am sure all of heaven's heard me cry
As I tell you all the reasons why this life is just too hard
But day by day, without fail I'm finding everything I need
In everything You are to me
- 2, 4 Every time I breathe You seem a little bit closer
6 I never wanna leave, I wanna stay in Your warm embrace
Oh, basking in the glory shining from Your face and
Every time I get another glimpse of Your heart
I realize it's true, that You are so marvelous God
And I am so in love with You
So in love with You
- 3 Now how could I, after knowing one so great
Respond to You in any way that's less than all I have to give
But by Your grace, I wanna love You not with what I say but everyday
In the way my life is lived
- 5 Wrapped in Your mercy I wanna live and never leave
I am held by how humble, yet overwhelmed by Your majesty
Captured by grace now I'm finding I am free
You are marvelous God and knowing You is everything

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Stand

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

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

- P** The Lord planted His vineyard in love,
C **and He looked for the fruit of righteousness.** (*Isaiah 5:1–7*)
- P** He sent His servants to speak His Word,
C **and in the fullness of time He sent His Son.** (*Matthew 21:33–37*)
- P** Forgetting what lies behind, we press on toward the goal,
C **that Christ may be proclaimed in all the world.** (*Philippians 3:13–14; Mark 16:15*)
- P** The Stone the builders rejected has become our life,
C **and in Him we bear fruit for His mission and His kingdom.** (*Matthew 21:42*)

CONFESSION

- P** Beloved in Christ, the Lord calls His people to bear the fruit of righteousness, to press on toward the upward call of God in Christ, and to receive His Son with faith and joy. Yet His Word also reveals our failure to live as His fruitful vineyard. Let us therefore confess our sins to God our Father.
- P** Lord, You looked for justice and righteousness in Your vineyard, but we have produced the wild grapes of selfishness, anger, and neglect of our neighbor. (*Isaiah 5:1–7*)
C **Forgive us for our unrighteousness.**
- P** Lord, You sent Your servants—and at last Your Son—yet we have resisted Your Word, ignored Your call, and failed to bear witness to Christ as we ought. (*Matthew 21:33–37*)
C **Forgive us for our disobedience.**

- P** Lord, You call us to press on toward the goal, but we cling to what lies behind, trusting our own strength, pride, and accomplishments rather than Christ alone. (*Philippians 3:4–14*)
- C** **Forgive us for our sinful nature.**

ABSOLUTION

- P** Almighty God, in His mercy, sent His Son into the vineyard—rejected by men yet chosen by God—to suffer, die, and rise for your salvation. Because of Christ’s perfect obedience, His atoning death, and His victorious resurrection, I announce to you that all your sins are forgiven. 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. His steadfast love endures forever.**

- P** In Christ, the Cornerstone, you are made His fruitful people—sent to serve, to witness, and to support His mission to the ends of the earth.
- C** **Amen.**

INTROIT

Psalm 118:22–24; antiphon: v. 1

- P** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
- C** **for his steadfast love endures forever!**

- P** The stone that the builders rejected
- C** **has become the cornerstone.**

- P** This is the LORD’s doing;
- C** **it is marvelous in our eyes.**

- P** This is the day that the LORD has made;
- C** **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

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 Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
C for his steadfast love endures forever!

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

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.

P For hearts that repent of bearing the wild grapes of sin and turn to the Lord who seeks the fruit of righteousness in His vineyard, let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.

A For faith to trust Christ, the Cornerstone rejected by men yet chosen by God, and to stand firm upon His saving work, let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.

A For strength to press on toward the upward call of God in Christ, leaving behind confidence in the flesh and rejoicing in His righteousness alone, let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.

A 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.

Gracious Father, You planted Your vineyard in love and, in the fullness of time, sent Your Son, the Cornerstone rejected by men yet chosen by You for our salvation. By His death and resurrection, You have made us Your fruitful people and called Your Church to bear witness to Christ throughout the world. Strengthen us to press on toward the upward call of Christ, that in faith and joy we may proclaim His Gospel and support His mission to all nations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

HYMN OF PRAISE – “East to West”

- 1 Here I am Lord and I'm drowning
In Your sea of forgetfulness
The chains of yesterday surround me
I yearn for peace and rest
I don't want to end up where You found me
And it echoes in my mind
Keeps me awake tonight
- 2 I know You've cast my sin as far
As the east is from the west
And I stand before You now
As though I've never sinned
But today I feel like I'm just one mistake away
From You leaving me this way

- 3, 5 Jesus, can You show me just how far the east is from the west?
'Cause I can't bear to see the man I've been
Come rising up in me again
In the arms of Your mercy I find rest
You know just how far the east is from the west
From one scarred hand to the other
- 4 I start the day, the war begins endless reminding of my sin
And time and time again your truth is drowned out by the storm I'm in
Today I feel like I'm just one mistake away
From you leaving me this way
- 6 I know you've washed me white
Turned my darkness into light
I need your peace to get me through
To get me through this night
I can't live by what I feel
About the truth your word reveals
I'm not holding onto you
But you're holding onto me
You're holding onto me
- 7 Jesus, You know just how far the east is from the west
I don't have to see the man I've been
Come rising up in me again
In the arms of Your mercy I find rest
'Cause You know just how far the east is from the west
From one scarred hand to the other
Just how far, the east is from the west, just how far
From one scarred hand to the other
Just how far, the east is from the west, just how far
From one scarred hand to the other

OLD TESTAMENT READING

(God's love song for His beloved.)

Isaiah 5:1-7

- ¹Let me sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
- ²He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
and he looked for it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.
- ³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.
- ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard,
that I have not done in it?
When I looked for it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?
- ⁵And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
- ⁶I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and briers and thorns shall grow up;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the men of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
and he looked for justice,
but behold, bloodshed;
for righteousness,
but behold, an outcry!

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 91:11; 103:1

L He will command his angels concerning you

C to guard you in all your ways.

L Bless the LORD, O my soul,

C and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

EPISTLE

Philippians 3:4b-14

(The surpassing worth of knowing Christ.)

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more:
⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—

¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Matthew 21:42b

P Alleluia. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

C this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-46

(The parable of the tenants.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³³*[Jesus said:] "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' ³⁹And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.*

⁴⁰*When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"* ⁴¹They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

⁴²Jesus said to them, *"Have you never read in the Scriptures:*

*"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"*

⁴³*Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."*

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

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.

Stand

NICENE CREED

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

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

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

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

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.

The Vineyard of the Lord — Isaiah 5 / Matthew 21

- P** Heavenly Father, You planted Your vineyard in love and looked for the fruit of righteousness. By Your Word and Spirit, prune away all that is dead within us, and make Your Church fruitful in faith, steadfast in hope, and abundant in love. As Christ, the Cornerstone rejected by men yet chosen by You, gathers us into His saving work, grant that His righteousness may be seen in our lives and His mercy proclaimed in our witness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

LWML — Lutheran Women in Mission – Supporting Missions (Mark 16:15)

- P** Gracious Lord, bless the Lutheran Women in Mission as they support the proclamation of the Gospel throughout the world. Strengthen all who serve in LWML with joyful hearts, steadfast faith, and generous spirits. Let their mites, their prayers, and their labors bear fruit for Your kingdom, that the Gospel may reach those who have not heard, and that Christ's saving cross may be proclaimed to the ends of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

The Upward Call — Philippians 3

- P** Lord our God, as Paul pressed on toward the upward call of Christ, grant Your people perseverance in faith and steadfastness in service. Teach us to forget what lies behind and strain forward to what lies ahead, that our lives may be shaped by Christ's righteousness and directed toward His mission. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Capital Stewardship Campaign — Faith in Christ, Building Our Future

- P** Almighty Father, as our congregation enters the Capital Stewardship Campaign—*Faith in Christ, Building Our Future*—grant us unity of purpose, joy in giving, and confidence in Your provision. Let our efforts strengthen the ministry entrusted to us, support the proclamation of Your Word, and build up the future generations who will worship, learn, and serve in this place. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

Church Workers and Missionaries

- P** Lord of the harvest, bless, our Synod president; our district president; our circuit visitor; and our pastors. Strengthen all missionaries, church workers, and seminarians. Guard their families, sustain their faith, and make their proclamation bold, that Your Gospel may be heard with clarity and received with joy. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

Home and Community

- P** Merciful Father, bless the homes of Your people. Grant husbands and wives grace to love and forgive each other. Strengthen parents to raise their children in Your Word. Provide for the lonely, the widowed, and the orphaned, that all may know the comfort of Your care and the fellowship of Your Church. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

Government and Public Life

- P** Ruler of all, grant wisdom to those who govern and protect our communities. Restrain evil, uphold justice, and bless all who pursue what is good, that cities may rejoice when righteousness prevails and Your blessing exalts the land. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

The Suffering and Afflicted

- P** Compassionate Lord, look with kindness on the sick, the troubled, the grieving, and the dying—especially those we name before You now... Grant healing according to Your will, peace in Your promises, and steadfast faith in Christ, whose resurrection gives life to the world. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Supper

- P** Lord Jesus Christ, as You gather us to Your Table, grant that all who receive Your body and blood may do so in repentance and faith. Let Your righteousness, given and shed for us, strengthen Your people with forgiveness, life, and salvation, that we may glorify You in all things. 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.

Sit

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: Matthew 21:43 – “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.” The Pharisees were not bearing fruit. Though they were faithful to the letter of the Law in keeping the Sabbath, tithing and all the rest, they neglected the heart of God’s will. The grace of God belongs at the center. Our giving and all our other good works flow forth from receiving God’s grace and living in that grace on a daily basis.

OFFERTORY – “We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise” Leviticus 7:22

1, 2, 3 We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord
We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord
And we offer up to You the sacrifices of thanksgiving
And we offer up to You the sacrifices of joy

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Stand

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. For He is the Cornerstone rejected by men yet chosen by You, sent into the vineyard to bear our sin and to make us Your fruitful people. By His death and resurrection, He has called His Church to press on toward the upward call of proclaiming His Gospel to all creation.

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."

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 PEACE OF THE LORD

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Sit

The Lord's Supper

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

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

LAMB OF GOD SONG

DISTRIBUTION

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

Distribution and dismissal will be done by half tables.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“You are My King (Amazing Love)”

1, 3, 8 I’m forgiven because You were forsaken
I’m accepted, You were condemned
I’m alive and well, Your Spirit is within me
Because you died and rose again

2, 4, 6 Amazing love, how can it be
That You, my King, would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it’s true
It’s my joy to honor You

5 In all I do I honor you
You are my King
You are my King
Jesus, You are my King
Jesus, You are my King

7 In all I do I honor you

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“Breathe”

1, 4 This is the air I breathe
This is the air I breathe
Your holy presence living in me

2 This is my daily bread
This is my daily bread
Your very Word spoken to me

3, 5, 6, 7 And I, I’m desperate for You
And I, I’m lost without You

(Rebecca St. James CCLI #288089)

Stand

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

Gracious Father, we thank You that in this Holy Supper You have fed and forgiven Your whole Church with the body and blood of Your Son, the Cornerstone rejected by men yet chosen by You for our salvation. Strengthen all who have received this gift to bear the fruit of faith and to press on toward the upward call of Christ. Bless the Lutheran Women in Mission, together with our entire congregation, that renewed by this Sacrament we may joyfully support and proclaim Your saving Word to all creation. Keep us steadfast in faith, fervent in love, and faithful in service; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

GREET ONE ANOTHER

Please Greet One Another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you”, or “The peace of the Lord be with you” or “The Lord be with you”.

CLOSING SONG – “This is What I Believe” John 11: 27

- 1 I believe in God the Father, Maker of heaven and earth
 And in Jesus, His only Son, born of a virgin birth
 On a cross He was crucified; He descended into hell
 But the third day Jesus rose again, He’s alive, and all is well
- 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 This is what I believe, it is written on my heart
 This is what I believe, every promise, every part
 This is what I believe
- 3 I believe the Lord’s in heaven, worshiped in majesty there
 I believe He’ll come again and meet us in the air
 I believe He is in the church to keep us on the way
 Leading onward in the truth to that great eternal day
- 6 I believe, I believe, I believe, I believe
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