

St. Luke's
Lutheran Church

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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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TWENTY-FIFTH 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

As the Church Year draws to a close, God's Word directs our eyes to the Day of the Lord. Through the prophet Zephaniah, the Lord warns against complacency and calls His people to repentance, for His coming is nearer than we think. St. Paul reminds us that we are not children of darkness but children of light, watching and waiting for Christ's return. In the Parable of the Talents, Jesus calls us to faithful stewardship of the gifts He has entrusted to us, especially the gift of saving faith. Yet these readings do more than warn. They point us to Jesus Christ, who endured the judgment our sins deserved through His death on the cross and who triumphed over death in His resurrection. Because He is the Mighty One who saves, we await His coming not with fear, but with confidence, living each day in repentance, faith, and joyful service until we enter the joy of our Master.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

Teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.
Psalm 90:12

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 – JuBELLation
"Children's Praise"

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 day of the Lord is near; be silent before Him.
C **We wait in faith for the coming of our King.**

P Let us not sleep as others do, but keep awake and be sober.
C **Clothed in Christ, we stand ready for His appearing.**

P The Lord entrusts His gifts to His servants.
C **By His grace, we serve Him with joyful hearts.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

P Hear my prayer, O Lord;
C **give ear to my pleas for mercy.**

Beloved in the Lord, the Day of the Lord is near. Therefore, let us confess our sins unto God our Father, asking Him, for the sake of Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Almighty God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. Since the fall of Adam, our hearts have not feared, loved, and trusted in You above all things. We deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment.

C **Forgive us for the sin of our fallen nature.**

P Through Your prophet Zephaniah, You warn against complacency. Yet we have often neglected prayer, ignored Your Word, and treated Your gifts as though they were optional rather than life-giving.

C **Forgive us for the sin of complacency.**

P You call us to live as children of the light. Yet we have hidden our sins, excused our failures, and lived as though Your coming were far away.

C **Forgive us for the sin of spiritual laziness.**

P You have entrusted us with time, abilities, possessions, and opportunities to serve. Yet we have often buried Your gifts, trusting in ourselves rather than in Your promises and failing to love our neighbors as ourselves.

C **Forgive us for the sins of unfaithful stewardship, selfishness, and misplaced trust.**

P For these sins, and for all the sins we know and those known only to You, we cry out for mercy.

C **Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

P Hear the Good News. The Day of the Lord that should have fallen upon us fell instead upon Jesus Christ. On the cross He bore God's wrath against sin. By His death He made full atonement for the sins of the world, and by His resurrection He declared sinners righteous before God.

Therefore, 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 God has not destined you for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us and rose again, that whether we are awake or asleep, we might live with Him.

C **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

INTROIT *Psalm 143:2, 5-6, 10-11; antiphon: v. 1*

P Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
C **In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!**

P Enter not into judgment with your servant,
C **for no one living is righteous before you.**

P I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done;
C **I ponder the work of your hands.**

P I stretch out my hands to you;
C **my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.**

P Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!
C **Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!**

P For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!
C **In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!**

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 Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
C **In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!**

KYRIE

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

A For the gift of watchful hearts as we await the great Day of the Lord; for deliverance from complacency and false security; and for faith that trusts in Christ, our mighty Savior, let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the Church throughout the world; for all pastors, teachers, and servants of Christ; for the faithful proclamation of God's Word; and that the Lord would preserve His people as children of the light until His coming, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Christ, have mercy.**

A For all who suffer distress, anguish, sickness, grief, loneliness, or fear; for those who thirst for the Lord's mercy; and for grace to serve faithfully with the gifts God has entrusted to us until we enter the joy of our Master, 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.

Almighty and everlasting God, You are our refuge in every generation and our strength as we await the coming of Your Son. Guard us from complacency and false security, awaken us by Your Holy Spirit through Your Word, and make us faithful stewards of the gifts You have entrusted to us. Fix our hearts on Jesus Christ, who bore our judgment on the cross and rose in triumph from the grave, that we may live as children of the light and with confidence await the Day of His appearing; through the same 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 – "Here is Our King"

1 From wherever spring arrives to heal the ground
From wherever searching comes, the look itself
A trace of what we're looking for
So be quiet now and wait

2, 5 The ocean is growing
The tide is coming in
Here it is

3, 6, 9 Here is our King, here is our love
Here is our God who's come
To bring us back to Him
He is the One, He is Jesus

4 And what was said to the rose to make it unfold
Was said to me here in my chest
So be quiet now and rest

8 Majesty, finally
Majesty, finally

7, 10 He is our King, He is our love
He is our God who's come
To bring us back to Him
He is the One, He is Jesus

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Zephaniah 1:7-16*

(The day of the Lord is near and coming quickly.)

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD!
  For the day of the LORD is near;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice
  and consecrated his guests.
8 And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—
"I will punish the officials and the king's sons
  and all who array themselves in foreign attire.
9 On that day I will punish
  everyone who leaps over the threshold,
and those who fill their master's house
  with violence and fraud.
10 "On that day," declares the LORD,
  "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,
a wail from the Second Quarter,
  a loud crash from the hills.
11 Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!
  For all the traders are no more;
  all who weigh out silver are cut off.
12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
  and I will punish the men
who are complacent,
  those who say in their hearts,
'The LORD will not do good,
  nor will he do ill.'
13 Their goods shall be plundered,
  and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
  they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
  they shall not drink wine from them."

[14]The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
the mighty man cries aloud there.
[15]A day of wrath is that day,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
[16]a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

P These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
C **They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb**.

P Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
C **in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

EPISTLE *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

(The Lord has not destined us for wrath but to obtain salvation through Jesus Christ.)

[1]Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to
have anything written to you. [2]For you yourselves are fully aware that the day
of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3]While people are saying, "There
is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor
pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. [4]But you are
not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. [5]For you are
all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the
darkness. [6]So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be
sober. [7]For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are
drunk at night. [8]But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on
the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9]For
God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord
Jesus Christ, [10]who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we
might live with him. [11]Therefore encourage one another and build one
another up, just as you are doing.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *Matthew 25:29a*

P Alleluia. For to everyone who has will more be given,

C **and he will have an abundance. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 25:14-30*

(The day of the Lord will be like a man who entrusts his servants with his property.)

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

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

[14][Jesus said:] *"For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. [15]To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. [16]He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. [17]So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. [18]But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. [19]Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. [20]And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' [21]His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' [22]And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' [23]His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' [24]He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, [25]so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' [26]But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed?*

[27]Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. [28]So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. [29]For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. [30]And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

NICENE CREEED

C **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 A**men.**

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 25:30 – "And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness."** Why did the worthless servant act the way he did? Because of what he believed about the Master. He didn't trust or love the Master; so, his actions did not demonstrate love and trust, but rather hate and mistrust. It's the same with us, but in reverse: since we know our Lord God to be faithful and kind, we desire to serve Him and render faithful service with what He has given us.

OFFERTORY – "Glory"

1, 2, 4 Glory to the King of kings
6, 7 Majesty, power, and strength to the Lord of lords

3 Holy One, all creation crowns You King of kings
Holy One, King of kings, Lord of lords, Holy One

5 Jesus, Lord with eyes unveiled we will see Your throne
Jesus, Prince of Peace, Son of God, Emmanuel

8 Power and strength to the Lord of lords

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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.

Heavenly Father, the great Day of the Lord is near and hastening fast. Preserve Your Church from complacency and false security. Keep us steadfast in Your Word, faithful in receiving Your gifts, and watchful for the return of Your Son, that we may live as children of the light and not of darkness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord Jesus Christ, You have entrusted the treasures of Your Gospel to Your Church. Grant wisdom, faithfulness, and courage to all pastors, teachers, missionaries, and church workers. Bless their proclamation of Law and Gospel, that sinners may be called to repentance and believers strengthened in the faith until You come again in glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Father of mercies, You have called us to love and serve our neighbors. Guard us against the selfishness that buries Your gifts and the complacency that ignores opportunities for mercy. Lead us to use the blessings You have entrusted to us for the good of others and the glory of Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, preserve all who serve in positions of authority. Grant integrity to our elected leaders, wisdom to judges, honesty to public servants, and courage to all who protect and defend others. Restrain violence, fraud, corruption, and injustice, that peace and good order may prevail among us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious Lord, bless all Christian homes. Strengthen husbands and wives in their vocations, parents in the nurture of their children, and children in honor and obedience. Let Your Word dwell richly in every household, that succeeding generations may place their trust in Christ alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O God, our refuge and strength, remember all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially _____. Preserve them in faith, grant healing according to Your will, comfort those who grieve, strengthen the weary, and assure them that nothing can separate them from Your love in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of the harvest, bless the work of Your Church throughout the world. Prosper all efforts to proclaim Christ crucified and risen for sinners. We especially ask Your blessing upon the ministries we support through our congregation, district, synod and mission partners, that many may be brought from darkness into Your marvelous light. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Father, from whom every good gift comes, we thank You for the blessings You have bestowed upon this congregation. Continue to guide and prosper our capital stewardship campaign, ***Faith in Christ, Building Our Future***. Grant us willing hearts, cheerful generosity, and steadfast trust in Your promises, that all we do may serve the proclamation of Christ and the care of our neighbors both now and for generations to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Savior, as we gather at Your Table, grant us repentant hearts and steadfast faith to receive Your true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, the strengthening of faith, and the assurance of eternal life. Keep us ready for the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. 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 died and rose again for our salvation and 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.

Sit

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

“Your Grace Still Amazes Me”

1 My faithful Father, enduring Friend
Your tender mercy’s like a river with no end
It overwhelms me, covers my sin
Each time I come into Your presence
I stand in wonder once again

2, 4, 6 Your grace still amazes me
Your love is still a mystery
Each day I fall on my knees
‘Cause Your grace still amazes me
‘Cause Your grace still amazes me

3 Oh, patient Savior, You make me whole
You are the Author and the Healer of my soul
What can I give You, Lord, what can I say
I know there’s no way to repay You
Only to offer You my praise

5 It’s deeper, it’s wider
It’s stronger, it’s higher
It’s deeper, it’s wider
It’s stronger, it’s higher
Than anything my eyes can see

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“Jesus, Draw Me Close” James 4:8

1, 2, 3 Jesus, draw me close, closer Lord to You
Let the world around me fade away
Jesus, draw me close, closer Lord to You
For I desire to worship and obey

4 For I desire to worship and obey

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Stand

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✢ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

GREET ONE ANOTHER

We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "The Lord be with you," "Peace be with you," or "The peace of the Lord be with you".

CLOSING SONG - "God So Loved"

1 Come all you weary, come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water, come and thirst no more
Come all you sinners, come find His mercy
Come to the table, He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness, find what you're looking for

2, 4, 8 For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

3 Bring all your failures, bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there with open arms

5, 9 The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved, God so loved the world

6, 7 Praise God, praise God
From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, praise Him
For the wonders of His love

10 Bring all your failures, bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting for God so loved the world

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