



**St. Luke's
Lutheran Church**



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 9

(Series A)

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

AS WE GATHER

The Word works! The Word of God is our only source of everlasting life. Through Isaiah, God explains that His Word is as effective as rain causing growth in plants. As David writes poetically, His care causes all the trees of the field to clap their hands. And the Word will work in our lives so that we will “go out in joy and be led forth in peace,” as Isaiah puts it. Indeed, Jesus, the Word in the flesh, succeeded in giving us peace and joy by rising victorious over sin, death, and the power of the devil. As a result, Paul explains in the Epistle, we are God’s adopted children, calling out to Him, “Abba, Father.” But there is work for us to do! As we let the Word work through us, we can expect that, in spite of opposition of all sorts from the world, if we but hear and understand, we will certainly bear fruit for our heavenly Father.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy,
the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy. *Psalm 65:12–13*

PRELUDE

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

✠ A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE ✠

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESERVICE - "Beloved" 1 John 4:7-8

1, 2, 3 Beloved, let us love one another for Love is of God
And everyone that loveth is born of God and knoweth God
He that loveth not knoweth not God, for God is love
Beloved, let us love one another
First John four: seven and eight

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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.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Isaiah 55:11-12; Psalm 32:5;124:8; Matthew 13:23; Romans 8:16

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P In the today's Epistle, Paul reminds us that "the Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God." Let us therefore go to our gracious heavenly Father, confessing our sins.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P In the Old Testament Reading, God promises, “My word . . . shall not return to Me empty; it shall accomplish . . . and shall succeed.”

C **But we do not trust You in all things. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed. Forgive us, heavenly Father.**

P Then God tells us, “You shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace.”

C **But we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. Hear us, free us, and lead us in paths pleasing to You, heavenly Father.**

P In the Gospel, our Lord explains that “the one who hears the word and understands it . . . bears fruit.” By the grace of God, we believe and understand that Jesus, the Word of God in the flesh, succeeded in destroying death and rising victorious for us. For His sake, God forgives us and uses us to bear fruit for Him. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. May the Word planted inside you produce a great harvest for our gracious Lord.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, who has given us this good earth in which to live and who sends rain and sun to cause plants to produce fruit and grain for harvest,

C **continue to send Your life-giving Word to us so that we resist the cares of this world and return to You a harvest of new sons and daughters,**

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

APOSTLES' CREED

- 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

OPENING SONG - "O Praise Him"

- 1 Turn your ear to heaven and hear
The noise inside
The sound of angels' awe
The sound of angels' songs
And all this for a King
We could join and sing
All to Christ the King
How constant, how divine
This song of ours will rise
O, how constant, how divine
This love of ours will rise, will rise
- 2, 4, 5, 9 O praise Him, O praise Him
He is Holy, He is Holy
- 3 Turn your gaze to heaven and raise
A joyful noise
The sound of salvation come
The sound of rescued ones
And all this for a King
Angels join to sing
All for Christ our King
- 6, 7, 8 Oh la, la, la, la, la
- 10 How infinite and sweet
This love so rescuing
O, how infinitely sweet
This great love that has redeemed
As one we sing
- 11, 12 Alleluia, alleluia
He is Holy, He is Holy

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²“For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the LORD,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 65:9–13; antiphon: v. 5

L ⁵By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness,
O God of our salvation,

C **the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas;**

L ⁹You visit the earth and water it;
you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;

C **you provide their grain,
for so you have prepared it.**

L ¹⁰You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges,

C **softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth.**

L ¹¹You crown the year with your bounty;

C **your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.**

L ¹²The pastures of the wilderness overflow,

C **the hills gird themselves with joy,**

L ¹³the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,

C **they shout and sing together 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.**

L ⁵By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness,
O God of our salvation,

C **the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas;**

EPISTLE

Romans 8:12-17

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs— heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Matthew 11:28

P Alleluia. The grass withers, the flower fades,

C **but the word of our God will stand forever. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord**

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear. . . .

¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ**

Sit

LAMB'S MESSAGE

SERMON

OFFERING

Offering plates are available in the narthex as you exit.

OR

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330 Sunset Avenue
Manhattan, KS 66502

OR
give through our website:
<https://stlukesmanhattan.org/about-us/financial-support/>

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: Romans 8:12 – “So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.” We owe the flesh, the world, and the devil nothing at all. We are not debtors to these enemies; we are freed by the blood of Christ. We are joyful servants in Christ's kingdom – servants that He calls friends. We share our Lord's plans and purposes, and this gives direction and purpose to our lives.

OFFERTORY - "Think About His Love" Ephesians 2:4-5

- 1, 3, 5 Think about His love, think about His goodness
Think about His grace that's brought us through
For as high as the heavens above
So great is the measure of our Father's love
Great is the measure of our Father's love
- 2 How could I forget His love? How could I forget His mercy?
He satisfies, He satisfies, He satisfies my desires
Great is the measure of our Father's love
- 4 Even when I've strayed away
His love has sought me out and found me
He satisfies, He satisfies, He satisfies my desires
Great is the measure of our Father's love
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INSTALLATION OF CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS, CHAIRS, AND ELDERS

Elected Officers

Walt Fick – President
Mark Hatesohl – Vice-President

Elected Chairs

Jessica Jones - Campus Ministry Chair
Julie Hatesohl - Stewardship Chair
Brad Brunkow - Elder Chairman
Kaitlin Krause - Adult Ministry Chair
Lori Uffman - Youth Chair

Elected Elders

Scott Manning
Barry Fickbohm
Garrett Lister
Dennis Tegtmeier
Brad Brunkow

Appointed Elder

Chris Deetjan

ADDRESS

- P** Beloved in the Lord, Holy Scripture admonishes us that “all things should be done decently and in order.”

To that end, the constitution and bylaws of this congregation establish various offices, chairs, and the position of elders to which men and women are elected and appointed to serve. In so doing, the Church follows the example of the Early Christian Church as described in Acts, chapter six:

The twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.”

The apostle Peter writes in his first epistle:

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

INTRODUCTION

P You have been [elected/appointed] to serve in your various positions.

QUESTIONING

P You have been chosen to fill specific offices and positions of responsibility at St. Luke's Lutheran Church here in Manhattan, KS. You are to work with me, the pastor, that our life together in Christ may be orderly and pleasing in His sight. You are to see that the services of God's house are held at the proper times, that the Word of God is purely preached and taught according to the Lutheran Confessions, that the Sacraments of Christ are administered according to His institution, that provision is made for the Christian instruction of young and old, that the erring are admonished, and that discipline is maintained. You are to see that the temporal affairs of the congregation are properly administered and that proper support is provided for the workers of this congregation. You are to assist in caring for the poor and the sick, in cultivating harmony among the members, in promoting the general welfare of the congregation, and in furthering the kingdom of Christ here and throughout the world.

While holiness of life and obedience to Christ are expected of all members of the congregation, it is especially important that you, as office-bearers in His Church, show yourselves, by word and example, to be faithful to Him in service and Christian devotion. In the presence of God and of this congregation, I therefore ask you: Do you accept the office(s) entrusted to you, and do you promise faithfully to carry out your duties, trusting in the Lord and conforming yourself to His Word in accordance with the faith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church? If so, then answer: **I do.**

R *I do.*

ADDRESS TO THE CONGREGATION

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

C We do.

INSTALLATION

P Brothers and sisters in Christ, I install you as officers, chairs, and elders of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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

C Amen.

Stand

PRAYER

P Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, we give thanks that You have raised up these servants for work among Your people. We humbly implore You to grant them, by Your Holy Spirit, those gifts needed for the faithful carrying out of their tasks, most especially wisdom, strength, and willing hearts. Let Your blessing rest on this congregation. Strengthen the faith, quicken the love, and enkindle the zeal of its members, that Your name may be glorified and that here and in all places under heaven the kingdom of Your Son may be advanced. We remember with thanksgiving those who have faithfully served Your people and have now completed their time of service. We pray that in the end of days we, with all Your faithful people, may hear the voice of Christ saying: “Come, you who are blessed by My Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world”; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BLESSING

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

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P We use today's psalm as we pray for the Church around the world and all people in their various circumstance.

David writes, "O You who hears prayer, to You shall all flesh come." Let us pray for those near and dear to us, [*especially . . .*], who call to God in their distress.

C **Heavenly Father, visit, relieve, restore, and console them in Your mercy, and use us to help meet their needs.**

P David writes, "When iniquities prevail against me, You atone for our transgressions." Let us pray for all who are wrongly accused or imprisoned by corrupt court systems.

C **Lord of the nations, give them justice, clear their names, and free them; move governments to make reforms where they are needed.**

P And let us pray for those who have acted rashly, destroyed relationships, or run afoul of civil laws.

C **Lord Jesus, provide them opportunities and faithful counselors that they hear of Your mercy, repent, and repair their broken lives.**

P David writes, "We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, the holiness of Your temple." Let us pray for the Church here and around the world.

C **O Holy Spirit, bless, protect, and guide Your people as they proclaim the Gospel, and invite one and all to the joys of Your mercy, forgiveness, and love.**

P David writes, "By awesome deeds You answer us with righteousness." Let us pray for all who make, administer, and adjudicate their nation's laws and seek peace across borders, and for all who serve their communities and nations by putting themselves in harm's way.

C **Lord Jesus, raise up good and righteous people in positions of power, and give protection and courage to those having to make sudden decisions.**

- P** David writes, “You visit the earth and water it; You greatly enrich it.” Let us pray for all who tend the soil, transport crops, and distribute food where it is needed.
- C** **Gracious God, send rain and sun to farms, protection to pilots and drivers, and guidance for those who manage markets; through their efforts grant that all the hungry be fed.**
- P** David writes, “You crown the year with Your bounty.” Let us pray for those who are unemployed or underemployed, those who lack adequate clothing or shelter, and all burdened with financial debt.
- C** **O Holy Spirit, open doors of opportunity so that they may provide for themselves and their families, rejoicing in all Your good gifts.**
- P** Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- 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.**

DISPOSITION OF A CHURCH BUILDING

ADDRESS

P Beloved in the Lord, this church with its furnishings and vessels has been used for divine services since it was opened and dedicated on April 19, 1953. As we now close this facility as a place of worship, we remember with gratitude to God all the blessings He has given to us and to those who have gone before us.

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, the unfailing giver of good gifts, we give thanks to You for Your presence in this place. We implore You to dwell among us continually with Your Word and Sacraments so that by Your grace we poor sinners may be converted to You and saved eternally; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

READINGS

P Hear the Word of the Lord.

At the font:

P For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
Galatians 3:27

At the lectern:

P Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.
Romans 10:17

At the pulpit:

P We preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

1 Corinthians 1:23-24

At the altar:

P Let my prayer rise before you as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Psalm 141:2 alt.

P As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

At the crucifix:

P Far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Galatians 6:14

P Let us go forth in peace,

C **in the name of the Lord.**

DISPOSITION

P This church building will be closed after this weekend as a place for divine services in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

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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.

CLOSING - "Let the Walls Fall Down" Ephesians 2:14

1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 Let the walls fall down, let the walls fall down
Let the walls fall down
By His love let the walls fall down

3 One by one, we're drawn together
One by one, to Jesus' side
One in Him, we'll live forever
Strangers He has reconciled

6 In His love, no walls between us
In His love, a common ground
Kneeling at the cross of Jesus
All our pride comes tumbling down

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