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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)

AS WE GATHER

Rest is elusive; as each day ends, we must confess with Paul in today's Epistle that we had "the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out." In our tiredness, the mirror shows that we are wretched indeed. But Zechariah wrote of a day when the battle would be over, thanks to a coming king, who would set the prisoners free. His description points us to Jesus on Palm Sunday; His death and resurrection have set us free from our bondage to sin. His compassion for us shows in His prayer of thanksgiving to our heavenly Father. In our Savior, we find the rest we need each day. Compared to the failing struggle we engage in daily, His yoke is easy, His burden is light. As David wrote in the psalm, "The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down." He gives rest for the soul!

IMAGE ON THE COVER

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon My breast." *LSB 699:1*

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

“Prayer for the City” II Chronicles 7:14

- 1, 2 We open our hearts and our lives to You, oh God
Create within us a servant heart so that we can show Your love
Where all hope has been lost let Your Spirit bring new life
To those in need bring prosperity
Where there’s darkness shine Your light
We pray for this city we live in
We pray that our sins be forgiven
Do Your will right here as in heaven
Father, we call on Your name

- 3 We pray for our children
We pray for our leaders
We pray for our families
Oh bless us, Lord, we pray

- 4 We pray for this city we live in
We pray that our sins be forgiven
Do Your will right here as in heaven
Father, we call on Your name
Father, we call on Your name
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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

Zechariah 9:9

P: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

C: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

P: Behold, your king is coming to you;

C: righteous and having salvation is He.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Matthew 11:28; Romans 7:21, 24

P: By ourselves, we are not righteous and cannot free ourselves; our only hope is to be given Christ's righteousness and thereby be saved. Let us therefore confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and our sinful condition.

P: Merciful God,

C: I confess to You and in the presence of my brothers and sisters that I daily sin much and deserve nothing but punishment. Not only am I by nature sinful and unclean, but also with St. Paul, "I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?"

P: Jesus said, “Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” He offers full and free pardon for all your sins and even your sinful condition. By His death and resurrection, He provides rest, not only from physical turmoil and emotional stress; in Him, we find rest for the soul! 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.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, whose yoke is easy and burden light, who has promised that we will find rest for our souls,

C: **when we are weary, strengthen our resolve; when disheartened, lift our spirits; and when opposed on all sides, surround us with Your strong love,**

P: for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

NICENE CREED

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.

OPENING SONG - "Let It Fade"

- 1 Have you been walking on a surface that's uncertain?
Have you helped yourself to everything that's empty?
You can't live this way too long
There's more than this, more than this
Have you been standing on your own feet too long?
Have you been looking for a place where you belong?
You can rest, you will find rest
You can rest, you will find rest
- 2, 4, 6 Let this old life crumble, let it fade
Let this new life offer be your saving grace
Let this old life crumble, let it fade, let it fade
- 3 Have you been holding on to what this world has offered?
Have you been giving in to all these masquerades?
It will be gone, forever gone
It will be gone, it will be gone
- 5 Are you carrying the weight too much?
Are you running from the call?
Let it fade
You can rest, you will find rest
You can rest, you will find rest
- 7 Let this old life crumble, let it fade
Have you been standing on your own feet too long?
Have you been looking for a place where you belong?

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

G: **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

P: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

G: **How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!**

P: For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

G: **To Him be glory forever. Amen.**

EPISTLE

Romans 7:14–25a

¹⁴We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have

the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Matthew 11:28

P: Alleluia. Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden,

C: **and I will give you rest. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:25-30

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

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

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

Please send your offerings to
St. Luke's Lutheran Church
330 Sunset Avenue
Manhattan, KS 66502

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

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: *Matthew 11:28* – “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Jesus has come to do the work so that we might have rest from burdens and labors we are not capable of bearing. He frees us from sin, death, and the demands of the Law. In that peace and rest of Jesus we find a new purpose. His light yoke, which is no burden to bear, is a joy.

OFFERTORY - “More Precious than Silver” Proverbs 3:13-15

1, 2, 3 Lord, You are more precious than silver
Lord, You are more costly than gold
Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds
And nothing I desire compares with You

4 And nothing I desire
And nothing I desire compares with You

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Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ and everyone in their circumstances.

Zechariah promised that the coming One would “speak peace to the nations.” Lord over all, move the leaders of the world’s nations to seek and find common ground so that peace breaks out across borders and displaced persons are able to return to their homes. Protect and guide armed forces deployed abroad and all who keep the peace within their nations and communities. We bring our petition to You, gracious Lord,

C: **and there find rest for our souls.**

P: The psalm proclaims that “Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,” O God, but we also give You thanks for this temporal nation and the blessings You have so graciously bestowed on us through it. Here we have found prosperity and peace; here we may respond to Your love and offer You our thanks and praise. In Your mercy, continue to use the powers that be in this world to give us the freedom we enjoy. We bring our petition to You, gracious Lord,

C: **and there find rest for our souls.**

P: David looked for the day when “one generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts.” Guide, protect, and direct the Church’s leaders, heavenly Father, so that many people hear of Your ancient promises, the deliverance of Your people from Egypt, Your Son’s entry into history as one of us, and His sacrifice for our sins and victorious resurrection, opening heaven to all who call on You in faith. We bring our petition to You, gracious Lord,

C: **and there find rest for our souls.**

P: Paul confessed, “I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.” O Holy Spirit, hear the cries of those trapped in their various addictions, burdened with criminal records, and mired in societies of fear and terror. Surround them with faith-based organizations and compassionate counselors so that they find strength and opportunity to turn their lives around, praising You for gracious deliverance. We bring our petition to You, gracious Lord,
C: **and there find rest for our souls.**

P: Jesus invited, “Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Listen to the prayers of those near and dear to us with problems of health or finances or mourning loved ones or failed relationships, [*including . . .*]. Use medical professionals, trained advisers, and loving neighbors, so that they look forward to the blessings You have in mind for them in Your wisdom and mercy. We bring our petition to You, gracious Lord,
C: **and there find rest for our souls.**

P: Into Your hands 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.**

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*

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

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

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 T 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 T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Sit

(Non-alcoholic wine is provided in the center cups of each tray. If you are in need of non-gluten wafers please notify the elder.)

THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

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

Distribution

Continuous communion will be observed today.

Family groups should maintain a social distance of 6 feet.

"You are My Hiding Place" Psalm 32:7

1, 2, 3 You are my hiding place
 You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance
 Whenever I am afraid I will trust in You, I will trust in You
 Let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord."

4 I will trust in You, I will trust in You
 Let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord."
 I will trust in You

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“A Shield About Me” Psalm 3:3

1, 3 Thou, O Lord, are a shield about me
 You’re my glory, You’re the lifter of my head
 Thou, O Lord, are a shield about me
 You’re my glory, You’re the lifter of my head

2, 4, 5, 6 Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah
 You’re the lifter of my head

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Stand

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

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P: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament,

C: **and we implore You that, rested and refreshed, we leave to serve You with all that we are and have, and bring Your invitation of rest to all whom we meet;**

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.**

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—“Patriotic Medley”

“America the Beautiful”

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain
For purple mountains majesties above the fruited plain
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea

“Battle Hymn of the Republic”

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored
He has loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword
His truth is marching on

Glory, glory, hallelujah
Glory, glory, hallelujah
Glory, glory, hallelujah
His truth is marching on

“God Bless America”

God bless America
Land that I love
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with a light from above
From the mountains to the prairies
To the oceans, white with foam
God bless America my home sweet home
God bless America my home sweet home

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