



**St. Luke's
Lutheran Church**



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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Eighth SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 12

(Series A)

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Please send in your prayer requests to the church secretary (office@stlukesmanhattan.org). We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

AS WE GATHER

Love is a many-splendored thing, says an old song. Oh, how we love the love stories! Sad, however, that so many of the great love stories end in sorrow and tragedy. But not the story of God's love. His is the greatest love story of all. It began with a promise to Adam and Eve still smarting over their guilt and suffering the shame of their betrayal. It was lived out among a people marked with the promise that a Savior would rise up from them. It was kept alive by the prophet's voice. It was made flesh and blood in Christ. Though we are unfaithful, God is always faithful. His love always triumphs.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

Jesus said: *"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."* Matthew 13:44

PRELUDE

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

✠A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE✠

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

PRESERVICE SONG - "Our God is Lifted Up" Psalm 98:6

1, 2, 4 Our God is lifted up midst the shouts of joy
Our God is lifted up in the sounding of the trumpets
Our God is lifted up midst the shouts of joy
Shout joyfully unto our God, Shout joyfully unto our God

3, 5 Let the trumpets make a joyful noise
Let us clap our hands and praise our God
For our God is lifted up, our God is lifted up
Our God is lifted up on high

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(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

P Do good, O Lord, to those who hold fast to Your name

C and to those upright in heart.

P But those who turn aside to their crooked ways,

C the Lord will lead away with evildoers.

Silence for self-examination

P Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

C O Lord, have mercy upon us poor, miserable sinners. We have offended You in thought, word, and deed. We have sinned against our neighbor. Spare us, O God, who confess our sins to You and who hide not our faults from Your eyes. Restore the penitent and forgive us all our sins according to the promise of Your mercy revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. As He suffered and died to cover our sins, cover us with His righteousness, and grant us grace that today and every day we live upright, sober, and godly lives to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Through the mercy of God in Christ Jesus, our Savior, you have been made children of God in Baptism and live because of His mercy. 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.

P May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peace be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Mighty God, Your love once called a people and made them Your chosen instrument from which You would bring forth Your Son. Grant to us the same love and grace that we might be Your own and live under You in Your kingdom forevermore; 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

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 - "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, 6 Every time I breathe You seem a little bit closer
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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OLD TESTAMENT

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

(Because the Lord loves you, He has chosen you to be His treasured possession.)

⁶“You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 125; antiphon: v. 2

The LORD Surrounds His People

L²As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the LORD surrounds his people,

C from this time forth and forevermore.

L¹Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,

C which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

L²As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the LORD surrounds his people,

C from this time forth and forevermore.

L³For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest
on the land allotted to the righteous,

C lest the righteous stretch out
their hands to do wrong.

L⁴ Do good, O LORD, to those who are good,
C and to those who are upright in their hearts!

L⁵ But those who turn aside to their crooked ways
the LORD will lead away with evildoers!
C Peace be upon Israel!

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.

L² As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the LORD surrounds his people,
C from this time forth and forevermore.

EPISTLE

Romans 8:28-39

(Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ our Savior.)

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.
³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Matthew 13:35b

P Alleluia. I will open my mouth in parables;

C I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:44-52

(The kingdom of God is like a hidden treasure.)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

The Parable of the Hidden Treasure

⁴⁴*[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.*

The Parable of the Pearl of Great Value

⁴⁵*"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.*

The Parable of the Net

⁴⁷*"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*

New and Old Treasures

⁵¹*“Have you understood all these things?”* They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, *“Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”*

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C *Praise to You, O Christ.*

Sit

LAMB'S MESSAGE

SERMON

OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

1. **Offering plates** are available in the narthex as you exit.
2. Please **send** your offerings to
St. Luke's Lutheran Church
4801 Anderson Avenue
Manhattan, KS 66503
3. Give through our **website**:
<https://stlukesmanhattan.org/about-us/financial-support/>
4. **Electronic Funds Transfer**
Sign up through the church office.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: *Matthew 13:45-46 – “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.”* Indeed, Jesus redeemed us and purchased us back from sin and death with all that He had. We belong to Him now. And this is the foundation for our own generosity: imitating the out-sized generosity of Jesus.

Stand

OFFERING SONG - "O How I Love Jesus" 1 John 4: 16

- 1 There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth
 It sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth
- 2, 4, 6, 7 O, how I love Jesus, O, how I love Jesus
 O, how I love Jesus because He first loved me
- 3 It tells me of a Savior's love, who died to set me free
 It tells me of His precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea
- 5 It tells of One whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe
 Who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord of mercy, hear the prayers of Your people who call upon You in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Almighty God, Your love once created all things and set apart a people of Your promise. Grant to us faith that we believe Your Word, heed the call of Your love, and find peace in Your gift of salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Blessed Father, Your love is our great treasure and Your kingdom Your gift. Grant that we with bold voice make known Your salvation to all the ends of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Merciful God, You established Your Church and endowed her with Your Word and Your Sacraments. Bless all pastors and missionaries as they serve us in Your name with Your gifts and grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Mighty God, You have set over us leaders who exercise the authority of the state for our protection against enemies and for justice against evildoers. Bless our president, the Congress of these United States, and all who make, administer, and judge our laws. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Compassionate God, Your Son was wounded for our transgressions, and in His wounds are healing and strength. Hear us on behalf of all the sick, those who suffer, the grieving, and the dying, [*especially . . .*]. Grant them all that is needed to support them in their hour of need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of grace, You have given to us the gift of work and the privilege of using the fruits of our labors for the support of our families and ourselves. Give us a generous heart that we give aid to the poor and honor to You with the worship of our hearts and the tithes and offerings of our hands. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Blessed Father, Your Son has set His Table before us and offers to us His flesh as our food and His blood as our drink. Give us hearts of faith and fill us with repentance that what we receive from Him we keep faithfully until that day when we join all Your saints to rejoice in Your presence on high. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Local concerns may be added here.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

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 SONG - "Sweet Presence of Jesus"

- 1, 5 It's the sweet, sweet, sweet presence of Jesus
How it moves my soul, how it makes me whole
It's the sweet, sweet, sweet presence of Jesus
How it sets me free, brings me liberty
- 2, 4 It takes me to a higher place where there's amazing grace
Takes me to a higher place where I can see His face
Shout for joy, all you children of the Lord
The Almighty is here removing doubt and fear
Shout for joy, let the hurting hear and rejoice
The Almighty is here moving everywhere
- 3 It's the sweet, sweet, sweet presence of Jesus
How it moves my soul, how it makes me whole
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