

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

№PREPARATION

573 LORD, 'TIS NOT THAT I DID CHOOSE THEE



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.

EXHORTATION LSB 167

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 167

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

₩WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 105:2-6; antiphon: v. 1

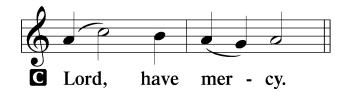
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Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- on his name;*
 make known his deeds among the | peoples!
Sing to him, sing prais- es to him;*
 tell of all his | wondrous works!
Glory in his | holy name;*
 let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice!
Seek the LORD | and his strength;*
 seek his presence con- | tinually!
Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,*
 his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered,
O offspring of Abraham, his | servant,*
 children of Jacob, his | chosen ones!
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
 and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
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KYRIE LSB 168

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



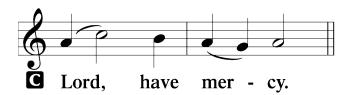
P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



947 ALL GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH



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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



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.



Sit

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.
- Thanks be to God.

The LORD Surrounds His People

- L²As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people,
- from this time forth and forevermore.
- **L**¹Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,
- which cannot be moved, but abides forever.
- L²As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people,
- 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.
- **L**⁴Do good, O LORD, to those who are good,
- and to those who are upright in their hearts!
- L⁵But those who turn aside to their crooked ways the LORD will lead away with evildoers!
- C Peace be upon Israel!
- 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.
- L²As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people,
- 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.

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He 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.
- Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 173





You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al-le-lu - ia.

GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter. (The kingdom of God is like a hidden treasure.)



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. ⁴⁸ When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and anashing 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.



APOSTLES' CREED

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

LAMB'S MESSAGE

651 I LOVE YOUR KINGDOM, LORD





The Church our blest Re-deem-er saved With His own pre-cious blood. Its sweet com-mu-nion, sol-emn vows, Its hymns of love and praise. Dear as the ap-ple of Your eye And grav-en on Your hand. For them my cares and toils be giv'n Till toils and cares shall end. The bright-est glo-ries earth can yield And bright-er bliss of heav'n.

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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

956 CREATE IN ME



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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

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

P Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BENEDICTION LSB 183

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.





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