



**St. Luke's
Lutheran Church**



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 17

(Series A)

AS WE GATHER

Some voices in our world today claim that good needs evil in order to help what is right truly express itself. The Bible takes a different view, giving us God's perspective on good and evil. That which is truly virtuous doesn't depend on evil. No, quite the opposite, that which is good—God and His love in Jesus Christ—actively dispels evil at the cross. By His resurrection from death's grave, Jesus crushes evil and guarantees that it has no power over those who trust in Him. Remaining in Christ's love, we respond to the evil in our world, even the evil that comes directly at us through the wrongdoings of our enemies, with the goodness of forgiveness. Instead of retaliating against evil ourselves, we allow our good and gracious God to respond to it, and overcome it, in our loving Savior.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

Jesus told His disciples, "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me." *Matthew 16:24*

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

Stand

PRESERVICE SONG - "I Will Celebrate" Psalm 63:4

1, 2, 4, 6, 7 I will celebrate, sing unto the Lord
Sing to the Lord a new song
I will celebrate, sing unto the Lord
Sing to the Lord a new song

3, 5 With my heart rejoicing within
With my mind focused on Him
With my hands raised to the heavens
All I am worshipping Him

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

P Let us therefore come before His throne of grace with humble and sincere hearts to lay our burdens down.

Silent prayer for personal confession

P Gracious Lord,
C we come before You, laying the burden of our sin at the foot of Your cross. We openly acknowledge our failure to follow Your plans for our lives. We have stumbled and fallen in our service to You. We have placed our agenda ahead of Yours. We have been shallow in our love toward You and toward those You have placed in our path. We cry out for mercy, trusting in Your promise to forgive us through the love of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

P God has heard your cry for mercy and fulfills His promise to save and deliver you! Lavishing His grace upon you in Jesus, He enables you to love and forgive as He has first loved and forgiven you. 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the evil of sin and death at the cross for our redemption. Enable us to stand in the goodness of our Savior so that we are not overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good; 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.

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

OPENING SONG – “I Believe in Jesus” Romans 10:9

- 1, 3 I believe in Jesus, I believe He is the Son of God
I believe He died and rose again, I believe He paid for us all
And I believe He’s here now, standing in our midst
Here with the power to heal now, and the grace to forgive
- 2 I believe in You, Lord, I believe You are the Son of God
I believe You died and rose again, I believe You paid for us all
And I believe You’re here now, standing in our midst
Here with the power to heal now, and the grace to forgive
- 4, 5 And I believe You’re here now, standing in our midst
Here with the power to heal now, and the grace to forgive
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INSTALLATION OF TEACHERS & YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUB-CHAIRS

ADDRESS (*The pastor addresses those to be installed*)

P Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, you are to be installed as Sunday School Teachers, BASIC Teachers, and Youth and Children's Ministry Sub-chairs, a work in which our Father in heaven has great joy.

Hear the Word of the Lord:

DCE ⁴"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." *Deuteronomy 6:4-7*

P Beloved in the Lord, You are to assist me, the minister of Word and Sacrament, in the instruction of God's people according to His holy Word. You are to prepare yourselves for this work by your individual and corporate study of the Word of God and the faith drawn from it as it has been delivered to us in the Small Catechism.

While holiness of life and obedience to Christ are expected of all members of the congregation, it is especially important that you 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 position 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 *(The pastor addresses to the congregation)*

- P** Beloved in the Lord, you have heard the promises of faithfulness spoken by these individuals. 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 Sunday School Teachers, BASIC Teachers, and Youth and Children's Ministry Sub-Chairs at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

BLESSING

- P** The almighty and most merciful God enlighten and strengthen you in your service that you may be good and faithful leaders and teachers to the glory of His name and the salvation of His people.
- C** **Amen.**

PRAYER

- P** Let us pray.

O Lord, grant to these Your people the gifts of wisdom and discretion, kindness and faithfulness, so that they may effectively teach and guide, and grant to all Your people a ready willingness to learn. Let the knowledge of Your Word be preserved and extended among us so that all may know and praise You now and forever; 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

DCE 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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 15:15-21

(The Lord gives His precious, saving words.)

¹⁵O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance take me not away;
know that for your sake I bear reproach.

¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷I did not sit in the company of revelers,
nor did I rejoice;
I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,
for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail?

¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD:
“If you return, I will restore you,
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall be as my mouth.

They shall turn to you,
but you shall not turn to them.

²⁰And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
declares the LORD.

²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 34: 9, 19

L Fear the LORD, you his saints,

C for those who fear him lack nothing!

L Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

C but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

EPISTLE

Romans 12:9-21

(With genuine love, overcome evil with good.)

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA & VERSE

Matthew 16:15

- P** Alleluia. Whoever would save his life will lose it,
C but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

(Jesus calls His disciples to take up their cross and follow Him.)

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

THE PRESENTATION OF 3rd GRADE BIBLES

P In Holy Baptism God the Father made us members of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. We continue to grow in our faith by the power of the Spirit working through the Word.

(Charity Smith, our DCE, hands out Bibles to parents).

DCE Because the Word of God is a means of grace by which the Holy Spirit works in our lives, today we place this Word of God into your hands so that you in turn will place this Word of God into the hands of your children.

P Parents and/or Guardians, do you believe the Bible is the Word of God? If so, then say: I believe.

R **I believe.**

P Parents and/or Guardians, do you believe that the Holy Spirit will work through the Word of God to help your child grow in faith toward God and in fervent love toward others? If so, then say: I believe.

R **I believe.**

P Parents and/or Guardians, do you believe that the Word of God is a treasure from God that is to be passed on from one generation to the next? If so, then say: I believe.

R **I believe.**

P Then place the Holy Scriptures into the hands of your child.

(Parent or Guardian hands Bible to their child at this time).

DCE Parents and/or Guardians, will you help your child to read the Holy Scriptures and to grow in faith and love so that through the power of the Holy Spirit the Scriptures may be blessing to your child? If so, then say: I will, with the help of God.

R **I will, with the help of God.**

- P** Let us pray.
Lord God, heavenly Father, in Holy Baptism You began Your good work in these children. Continue to bless them with Your Holy Spirit that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of Your Word. Increase in them their love toward you and one another. Enable them to resist all evil and to live a godly life. We pray that they would remain faithful to You and finally come to life everlasting; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.
- C** Amen.

DCE Go in peace dedicated to grow in the knowledge of God through His Word.

(Families may return to their seats)

LAMB'S MESSAGE

SERMON

VOTUM

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** Amen.

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 16:26* – “For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life?” He who dies with the most toys ... is dead. But the one who trusts in the Lord, even though he dies, yet shall he live. We live out our trust in the Lord by faithfully fulfilling the roles God has given us to play in the home, church, and society as loving, generous people. Those who don't know the Lord are afraid to be generous because they think that what they give away is lost to them. But we who know the Lord know that the things of this world become true blessings when they are used for God's Kingdom.

Stand

OFFERTORY - “Create in Me a Clean Heart” Psalm 51:10-12

1, 3 Create in me a clean heart, O God
 And renew a right spirit within me
 Create in me a clean heart, O God
 And renew a right spirit within me

2, 4, 5 Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord
 And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me
 Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation
 And renew a right spirit within me

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs

For all disciples of Jesus Christ, both here at [*name of the local congregation*] and throughout the world, that we not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good, let us pray to the Lord.

C Bless us, Jesus, as we follow You.

- P** For the fulfillment of the Great Commission, that wherever the good news of salvation in Christ is proclaimed, hearts turn to the Lord and live, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Bless us, Jesus, as we tell of You.**
- P** For all servant leaders in the church and in the world, that their work for our blessing show forth the goodness of Christ to the world He died to save, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Bless us, Jesus, as we serve You.**
- P** For the blessing of all who hunger and thirst, for all who are weary and heavy-laden, and for all who are without house or income, that they seek the restoration the Lord's good hand provides, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Bless us, Jesus, as we are cared for by You.**
- P** For all who willingly put themselves in the path of evil for the sake of other people's good, including military members, law enforcement officers, and emergency workers, that they be protected by the Lord's mighty hand, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Bless us, Jesus, as we are protected by You.**
- P** For all who ail in heart, mind, and body, [*especially . . .*], that they be touched by the healing hand of our Savior and filled with the presence of His comforting Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Bless us, Jesus, as we are healed by You.**
- P** For these and all other concerns we have, that coming before the throne of grace we find mercy to help us in our time of need, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Bless us, Jesus, as we trust You to hear and answer our prayers. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

CONCLUDING COLLECT FOR THE CHURCH

P Let us pray.

O holy and most merciful God, You have taught us the way of Your commandments. We implore You to pour out Your grace into our hearts. Cause it to bear fruit in us that, being ever mindful of Your mercies and Your laws, we may always be directed to Your will and daily increase in love toward You and one another. Enable us to resist all evil and to live a godly life. Help us to follow the example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and to walk in His steps until we shall possess the kingdom that has been prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

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 - "Your Grace is Enough"

- 1 Great is Your faithfulness, oh God
 You wrestle with the sinner's heart
 You lead us by still waters and to mercy
 And nothing can keep us apart
- 2, 5, 8 So remember Your people
 Remember Your children
 Remember Your promise, oh God
- 3, 6, 7, 9 Your grace is enough
 Your grace is enough
 Your grace is enough for me
- 4 Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob
 You use the weak to lead the strong
 You lead us in the song of Your salvation
 And all Your people sing along
- 10 Your grace is enough
 Heaven reaching down to us
 Your grace is enough for me
 God I see Your grace is enough
 I'm covered in Your love
 Your grace is enough for me
 For me

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