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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 19

(Series A)

AS WE GATHER

We live in a world filled with uncertainty, and much of this uncertainty is so personal. Who we are and what it is that gives our lives identity, meaning, and purpose go to the very heart of the questions for our times. Today, Paul reminds us that we belong to the Lord. Whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. Being the Lord's own is what shapes our self-understanding and defines how we relate to one another. All the things that divide us on earth and how we are tempted to identify ourselves by preference or desire are overcome by the Lord, who suffered for us, died to save us, and lives to set us free. This love makes it possible for us to see others as our brothers and sisters in Christ.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

Then Peter came up and said to Him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "**I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.**" *Matthew 18:20–21*

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 - "Indescribable"

- 1 From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
 Creation's revealing Your majesty
 From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring
 Every creature unique and the song that it sings
 All exclaiming
- 2, 4, 5 Indescribable, uncontainable
 You place the stars in the sky and You know them by name
 You are amazing, God
 All powerful, untamable
 Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim
 You are amazing, God
- 3 Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go
 Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?
 Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light?
 Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night
 None can fathom
- 6 Indescribable, uncontainable
 You place the stars in the sky and You know them by name
 You are amazing, God
 Incomparable, unchangeable
 You see the depths of my heart and You love me the same
 You are amazing, God
 You are amazing, God

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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

- P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for self-examination.

- P** Let us confess our sins to God, confident of His grace and forgiveness to all who are penitent.
- C** **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, You have rescued us from our bondage to sin and given us a new life and identity in Baptism. Grant us Your grace that we live in peace with all people and show to those around us the same forgiveness that You have shown to us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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 - "Be Thou My Vision" Colossians 3:1-4

- 1 Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

- 2 Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one

- 3 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art

- 4 High King of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 50:15-21

(At the death of their father, Jacob, Joseph reassured his brothers that he forgave them and recognized the hand of God at work in their lives.)

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 103:1-12; antiphon: v. 13

L ¹³As a father shows compassion to his children,

C **So the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.**

L ¹Bless the LORD, O my soul,

C **and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!**

L ²Bless the LORD, O my soul,

C **and forget not all his benefits,**

L ³who forgives all your iniquity,

C **who heals all your diseases,**

L ⁴who redeems your life from the pit,
C **who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

L ⁵who satisfies you with good
C **so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

L ⁶The LORD works righteousness
C **and justice for all who are oppressed.**

L ⁷He made known his ways to Moses,
C **his acts to the people of Israel.**

L ⁸The LORD is merciful and gracious,
C **slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

L ⁹He will not always chide,
C **nor will he keep his anger forever.**

L ¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins,
C **nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

L ¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
C **so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**

L ¹²as far as the east is from the west,
C **so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

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 ¹³As a father shows compassion to his children,
C **So the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.**

EPISTLE

Romans 14:1-12

(If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord.)

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Matthew 6:14

P Alleluia. If you forgive others their trespasses,

C **your heavenly Father will also forgive you. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

(How often must I forgive my brother? How often has God forgiven you?)

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

G **Glory to You, O Lord**

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

²³“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **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: Romans 14:7 – “For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.” We just don't belong to ourselves. We belong first of all to God, and, through Him, we belong to our neighbors. We are here to serve God in our service to one another. God has called you to this service through your vocation. As a Christian, you serve others in the church; as a neighbor, you serve others in society; and as a son or daughter, husband or wife, father or mother, you serve your family.

OFFERTORY - "You're Always There"

- 1 Lord, God, You are so wondrous
Gently shaping every mountainside
Giving life to creatures great and small
Sharing a yearning that can't be denied
- 2, 5, 7 On the road, along the way
Through the trials of each day
We're reaching out to You
And You are always there for us
- 3, 6, 8 You're always there
Always there when we are hurting
Always there when things go wrong
You always care
For the weary and the burdened
In our weakness You're so strong
(3 You're always there)
- 4 Lord, God, You are our strength within
You are the pillars guarding over us
You're the doorway where our love begins
You are the Father in whose arms we trust
- 9, 10 Lord, God of the universe, always by my side
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Stand

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.

Lord, grant that we not judge without mercy but forgive without limit, that we who have known the fullness of Your mercy in Christ also manifest a compassionate heart against those who sin against us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, grant to Your Church Your Spirit and power, that we be supplied with faithful pastors and church workers to serve us in Your name, and that we hear and heed the voice of Your Word and walk in holiness of life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, grant to those who lead us in this nation and in all the nations wisdom and integrity, that they pursue what is good and right and just according to Your Word and commands, and serve the common good. Deliver us from terror and threat, and give Your peace to the nations. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, grant to the sick and all who suffer any affliction of body, mind, or soul the blessing of Your mercy, with forgiveness according to Your will, and Your presence and comfort to sustain them through the day of trouble. Hear us especially on behalf of those for whom our intercession has been requested, [*names*], and those we name in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, grant to the homeless, the widowed, the orphaned, and the unemployed Your strength to bear up under the weight of their trials and Your guidance to bring them to the places where their needs may be answered. Open our hearts to care for them and support them in their need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, grant to us grateful hearts that with our voices we offer You the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and with our tithes and offerings show forth our confidence in Your loving care and our desire to support the work of Your Church. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Local concerns may be added here.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend 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:

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

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 - "Go Light Your World"

- 1 There is a candle in every soul
 Some brightly burning, some dark and cold
 There is a Spirit who brings fire
 Ignites a candle and makes His home

- 2, 7 Carry your candle, run to the darkness
 Seek out the hopeless, confused, and torn
 Hold out your candle for all to see it
 Take your candle, and go light your world
 Take your candle, and go light your world

- 3 Frustrated brother, see how he's tried to
 Light his own candle some other way
 See now your sister, she's been robbed and lied to
 Still holds a candle without a flame

- 4 Carry your candle, run to the darkness
 Seek out the lonely, the tired and worn
 Hold out your candle for all to see it
 Take your candle, and go light your world
 Take your candle, and go light your world

5 We are a family whose hearts are blazing
So let's raise our candles and light up the sky
Praying to our Father, in the name of Jesus
Make us a beacon in darkest times

6 Carry your candle, run to the darkness
Seek out the helpless, deceived and poor
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle, and go light your world
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