



**St. Luke's
Lutheran Church**



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 21

(Series A)

WELCOME

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, office@stlukesmanhattan.org, or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, if you need non-gluten wafers at communion, or need to have communion brought to you, please notify the elder who is serving. **In accordance with city ordinance #7488, masks are to be worn whenever you are in the church building.** (*Exceptions are made for individuals who have a medical condition, verified by a doctor, for which wearing a face covering is not advisable.*) We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

AS WE GATHER

It has become commonplace to speak of God as responsible for determining life and death for us. So we wonder where is God's justice when the innocent suffer or His mercy when tragedy strikes. But the Lord insists He has no pleasure in the death of anyone—not even the sinner who deserves his punishment. God's good and gracious will is that all would be saved and come to the knowledge of His Son. Think how differently we would approach the troubles and trials that affect us and the greater disasters of the world if we took the Lord at His Word and trusted in His will.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; For You I wait all the day long.
Psalm 25:4–5

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 - "He's Calling Out Your Name" 2 Timothy 1:9

1 He's the Lord of every season, He's the Master of all time
And He's come to sow His seeds in this field of humankind
The eternal Word of heaven is among us in this place
And if you have ears to listen, You can hear Him call your name

2, 4, 5 He's calling out your name, He's calling out your name
6,7 If you have ears to listen He's calling out your name

3 He's the Father of all mercy, and your silent prayer's been heard
He will satisfy the thirsty by the water of His Word
As the bread of life is broken and Jesus is proclaimed
May your eyes be opened to the One who calls your name

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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.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 25:6-7; 147:6

P The LORD lifts up the humble;

C He casts the wicked to the ground.

P Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love

C for they have been from of old.

P Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

C according to Your steadfast love, remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P O mighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God of life and hope, You have given rescue to sinners in despair of their sins and to those marked for death. Turn our attention to Your mercy that we learn to rejoice in Your good will, that all would be saved and come to the knowledge of Christ our Savior; through Jesus Christ, 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 - "Agnus Dei"

1, 2 Alleluia, alleluia
For the Lord, God Almighty reigns
Alleluia, alleluia, holy, holy
Are You Lord, God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb
For You are holy, holy
Are You Lord, God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb

3, 4 For You are holy, holy
Are You Lord, God Almighty
Worthy is the lamb
Worthy is the lamb
Amen

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OLD TESTAMENT

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

(The Lord takes no pleasure in the death of anyone, so turn to Him.)

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? ³As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . .

²⁵“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

³⁰“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 25:1-10; antiphon: v. 4

L ⁴Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
C **teach me your paths.**

L ¹To you, O LORD,
C **I lift up my soul.**

L ²O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame;
C **let not my enemies exult | over me.**

L ³Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
C **they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.**

L ⁴Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
C **teach me your paths.**

L ⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
C **for you I wait all the day long.**

L ⁶Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
C **for they have been from of old.**

L ⁷Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
C **for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!**

L ⁸Good and upright is the LORD;
C **therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

L ⁹He leads the humble in what is right,
C **and teaches the humble his way.**

L ¹⁰All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
C **for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

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 ⁴Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
C teach me your paths.

EPISTLE

Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18

(At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow.)

¹If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. . . .

¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or questioning, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Matthew 28:18b

P Alleluia. All authority in heaven and on earth

C has been given to Me. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-27

(Which of the two did the will of his father?)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

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

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

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 21:26* – “But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd ...” Foolish Pharisees! They fear men more than they fear God, and so they miss out on the great blessing of knowing Jesus and His love. All our sins are like this: we fear something more than we fear God. And how foolish that is! Just think of the blessings we miss out on whenever we place our fear or trust in something other than God.

POST SERMON SONG - “To Know You More” Philippians 3:10

- 1 To know You in all of Your glory, to love You with all that I am
With all of my heart, Lord, this is my prayer: to know You more
- 2 To know You in all of Your power, to trust You with all that I am
With all of my heart, Lord, this is my prayer: to know You more
- 3 To know You in all of Your mercy, to serve You with all that I am
With all of my heart, Lord, this is my prayer: to know You more
- 4 To know You in all of Your splendor, to praise You with all that I am
With all of my heart, Lord, this is my prayer: to know You more
- 5 To know You more

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BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

- L** We gather today in the name of our compassionate Savior, to give thanks for women like the biblical Dorcas who use their willing hands to give comfort and life’s necessities to those in need.
- C** **We thank You, Father, for Dorcas of old and the women who follow in her footsteps, using their talents with needles and thread.**

L To You, merciful Lord, we give thanks for all the faithful women who, alone in their homes or in small groups, cut and sew together the colorful scraps of fabric to form tops of spectacular patterns and hues.

C **Lord, we ask Your blessings for these women as they create their labors of love.**

L Lord, Source of all Comfort, we express our gratitude for the caring women who gather in members' homes and in church basements and fellowship halls to quilt, tie, and bind the "comforters."

C **We thank You for the quilters and ask You to bind our hearts in love for the people these quilts will comfort in times of stress.**

L Father, we now dedicate this rainbow of quilts to the glory of God and ask that You shower blessings upon the people of many colors who will use them for warmth, for shelter, for luggage, and for sustaining life.

C **Lord, teach us, also, to use our talents to reach out to the world's downtrodden people as these quilters have learned to do.**

L Jesus, we ask that You continue to bless the work of the quilters, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, and Lutheran World Relief (or substitute name of other organization to whom quilts are sent).

C **Bless their work, O Lord, and may it draw people to You.**

L For to You, O Lord, is the glory forever and ever.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P As You have promised, Lord, hear Your people when they call, and answer us according to Your mercy.

Almighty Father, You take no pleasure in the death of anyone. As John the Baptist once called a people to repentance and faith, so raise up voices within Your Church today to call a world to turn from their sins and live through faith in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty Father, You have given to us the saving name of Jesus. Continue to bless us with faithful pastors who will preach Jesus Christ and His salvation, and bestow upon us faithful church workers who will serve us in Your name. Bless those now preparing for vocations as pastors, deaconesses, teachers, and all other offices as Your Church has established. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty Father, You are gracious and merciful without end. Deliver us from a spirit of complaint, and keep us from grumbling at Your call to serve You with all that we are and all that we have. Grant us grace to fulfill our baptismal calling where You have placed us and according to the vocations given to us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty Father, Your power continues to uphold all things. Give Your blessing to our president, Congress, governor, and state legislature. Guide all who make, administer, and judge our laws that they be in accord with Your commands and give protection to the unborn, the aged, and the oppressed. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty Father, You know our enemies and those whose purpose is set against Yours. Give Your blessing to all who defend our nation here and abroad and to all emergency personnel and disaster workers who come to our aid in time of need. Guide the nations in the paths of peace and deliver us from terror and violence. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty Father, You have given us healing, comfort, and peace in Christ, especially in times of illness, affliction, depression, and sorrow. Hear us on behalf of [*names*, and] all who suffer any need. Grant them grace sufficient to sustain them in their hour of trouble and at last deliver them into the perfect rest of Your eternal presence. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty Father, bring us at last to that day when division, false teaching, and impenitence will all be overcome and we shall be one before You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty Father, You give good gifts to Your people. Keep us from ingratitude and guide us to use the resources entrusted to us for the good of the Kingdom. Accept the tithes and offerings we bring to You this day with the worship of our praise and thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty Father, You have delivered the saints of old into the perfect rest of Your presence. Keep us in faith that we, too, may be faithful unto death and receive from Your hand the crown of everlasting life. Help us to remember their example and to be encouraged in the struggles of this mortal life by the way You sustained them to the end. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

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 - "God is Good (All The Time)" Psalm 100:5

1, 2, 7 God is good (God is good) all the time (all the time)
God is good (God is good) all the time (all the time)
Well, He's filled with compassion and His mercies are everlasting
God is good, God is good all the time

3, 4, 5 Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, His mercies endure forever

6, 8, 9 God is good, God is good all the time
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