



St. Luke's Lutheran Church



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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**NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
PROPER 23
(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

A classic table grace uses these simple words: “Be present at our table, Lord; Be here and ev’rywhere adored; Thy creatures bless, and grant that we May feast in paradise with Thee” (*LSB 775*). The plural pronoun “we” used in the prayer reminds us of the fact that we are together in the Lord’s house and together at the Lord’s Table. Our worship here is not a solo experience but rather is experienced in community. Joyfully we celebrate God’s service to us—together!

IMAGE ON THE COVER

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. He will swallow up death forever; and the LORD GOD will wipe away tears from all faces. *Isaiah 25:6, 8a*

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 - "Here I Am, Lord"

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry
All who dwell in deepest sin, my hand will save
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

2, 4, 6 Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart

3 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain
I have wept for love of them, my hand will save
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?

5 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save
Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?

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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

- P** I was glad when they said to me,
C “Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

- P** I will be glad and exult in You;
C I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

- P** Our soul waits for the Lord:
C He is our help and our shield.

- P** For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name.
C Let Your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in You.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.
C O God our Father, we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have transgressed Your law and have brought injury to others. We have not always shown forth our faith in every aspect of our lives. We sincerely repent of our sins. Have mercy on us and hear this, our confession, O Lord. Grant us Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit within us, lead us to amend our sinful lives that each day we grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name.

- P** The Lord hears our pleas and accepts our prayers. To each of us our Lord promises forgiveness, life, and salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, 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.

P Almighty and eternal God, You have called us in Christ to live as those who are joyfully assured of Your forgiveness and care. Grant us a full sense of being a community gathered together in Your love as we await the company of saints and angels in Your eternal kingdom. This we ask for the sake of Jesus, our Savior and our King.

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 – “Above All”

1, 3 Above all powers, above all kings
Above all nature and all created things
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man
You were here before the world began
Above all kingdoms, above all thrones
Above all wonders the world has ever known
Above all wealth and treasures of the Earth
There’s no way to measure what You’re worth

2, 4, 5 Crucified, laid behind the stone
You lived to die, rejected and alone
Like a rose, trampled on the ground
You took the fall and thought of me above all

6 Like a rose, trampled on the ground
You took the fall and thought of me above all
(Lenny LeBlanc & Paul Baloche CCLI #288089)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

(The Lord will bring salvation to His people.)

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 23; antiphon: v. 5a

L ⁵You prepare a table before me,
C in the presence of my enemies.

L ¹The Lord is my shepherd,
C I shall not want.

L ²He makes me lie down in green pastures.
C He leads me beside still waters.

L ³He restores my soul.
C He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

L ⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
C your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

L ⁵You prepare a table before me
In the presence of my enemies;
C you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

L ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
C and I shall swell in the house of the Lord forever.

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 ⁵You prepare a table before me,
C in the presence of my enemies.

EPISTLE

Philippians 4:4-13

(Encouragement for joyful Christian living)

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

P Alleluia. The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come”. Let the one who hears say, “Come.”

C **Let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

(The parable about the wedding feast)

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

¹Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’ ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ ¹⁰And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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

Sit

LAMB'S MESSAGE

SERMON

VOTUM

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- G** 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 22:5 – “But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business.” The invitation to join God in His feast and in His work is easily ignored. The rest of life seems so much more pressing, and we always think there will be another time when we can catch back up with God. But what joys are we missing when we set aside God's invitation to join Him in His plans and purposes? What inheritance are we trading for the world's bowl of pottage?

POST SERMON SONG - "Lord I Believe in You" 1 Peter 1:8

- 1 Though I can't see Your holy, holy face
 And Your throne in heaven above, it seems so far away
 Though I can't touch, I can't touch Your nail-scarred hands
 I have a deep unspeakable joy that makes my faith to stand

- 2, 4 Lord, I believe in You, I'll always believe in You
 Though I can't see You with my eyes
 Deep in my heart Your presence I find
 Lord, I believe in You, and I'll keep my trust in You
 Let the whole world say what they may, no one can take this joy away
 Lord, I believe

- 3 Born from above, You are God's only chosen One
 You're the one and only true way, way to the Father's heart
 You died for all sin, then You rose and now live again
 Conquering death and the grave, so that I might live

- 5 Lord, we believe in You, we'll always believe in You
 Though we can't see You with our eyes
 Deep in our hearts Your presence we find
 Lord, we believe in You, and we'll keep our trust in You
 Let the whole world say what they may, no one can take this joy away
 Lord we believe, Lord we believe

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Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P With full confidence that our prayers will be heard by our loving God, we offer our petitions for the Church, the world, and all people in need. O Lord,

C **in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

P With hope-filled hearts we pray for the community of world nations, especially remembering the people of Canada as they observe their country's National Day of Thanksgiving. O Lord,

C **in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

P We pray for the well-being of creation in our land and every land, for all coastlands and waters and for all fields and forests. Grant that we be proper stewards of all of the gifts we have received. O Lord,

C **in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

P We pray for the Church, that it grow as the Spirit leads and directs, even in those places where persecution of Christian people still is a daily reality. O Lord,

C **in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

P We pray for those who are in need of special petitions this day, including the injured or ill, people in hospitals or other care centers, those dealing with special challenges, the shut-in, the unemployed, and those who are grieving this day, [*especially . . .*]. Be the support of those in need and the comfort of those who are burdened. O Lord,

C **in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

P As we remember with gratitude those whose earthly lives are now completed, we ask that we be blessed by the memory of all who have fallen asleep in Jesus, especially those of this community of faith who have left behind examples of joyful trust and blessed hope. O Lord,

C **in Your mercy, hear our prayer. 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 upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG - "Mighty is Our God" Psalm 93:4

1, 4, 6, 8 Mighty is our God, mighty is our King
 Mighty is our Lord, Ruler of everything

2, 5, 9 Glory to our God, glory to our King
 Glory to our Lord, Ruler of everything

3, 7 His name is higher, higher than any other name
 His power is greater for He has created everything

10 Ruler of everything, Ruler of everything

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