



# St. Luke's Lutheran Church



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*Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.*

**Sunday, October 18, 2020 – 11:00 AM**

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**TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Proper 24**

**(Series A)**

## **AS WE GATHER**

Countless times during Christ's mission in human flesh for the sins of the world, the Pharisees and others tried to test, trap, and trick Jesus, thinking He would suffer a setback to His ministry. Time and time again, Jesus in His divine wisdom and teaching would instead turn those times into a setup for teaching about many things regarding life on earth and the kingdom of heaven. We, too, face times of testing, trapping, and tricking, though not from Pharisees, but from this world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh, and often we face setbacks. We are wise to turn to the one who has set us up for forgiveness, mercy, and a new life through His own life, death, and rising. Rejoicing in His grace, in response to His love, we faithfully, "render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's" (Matthew 22:21).

## **IMAGE ON THE COVER**

*"Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." Matthew 22:21b*

## **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 - "Everything to You" 1 Chronicles 29:24-28**

- 1 Who am I? Nothing but a shadow  
Cast by Your loving light, pure white  
Search my heart, find the truth within me  
All that I have I give to You for Your holy purpose
  
- 2, 4 I give everything to You, Lord, all I have  
When I am empty how You fill me up  
I give everything to You, Lord, all I am  
With a joyful heart I give my life to You
  
- 3 Touch my soul, Spirit, live within me  
Let my one desire be You, Lord, You  
From Your hand, Father, You have given  
All that I am I give to You, forever Your servant  
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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 96:1-9*

- P** Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!  
**C** **Sing to the LORD, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.**
- P** Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!  
**C** **For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods. Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

**P** For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

**C** **Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.**

**P** Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

**C** **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts! Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *Psalm 51:1-3; 96:9-13; Isaiah 45:5*

**P** Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;

**C** **according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

**P** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

**C** **For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**

**P** As we come and bow before the Lord to confess our sins, we admit that we have bowed down to other gods of this world and gods of our own choosing.

**C** **We confess we have trusted in ourselves and others rather than in You.**

**P** We have failed to rely on You in all times. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, and against others in what we have done and left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart

**C** **and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We confess we have trusted in ourselves and others rather than in You.**

**P** Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

**C** **let the field exult, and everything in it!**

**P** Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

**C** **before the LORD, for He comes,**

**P** for He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in His faithfulness.

**C** **Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

**P** Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, God is a merciful and loving Father, of whom “there is no other, besides Him there is no God.” He has chosen you in the Gospel, which has come not only in word but with full conviction in power and in the Holy Spirit. Jesus died on the cross to redeem You. Through Him, in His stead, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, 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.

O God, as there is no other like You, help us to give to You the things that are Yours, that we serve only You. Govern all things in this world so Your Church will serve You with conviction in confidence and peace, and that faith, hope, and love be known and shown in our earthly journeys as Your kingdom comes; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### **NICENE CREED**

**C** **I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both  
the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

*Sit*

## OPENING SONG - "Be Lifted High"

- 1 Sin and its ways grow old  
All of my heart turns to stone  
And I'm left with no strength to arise  
How You need to be lifted high
- 2 Sin and its ways lead to pain  
Left here with hurt and with shame  
So no longer will I leave Your side  
Jesus, You be lifted high
- 3, 6, 7 You be lifted high, You be lifted high  
You be lifted high in my life, oh God  
And I fall to my knees so it's You that they see not I  
Jesus, You be lifted high
- 4 Even now that I'm inside Your hands  
Help me not to grow prideful again  
Don't let me forsake sacrifice  
Jesus, You be lifted high
- 5 If I'm blessed with the riches of kings  
How could I ever think that it was me  
For you brought me from darkness to light  
Jesus, You be lifted high

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## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 45:1-7*

*(The Lord uses Cyrus as an instrument of deliverance.)*

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whose right hand I have grasped,  
to subdue nations before him  
and to loose the belts of kings,  
to open doors before him  
that gates may not be closed:

<sup>2</sup>"I will go before you  
and level the exalted places,  
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze  
and cut through the bars of iron,  
<sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness  
and the hoards in secret places,  
that you may know that it is I, the LORD,  
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

<sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob,  
and Israel my chosen,  
I call you by your name,  
I name you, though you do not know me.

<sup>5</sup>I am the LORD, and there is no other,  
besides me there is no God;  
I equip you, though you do not know me,

<sup>6</sup>that people may know, from the rising of the sun  
and from the west, that there is none besides me;  
I am the LORD, and there is no other.

<sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness,  
I make well-being and create calamity,  
I am the LORD, who does all these things."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL

*Psalm 91:11; 103:1*

**L** He will command His angels concerning you

**C** to guard you in all your ways.

**L** Bless the Lord, O my soul,

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

## EPISTLE

*1 Thessalonians 1:1-10*

*(The Thessalonians' faith and example.)*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

<sup>2</sup>We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, <sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. <sup>9</sup>For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA & VERSE

*Colossians 2:10*

- P** Alleluia. You have been filled in Him,  
**C** **who is the head of all rule and authority. Alleluia.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 22:15-22*

*(Jesus tested by the Pharisees about paying taxes to Caesar.)*

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

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk.  
<sup>16</sup>And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "**Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin for the tax.**" And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>And Jesus said to them, "**Whose likeness and inscription is this?**" <sup>21</sup>They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "**Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.**" <sup>22</sup>When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

- 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.  
**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 22:21** – “... Then he said to them, ‘Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’ ” So what is Jesus saying? Doesn’t everything belong to God? Yes, and God has a place for everything. Some of what He gives us goes to Caesar. Some must come back to the work of His Church. And some goes to support the families He has given us. All belongs to God, and He has work for us to do with what He has given us in the home, in the Church, and in society.

*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.

We offer to You, Lord, the sacrifice of our prayer and praise. You have blessed us with the gift of life in Your Son, Jesus Christ. You provide for all our needs, even when we are unaware. Accept our humble thanksgiving, and empower us to demonstrate our thanks in words, actions, and dedicated service to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We acknowledge that You are the Lord, and there is no other. Strengthen us to resist temptations to serve other gods, whether things of this world, others, or ourselves. Open our eyes to see Your presence in all of our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Our Savior Jesus Christ, has reminded us to render to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to You what is Yours. As You have established all authority over us, we pray for our leaders in this world, nation, state, and community. Give them wisdom and courage to act with justice and mercy for all lives, including the unborn and aged, the vulnerable and needful. Bless also those who serve our Church as elected and called officials, and the leaders within our own congregation, that all actions bring glory to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We lift up all those in need, the hungry and homeless, the mourning and grieving, and all who seek healing, [*especially . . .*]. Give peace, hope, and healing according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Bless all who commune at this altar today, that through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus, they be strengthened in Your forgiveness, enabled to withstand temptations of the devil, and empowered to lovingly serve neighbors in Your name.

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

## **PREFACE**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## **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.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### **The Lord's Supper**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an elder. For further study, see Matt. 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

## DISTRIBUTION

*The pastor and those who assist him will receive the body and blood of Christ first. They will then distribute the elements to those in the pews who are unable to come forward, and then finally to those who come forward.*

*During the COVID-19 regulations, continuous communion will be practiced. Please maintain Social Distancing while waiting in line to receive communion.*

## DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“The Lord is my Light” Psalm 27:1

- 1, 3, 5      The Lord is my light and my salvation  
The Lord is the strength of my life  
The Lord is my light and my salvation  
The Lord is the strength of my life  
So I will not be afraid, no, I will not be afraid  
Because the Lord is my light  
The Lord is my light, the Lord is my light
- 2            In the day of trouble He will hide me  
He will keep me safe, He will guide me through
- 4            In the darkest hour He will keep me  
Evil has no power when He shelters me
- 6            Because the Lord is my light  
The Lord is my light, the Lord is my light  
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“Come Just as You Are” John 4:14

1, 2      Come just as you are  
            Hear the Spirit call  
            Come just as you are  
            Come and see (come and see)  
            Come, receive (come, receive)  
            Come and live (come and live) forever

3, 5, 6      Life everlasting and strength for today  
                  Taste the Living Water and never thirst again

4, 7      Come just as you are  
            Hear the Spirit call  
            Come just as you are  
            Come receive (come receive)  
            Christ the King (Christ the King)  
            Come and live (come and live) forever

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**DISMISSAL**

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

## 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 - "Send Me"**

- 1 Let me sow the seeds of life to a parched and dying land  
Watering with Your words of love so that they will understand  
That the love that God has shed upon us  
Is a love that will never fade away  
Let me share it with the world  
I'll go, I'll be the one to go
  
- 2, 4, 6 Here am I, send me. Here am I, send me  
Until every nation knows the power of Your love  
Give me a hunger to know where it is You want me to go  
Father I'm saying here am I, send me
  
- 3 There's a need we cannot see 'cause we're blinded by our own  
Help us sense the suffering that they carry all alone  
Let me be the voice that's giving answers to their need  
That Jesus is the truth, the life  
He's the way, He is the only way
  
- 5 I will go where there's a need  
I will go, Lord send me  
I will go, where you lead  
Even to the ends of the earth

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