



**St. Luke's
Lutheran Church**



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 28

(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

We read today about three servants. All three received a good and gracious gift from their master. Two were good and faithful. One was evil and faithless. Two reflected the goodness and faithfulness of their master. One refused to act like his master and was punished for his insolence. Consider Jesus, our good and faithful Master, and all that He has done for us and our salvation. As we follow Him, we reflect His goodness and faithfulness.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

Enter into the joy of your Master. *Matthew 25:21b*

PRELUDE

Please use this time to prayerfully prepare your hearts to enter into the presence of Jesus

✠A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE✠

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

PRESERVICE SONG - "God Bless America"

1 God bless America
Land that I love
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with a light from above
From the mountains to the prairies
To the oceans white with foam
God bless America
My home sweet home
God bless America
My home sweet home

2 From the mountains to the prairies
To the oceans white with foam
God bless America
My home sweet home
God bless America
My home sweet home

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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 Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

C You have been our good and faithful Master.

P You have poured out blessings upon us.

C You have given us all we need to support this body and life.

P We meditate on all that You have done.

C We ponder the work of Your hands.

P On account of Your name, O Lord, preserve our lives.

C In Your righteousness, bring us out of trouble.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Indeed, our heavenly Father has done wonderful things for us. He has given us more than we could ever ask for or imagine. Yet, there have been times when we have been ungrateful for God's gifts, times when we have been lazy and selfish with what He has given us, times when we have been unfaithful servants. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to return to Him and ask for His forgiveness.

Silence for reflection

P Heavenly Father,
C **we confess that we have not been faithful with all of the good gifts You have given us. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have failed by our inactivity. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, O Lord, that we might be restored as Your servants.**

P God hears your confession and has promised to be with you always. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise 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. We are forgiven. We are restored in Jesus.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, You are our good and faithful Master. Thank You for the abundance of blessings You have poured into our lives. Strengthen us by Your mighty power, that we might serve You well and faithfully; 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

**☩ 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 - "When Mercy Found Me"

- 1 I can't count the broken roads
I've been down but all I know
Something had to give, something had to give
'Cause living my life so wild and free finally caught up
Oh it left me broken, left me hopeless
But that's where I met Jesus
- 2, 4, 6 In one moment everything changed
Who I was got washed away
When mercy found me
My Savior's arms were open wide
And I felt love for the very first time
When mercy found me, when mercy found me
- 3 All those days and all those doubts
They don't seem to matter now
His Grace is all I need, His Grace is all I need
And the chains that I was in before
They don't hold me anymore
His love has rescued me, His love has set me free
- 5 My mind found peace
My soul found hope
My heart found a home

OLD TESTAMENT

Zephaniah 1:7-16

(The Day of the Lord is near.)

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is near;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice
and consecrated his guests.

⁸And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—

"I will punish the officials and the king's sons
and all who array themselves in foreign attire.

⁹On that day I will punish

everyone who leaps over the threshold,
and those who fill their master's house
with violence and fraud.

¹⁰"On that day," declares the LORD,

"a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,
a wail from the Second Quarter,
a loud crash from the hills.

¹¹Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!

For all the traders are no more;
all who weigh out silver are cut off.

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,

and I will punish the men
who are complacent,

those who say in their hearts,
'The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do ill.'

¹³Their goods shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them."

¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near,

near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
the mighty man cries aloud there.

¹⁵A day of wrath is that day,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84.5

L These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

C **They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

L Blessed are those whose strength is in You,

C **in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

(Let us live as children of the light.)

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Matthew 25:29a

P Alleluia. For to everyone who has will more be given,

C and he will have an abundance. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

(The parable of the talents.)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴[Jesus said:] “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed?

²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

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 25:30a – “And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness.” Why did the worthless servant act the way he did? Because of what he believed about the Master. He didn't trust or love the Master. So, his actions did not demonstrate love and trust but rather hate and mistrust. It's the same with us, but in reverse. Since we know our Lord God to be faithful and kind, we desire to serve Him and render faithful service with what He has given us.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Dear heavenly Father, You have placed us in various vocations for the sake of Your people. Strengthen us when we face challenges and trials that would tempt us to abandon Your Church. Forgive us when we go astray. Bring back all those who have wandered from the faith. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

C Give ear to our pleas for mercy.

P Lord, raise up good and faithful servants in Your Church, that we work together for the common good and spread the good news of Your kingdom to all nations. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

C Give ear to our pleas for mercy.

P Lord, raise up good and faithful servants in the governments of the world, that citizens of all nations might be treated with fairness and justice. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

C Give ear to our pleas for mercy.

P Lord, the day of Jesus' return is drawing near. Give us patience and faith as we await His return. Embolden us to serve our neighbors and never grow weary of doing good. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

C Give ear to our pleas for mercy.

P Lord, disease and devastation have infected so much of Your creation, but we know Your healing is always close at hand. Be with all those who suffer now through abuse, illness, and injustice, [*especially* . . .]. Heal them according to Your will, and send justice for the oppressed. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

C Give ear to our pleas for mercy.

P Lord, by the resurrection of Your Son, death has been destroyed. Yet each human being still faces earthly death. We bring before You all those who are mourning the death of loved ones, [*especially* . . .]. Comfort them with the hope of the resurrection to eternal life. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

C Give ear to our pleas for mercy.

P 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.

PREFACE

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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

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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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.

Sit

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

“How Great Thou Art”

- 1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
 Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
 I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
 Thy power throughout the universe displayed
- 2, 4, 6, 8 Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee
 How great Thou art, how great Thou art
 Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee
 How great Thou art, how great Thou art
- 3 When through the woods and forest glades I wander
 And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
 When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
 And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze
- 5 And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
 Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
 That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
 He bled and died to take away my sin
- 7 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
 And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
 Then I shall bow in humble adoration
 And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art

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“The Lamb”

- 1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where’s the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!
- 2, 4, 6 Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own!
8, 10 The Lamb is reigning on his throne!
- 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, one perfect final offering
The Lamb, the Lamb, let earth join heaven His praise to sing
- 5 The Lamb, the Lamb, as wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will on our behalf the Law to fill
- 7 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness
He Lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness
- 9 He rose, He rose, my heart with thanks now overflows
His song prolong ‘till every heart to Him belong
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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.
- G** **Amen.**

Stand

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P Let us pray.

O God, You satisfy the longing of our hearts with great mercy and bring us to the fullness of Your grace and favor. Wherever we have been or however long it has taken for us to hear and believe Your Word, teach us to rejoice that we are Yours and to rejoice over those who are still hearing and still believing in Christ through Your Church's proclamation. Sustain us through temptation, and deliver us from trouble that we be sustained in this faith to the day of Christ's return; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C 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 - "Firm Foundation" Isaiah 33:6

1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8 Jesus, You're my firm foundation, I know I can stand secure
 Jesus, You're my firm foundation, I put my hope in Your holy
 Word
 I put my hope in Your holy Word

3 I have a living hope (echo), I have a future (echo)
 God has a plan for me (echo) of this I'm sure (echo)

5 Your Word is faithful (echo), mighty in power (echo)
 God will deliver me (echo) of this I'm sure (echo)

9 I put my hope in Your holy Word

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