



St. Luke's Lutheran Church



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

(Series B)

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

The Lord always sets the right time for the right people to be used for His mission and purposes. Throughout the Old Testament, He spoke through prophets to proclaim His Word, call the people to repentance, and turn back into a relationship with Him. As His own beloved Son, our Savior, came into the world when the time was right, God used John the Baptist to prepare the way for Christ. As John's ministry and calling people to repentance would cease, and Jesus' earthly ministry began, Jesus echoed and perfectly fulfilled all that would come to fruition in and through Him. As Christ calls His first disciples, the call to repentance and faith continued. Even today, as we gather in His name, that same call through those the Lord has placed in His right time is heard with open ears and willing hearts within His Church, that we may live faithful lives of repentance and faith as we follow Him.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." *Jonah 3:1-2*

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 - "Great is the Lord" Psalm 8:1

- 1, 3 Great is the Lord, He is holy and just
By His power we trust in His love
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true
By His mercy He proves He is love

- 2 Great is the Lord and worthy of glory
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice
Great is the Lord

- 4, 5 Great are You, Lord, and worthy of glory
Great are You, Lord, and worthy of praise
Great are You, Lord, I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice
Great are You, Lord, Great are you Lord

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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 113:1-3

P Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord,
C **praise the name of the Lord!**

P Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore!
C **From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Gracious Lord, by Your name You have called us Your own, and we are to pray, praise, and give thanks to You.
C **Yet we often do not live as You have called us to live as Your own. We do not always honor Your name nor Your calling with our praise.**

P We confess our sins to God in repentance, turning from those things that lead us away, turning back to You as we follow in faith.

Silence for reflection

P Almighty and ever-compassionate Lord,
C **we are by nature sinful and unclean. We confess our many failures as we have not followed You joyfully and trustingly. We have not loved others as ourselves, and our thoughts, words, and deeds have not been pleasing to You. We have not always welcomed Your call for us to follow You and You alone.**

P The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the Gospel. Hear and rejoice in the Good News. Jesus Christ died for you, and for His sake, God has compassion. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and in His stead, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

P Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord,
C **praise the name of the Lord**

- P** Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore!
- C** **From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, as the call to follow You comes to us through Your Word, grant us Your Holy Spirit that we trust and serve You in repentance and faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- 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.**

OPENING SONG - "Rejoice the Lord is King"

1 Rejoice the Lord is King, your Lord and King adore
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing and triumph evermore

2, 4, 6 Lift up your heart, lift up your voice
Rejoice, again I say rejoice

3 His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n

5 Rejoice in glorious hope, our Lord, the Judge shall come
And take His servants up to their eternal home

7 Lift up your heart, lift up your voice
Rejoice, again I say rejoice, rejoice, rejoice the Lord is King

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OLD TESTAMENT

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

(The Lord causes repentance of the Ninevites through Jonah's preaching.)

¹Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, ²"Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. . . .

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 62; antiphon: v. 8

L ⁸Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;

C **God is a refuge for us.**

L ¹For God alone my soul waits in silence;

C **from him comes my salvation.**

L ²He only is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress;

C **I shall not be greatly shaken.**

L ³How long will all of you attack a man
to batter him,

C **like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?**

L ⁴They only plan to thrust him down from his high position.

They take pleasure in falsehood.

C **They bless with their mouths,
but inwardly they curse.**

L ⁵For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,

C **for my hope is from him.**

L ⁶He only is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress;

C **I shall not be shaken.**

L ⁷On God rests my salvation and my glory;

C **my mighty rock, my refuge is God.**

L ⁸Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;

C **God is a refuge for us.**

L ⁹Those of low estate are but a breath;
those of high estate are a delusion;
C **in the balances they go up;**
 they are together lighter than a breath.

L ¹⁰Put no trust in extortion;
set no vain hopes on robbery;
C **if riches increase, set not your heart on them.**

L ¹¹Once God has spoken;
twice have I heard this:
C **that power belongs to God,**

L ¹²and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love.
For you will render to a man
C **according to his work.**

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 ⁸Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
C **God is a refuge for us.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 7:29-35

(As time grows short, Paul encourages faithful use of time.)

²⁹This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

³²I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. ³³But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, ³⁴and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. ³⁵I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Mark: 1:15

P Alleluia. The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand;

C repent and believe in the gospel. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:14-20

(Jesus calls the first disciples to follow Him.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

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

¹⁴After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God,
¹⁵and saying, **“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”**

¹⁶Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, **“Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.”** ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

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: Mark 1:14-15 – “... Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.’ ” To repent means to turn away from sins and our former way of thinking and turn toward belief in God and His Gospel of grace and mercy. The whole Christian life is one of repentance and faith. Where is God calling you to repent today? How is He calling you to deeper faith?

POST SERMON SONG - “Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord” James 4:10

1, 2, 3 Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord
 Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord
 And He shall lift you up higher and higher, and He shall lift you up
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Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, as You have called us as Your own, gathered us together, and enlightened us by Your Spirit through Your Word, we bring to You our prayer and praise. Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We pray for all people of the world, that the Epiphany light that shines the radiance of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, shine in the hearts and minds of all people. For those who are wayward and lost and for those who have rejected Your call to repentance and faith, we pray You use us in our words and witness to point to You that many more would faithfully follow. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Ever-present Lord, be with Your Church on earth and the congregations in their work to serve and praise You and to be nourished by Your Word and Sacraments. Bless those You have called in roles of pastors and church workers that they faithfully speak and live Your Word of truth and that the call to a repentant and faithful life in Christ be followed. Continue to raise up called servants and leaders within Your Church for Your work and mission to continue that many more may know You and follow where You lead. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of comfort and peace, be present with those who face various needs in mind, soul, and body, [*especially* . . .]. Grant healing according to Your will. Be with those who grieve that the assured promise of Christ's victory over death and the grave brings hope in times of hopelessness. For those who live in doubt, fear, and distress, extend Your call of grace through Your Word and those who proclaim it. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, we praise Your name for You gave Jesus Christ, whose love for us compelled Him to go to the cross that we by faith are saved. Unite us in Him and in our fellowship together, that in repentance we faithfully receive the gifts of life and grace He gives to us through His body and blood. Help us to draw our strength, love, compassion, and mercy through You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through 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

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 - "Beautiful One"

1 Wonderful, so wonderful is Your unfailing love
Your cross is spoken mercy over me
No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no heart can fully know
How glorious, how beautiful You are

2, 4, 5 Beautiful One I love
8, 9, 10 Beautiful One I adore
Beautiful One, my soul must sing

3 Powerful, so powerful Your glory fills the skies
Your mighty works displayed for all to see
The beauty of Your majesty awakes my heart to sing
How marvelous, how wonderful You are

6, 7 You opened my eyes to Your wonders anew
You captured my heart with this love
'Cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as You
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