



St. Luke's Lutheran Church



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER 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

There have always been many names and descriptions associated with Jesus Christ, and rightly so. As foretold in Isaiah, He would be called “Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Disciples would call Him Rabbi, Teacher, and Lord. In our creedal confession, we acknowledge He is both true man and true God. All of these are right and proper, yet amid the many names and descriptions found in Scripture and the Confessions, we focus today on the fact that Jesus is both Prophet and Savior. The prophet Moses pointed to the greater Prophet, Jesus, the fulfillment of prophecies as the saving Word made flesh, who came as our Savior.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and was teaching. And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. *Mark 1:21–22*

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 - "Great and Mighty is He" Psalm 48:1

(x denotes clap)

1, 3, 5 Great and mighty is He (xxx) Great and mighty is He (xxx)
Clothed in glory, arrayed in splendor, great and mighty is He (xxx)
Great and mighty is He (xxx) Great and mighty is He (xxx)
Clothed in glory, arrayed in splendor, great and mighty is He (xxx)

2, 4 Let us lift His name up high, celebrate His grace
For He has redeemed our lives and He reigns on high

6 Great and mighty is He (xxx) Great and mighty is He (xxx)
Clothed in glory, arrayed in splendor
Great and mighty is, great and mighty is, great and mighty is He
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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.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

C **Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

P As Moses speaks to the people through God, we confess those times we do not listen to Your words and close our hearts to You.

C **Forgive us, Lord.**

P As Paul warns, we confess those times when our freedom in Christ causes one who is weak in faith to stumble.

C **Forgive us, Lord.**

P As Jesus, the long-awaited Prophet and Savior, taught with and showed His authority and power, we confess those times when we allow the forces of evil to make us forget the deliverance and love of God we have in Christ.

C **Forgive us, Lord.**

P With David the psalmist, we humbly come before the Lord.

Silence for reflection.

P I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity;

C **I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

C **You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. To those who believe in His name He gives the power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

- P** Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
C but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

- P** Let us pray.

Lord of all, by Your hands all things were made. In Your Word is power over order and chaos, light and darkness, life and death. Grant Your Spirit that we become instruments of Yours by Your grace, humbly serving You through the perfect Prophet and Savior of this world; 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.**

Sit

OPENING SONG – “God Will Make a Way” Isaiah 43:9

1, 2, 4, 6 God will make a way where there seems to be no way
He works in ways we cannot see, He will make a way for me
He will be my guide, hold me closely to His side
With love and strength for each new day
He will make a way, He will make a way

3, 5 By the roadway in the wilderness He'll lead me
And rivers in the desert will I see
Heaven and earth will fade
But His Word will still remain
He will do something new today

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

(A new prophet like Moses.)

¹⁵“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— ¹⁶just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ ¹⁷And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. ²⁰But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 111; antiphon: v. 3

L ³Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
C and his righteousness endures forever.

L ¹Praise the LORD!
I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
C in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

L ²Great are the works of the LORD,
C studied by all who delight in them.

L ³Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
C and his righteousness endures forever.

L ⁴He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
C the LORD is gracious and merciful.

- L** ⁵He provides food for those who fear him;
C **he remembers his covenant forever.**
- L** ⁶He has shown his people the power of his works,
C **in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**
- L** ⁷The works of his hands are faithful and just;
C **all his precepts are trustworthy;**
- L** ⁸they are established forever and ever,
C **to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**
- L** ⁹He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
C **Holy and awesome is his name!**
- L** ¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
C **His praise endures 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** ³Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
C **and his righteousness endures forever.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

(In our freedom, not causing others to stumble.)

¹Concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. ²If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

⁴Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.

¹⁰For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol’s temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols?

¹¹And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹²Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA & VERSE

Mark 1:22a

P Alleluia. They were astonished at His teaching,

C for He taught them as one who had authority. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:21-28

(Jesus teaches with authority and shows His power over unclean spirits.)

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

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

²¹They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²²And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴“What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, **“Be silent, and come out of him!”** ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

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: “And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes.” Authority is a word we are sometimes afraid of and don't like to hear. But that's just our sinful flesh talking. Jesus' authority is something we need. We need him to show us what to believe and how to live, for Jesus' authority is always connected to his love.

POST SERMON SONG - “Glorify Thy Name” Psalm 86:12

- 1 Father, we love You, we worship and adore You
Glorify Thy name in all the earth
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name in all the earth
- 2 Jesus, we love You, we worship and adore You
Glorify Thy name in all the earth
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name in all the earth
- 3 Spirit, we love You, we worship and adore You
Glorify Thy name in all the earth
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name in all the earth
- 4 Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name in all the earth
Glorify Thy name in all the earth

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Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the Church of God and for all people according to their needs.

Gracious Lord, we give You thanks for the gift of the Holy Scriptures, both Law and Gospel, in which we see our sin and see Your love in our Savior. As Christ is true Prophet and Savior of this world, give us faith to continue to hear His voice and find comfort in His work of salvation. Bless the proclamation of the Word, and raise faithful servants who will share Your commands and the forgiveness that comes through Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Ever-giving Lord, grant continued faith by Your Holy Spirit through the hearing of Your Word that we be fed and nourished. Produce in us good fruit for the sake of selves and others, that we not cause others to stumble but to walk firmly in Your ways. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P All-powerful Lord, at whose Word and authority even unclean and evil spirits submit and obey, hinder the work of Satan in our lives that Your kingdom and victory be known to all. Give Your peace and presence to those who suffer any affliction, [*including . . .*]. Enable us to be a blessing to those in their time of need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Additional petitions may follow.

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

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.**

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 - "The Hurt and the Healer"

- 1 Why? The question that is never far away
 But healing doesn't come from the explained
 Jesus please don't let this go in vain
 You're all I have, all that remains
- 2, 5 So here I am, what's left of me
 Where glory meets my suffering
- 3, 6, 8 I'm alive
 Even though a part of me has died
 You take my heart and breathe it back to life
 I fall into Your arms open wide
 When the hurt and the healer collide
- 4 Breathe, sometimes I feel it's all that I can do
 Pain so deep that I can hardly move
 Just keep my eyes completely fixed on You
 Lord take hold and pull me through
- 7 It's the moment when humanity
 Is overcome by majesty
 When grace is ushered in for good
 And all the scars are understood
 When mercy takes its rightful place
 And all these questions fade away
 When out of the weakness we must bow
 And hear You say "It's over now"
- 9, 10 Jesus come and break my fear
 Awake my heart and take my tears
 Find Your glory even here
 When the hurt and the healer collide

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