



**St. Luke's  
Lutheran Church**



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

**Sunday, February 28, 2021 – 11:00 AM**

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**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

**(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](mailto: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**

Our Lord's whole purpose in becoming one of us in human history was to die for us. As a result, He purposely marched toward Jerusalem and the certain death on the cross He knew would come. For Him, the Scriptures were not forecasts of what might happen but God's immutable will for Him. He had to suffer and die so that we could be saved. And the eternal life He thereby won for us gives us purpose in daily living. We can willingly deny ourselves in service to others; we can take up our cross, knowing that our life with Him will never end.

## **IMAGE ON THE COVER**

Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. *Psalm 25:6*

## **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 - "To God Be the Glory"**

- 1           To God be the glory, great things He hath done  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin  
And opened the life gate that all may go in
- 2, 4, 6       Praise the Lord, praise the Lord  
Let the earth hear His voice  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord  
Let the people rejoice  
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son  
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done
- 3           Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood  
To every believer the promise of God  
The vilest offender who truly believes  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives
- 5           Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son  
But purer and higher and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see

7           And give Him the glory, great things He hath done  
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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** God established an everlasting covenant with Abraham,

**C** but our faith has waxed and waned. O Lord, forgive our forgetfulness of Your unchanging grace.

**P** David wrote, “All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,”

**C** but we have failed to remind one another of God’s mercy and love. O Lord, forgive our hesitancy to share the news of Your gracious presence.

**P** Paul wrote that because Christ died for the ungodly, we are justified by His blood,

**C** but we have tried to hide our sinfulness. O Lord, forgive our blindness to the necessary sacrifice of our Savior.

**P** God sent His Son into the world with one purpose: to save us from the wrath of God. “For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life.” As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore 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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, who sent Your Son into the flesh so that He might pay for our sins and open eternal life to us,

**C** **grant us strong faith so that we may purposefully take up our crosses and follow where He has led the way;**

**P** through the same 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** We confess our faith together, using the words of the 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 – “Let My Words be Few”

- 1, 5        You are God in heaven  
              And here am I on Earth  
              So, I'll let my words be few  
              Jesus, I am so in love with You
- 2, 4, 6, 7    And I'll stand in awe of You, Jesus  
              Yes, I'll stand in awe of You  
              And I'll let my words be few  
              Jesus, I am so in love with You
- 3            The simplest of all love songs  
              I want to bring to You  
              So, I'll let my words be few  
              Jesus, I am so in love with You

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## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16*

*(God makes a covenant promise to Abram.)*

<sup>1</sup>When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, <sup>2</sup>that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, <sup>4</sup>“Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. . . .

<sup>15</sup>And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

*Psalm 22:23-31; antiphon: v. 22*

**L** I will tell of your name to my brothers;

**C** **in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:**

**L** <sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,

**C** **and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!**

**L** <sup>24</sup>For he has not despised or abhorred  
the affliction of the afflicted,

and he has not hidden his face from him,

**C** **but has heard, when he cried to him.**

**L** <sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

**C** **my vows I will perform before those who fear him.**

**L** <sup>26</sup>The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the LORD!

**C** **May your hearts live forever!**

**L** <sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the LORD,

**C** **and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before you.**

**L** <sup>28</sup>For kingship belongs to the LORD,

**C** **and he rules over the nations.**

**L** <sup>29</sup>All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;

**C** **before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
even the one who could not keep himself alive.**

**L** <sup>30</sup>Posterity shall serve him;

**C** **it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;**

**L** <sup>31</sup>they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,

**C** **that he has done it.**

**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** I will tell of your name to my brothers;

**C** **in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:**





## EPISTLE

*Romans 5:1-11*

*(Grace: Christ died for the ungodly.)*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## VERSE

**P** If anyone would come after Me,

**C** let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

## HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-38

*(Truly knowing Christ means following Him.)*

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

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

<sup>27</sup>And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” <sup>28</sup>And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup>And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” <sup>30</sup>And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

<sup>31</sup>And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

<sup>34</sup>And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? <sup>37</sup>For what can a man give in return for his life? <sup>38</sup>For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Sit*

**SERMON**

## VOTUM

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** Amen.

## OFFERING

**STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE:** Mark 8:32 – “And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.” Anytime we sin we are acting like Peter: thinking we know better than the Lord. But as Jesus says, such acts stem from Satan. So let us repent: let us trust our Lord Jesus and follow Him. For certainly He has earned our trust with His gracious sacrifice for us.

*Stand*

## POST SERMON SONG - “Spirit of the Living God”

1, 2, 3 Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me  
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me  
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the Church here and around the world and for all people in their various circumstances.

For the Church around the world, all people who join Peter in professing that Jesus is the Christ, that they trust God’s purpose for their lives, take up their crosses, and follow, let us pray to the Lord.

- C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For all who spend their lives serving the physical, mental, social, and emotional needs of the people around them, that God bless and guide them according to His gracious purpose, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For professional counselors and private confidants who alleviate suffering, enable endurance, support character, and encourage hope, that they serve as conduits for God's purposes in the lives of their patients, family, and friends, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those who lead the governments of the world, that they find purpose in their positions, using every means to increase harvests, combat global health crises, minimize conflict between nations, and ensure equal justice for all their citizens, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those near and dear to us, [*especially . . .*], that God bring about the healing, comfort, freedom, and dignity for which they send requests to our gracious Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

**C** **Amen.**

## **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.

## **CONCLUDING COLLECT FOR THE CHURCH**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have called Your Church to witness that in Christ You have reconciled us to Yourself. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may proclaim the good news of Your salvation so that all who hear it may receive the gift of salvation; 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** - "I Waited for the Lord" Psalm 40:1-6

- 1, 4, 8      I waited for the Lord on high  
10            I waited and He heard my cry
- 2, 6, 9      There's a new song in my heart to sing  
                A new song, praises for the King
- 3, 7            He pulled me out of my despair  
                And showed me where to walk  
                From fear into security  
                From quicksand to a rock
- 5              I'll sing to let the people know  
                That I have been restored  
                And they will kneel and understand  
                To return and trust in the Lord

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