



St. Luke's Lutheran Church



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

Sunday, April 11, 2021 – 11:00 AM

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**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
(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

Though Easter is a season and not merely a Sunday, it can be hard to sustain the enthusiasm when attendance drops on “low Sunday.” That said, the source of our joy is not in the size of the crowd but the greatness of the gift that Christ has given us. We have the forgiveness of sins, and where there is forgiveness for our sins, there is also life and salvation. We are held captive to fear, to the guilt of our sin, and to the power of death until Christ enters our locked rooms, shows Himself to us, and we, by the power of the Holy Spirit, rejoice in our Lord and God.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

He said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in My side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” Thomas answered Him, “My Lord and my God!” *John 20:27–28*

PRELUDE

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

EASTER ACCLAMATION

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

✠A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE✠

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

PRESERVICE SONG – JuBellation Handbell Choir

A Tanzanian Alleluia: Christ Has Arisen

By Jeffrey Honore

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** If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness,
C we lie and do not practice the truth.

- P** But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,
C and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- P** If we say we have not sinned,
C we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

P Almighty and everlasting God, for our many sins we justly deserve eternal condemnation. In Your mercy, You sent Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who won for us forgiveness of sins and everlasting salvation. Grant us a true confession that, dead to sin, we may be raised up by Your life-giving absolution. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we be ever watchful and live true and godly lives in Your service; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Silence for reflection.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die 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.

P 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

P Lord, we are too easily captive to fear and the shadow of death. Break through the closed doors of our hearts and shine Your light into our darkness, that knowing the forgiveness of our sins, we may no longer be bound by any anxiety or afflicted by any doubt; 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 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 – “Your Love is Amazing”

- 1 Your love is amazing, steady, and unchanging
Your love is a mountain firm beneath my feet
Your love is a mystery, how You gently lift me
When I am surrounded Your love carries me
- 2, 4 Your love is surprising; I can feel it rising
All the joy that’s growing deep inside of me
Every time I see You all Your goodness shines through
I can feel this God-song rising up in me
- 3, 5, 6, 7 Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, Your love makes me sing
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FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35

(The believers were of one heart and soul.)

³²The full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 148; antiphon v. 13

L ¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
C **his majesty is above earth and heaven.**

L ¹ Praise the Lord!
Praise the LORD from the heavens;
C **praise him in the heights!**

L ²Praise him, all his angels;
C **praise him, all his hosts!**

L ³Praise him, sun and moon,
C **praise him, all you shining stars!**

L ⁴Praise him, you highest heavens,
C **and you waters above the heavens!**

L ⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD!
C **For he commanded and they were created.**

L ⁶And he established them forever and ever;
C **he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**

L ⁷Praise the LORD from the earth,
C **you great sea creatures and all deeps,**

L ⁸fire and hail, snow and mist,
C **stormy wind fulfilling his word!**

L ⁹Mountains and all hills,
C **fruit trees and all cedars!**

L ¹⁰Beasts and all livestock,
C **creeping things and flying birds!**

L ¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples,
C **princes and all rulers of the earth!**

L ¹²Young men and maidens together,
C **old men and children!**

L ¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
C **his majesty is above earth and heaven.**

L ¹⁴He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his saints,
C **for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!**

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 ¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
C **his majesty is above earth and heaven.**

EPISTLE

1 John 1:1-2:2

(If we sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ.)

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

- P** Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.
- C** **Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

(Blessed are those who have not heard and yet believe.)

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, **“Peace be with you.”** ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, **“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.”** ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, **“Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”**

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

- 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.
- G** 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: John 20:19 – “Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ ” The peace we have in Jesus is what makes a life of good works possible. Since we know that it is Jesus who saved us – not our works – we are now free to do good works. Good works shouldn't be done out of self-interest but for the right reasons – out of thanksgiving toward God and love for our neighbors.

POST SERMON SONG - "The Sweetest Name of All"

1, 4 Jesus, You're the sweetest name of all
 Jesus, You always hear me when I call
 Oh Jesus, You pick me up each time I fall
 You're the sweetest, the sweetest name of all

2, 5 Jesus, how I love to praise Your name
 Jesus, You're still the first, the last, the same
 Oh Jesus, You died and took away my shame
 You're the sweetest, the sweetest name of all

3 Jesus, You're the soon and coming King
 Jesus, we need the love that You can bring
 Oh Jesus, we lift our voices up and sing
 You're the sweetest, the sweetest name of all

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Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Merciful Father, at Your bidding we come to You in prayer, trusting in Your mercy to supply us with all that is needful and beneficial to us and for all for whom our prayers have been requested.

Silence the doubts that plague us and deliver us from fear, that believing in You we may know the full comfort of Your gracious presence. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Deliver us from pride and humble us by Your Spirit so that, confessing all our sins, we know the peace of a clear conscience and serve You with all our heart, mind, body, and soul. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Make Your Church bold in the confession of Your name before the world and give Your blessing to all pastors and church workers as they accomplish Your bidding in their service to us in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Guard us from all enemies and bless our nation with good government and good leaders, that we enjoy justice before the law, equality of opportunity in the marketplace, and peace in our communities and between the nations. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give comfort, healing, patience, and strength to the sick, to those suffering a troubled mind, and to those carrying the heavy burden of grief, that they may know Your presence in their hour of need, [*especially . . .*]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Accept the praise and thanksgiving of our lips, the tithes and offerings we bring, and our labors for Your glory, that we not suffer from ingratitude or the pride that believes all we have is the fruit of our own work. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Remembering blessed Thomas and all the disciples, the saints and the martyrs, and those who taught us the faith and now rest from their labors, bring us with them through the day of trouble into the dawn of peace and the place of everlasting life and light 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 PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG – “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

1, 3, 5 Lord, I lift Your Name on high
 Lord, I love to sing Your praises
 I’m so glad You’re in my life
 I’m so glad You came to save us

2, 4, 6, 7 You came from heaven to Earth to show the way
 From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay
 From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky
 Lord, I lift Your name on high

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