



**St. Luke's  
Lutheran Church**



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

**May 9, 2021 – 11:00 AM**

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**SIXTH 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](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**

A simple and poignant Sunday School song says simply, “God sees the little sparrow fall. It meets His tender view; if God so loves the little birds, I know He loves me too.” The central theme of the song is the care of God for His creation. The words also serve as a reminder that God sees us, His children, in a special way. We are the crown of His creation, as are all the people He has fashioned. Seeing people as God sees them is central to our lives of faith!

## **IMAGE ON THE COVER**

This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.  
*John 15:12*

## **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

### PRESERVICE - "Almighty" Revelation 15:3

1, 2, 4, 5 Almighty, most holy God, faithful through the ages  
Almighty, most holy Lord, glorious almighty God

3 The beasts of the field, the birds of the air  
Are silent to call out Your name  
The earth has no voice and I have no choice  
But to magnify God unashamed  
Let the rocks be kept silent for one more day  
Let the whole world sing out let the people say  
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*Stand*

*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** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**P** Praise the LORD!

**C** Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**P** I will praise the LORD as long as I live

**C** I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

**P** Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
**C** whose hope is in the LORD his God.

**P** The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.  
**C** Praise the LORD!

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**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.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray.

Risen and ascended Lord, while we were still in our sins, You chose us, laid down Your life for us, and called us friends. By Your great love for us, inspire us to love one another and to go out into the world to bear fruit according to Your promise; for You live and reign with the Father 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 - "I Will Follow"**

1 All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure  
I will trust in You alone  
Higher than my sight, high above my life  
I will trust in You alone, in You alone

2, 4, 6, 7 Where You go, I'll go  
Where You stay, I'll stay  
When You move, I'll move  
I will follow You  
Who You love, I'll love  
How You serve, I'll serve  
If this life I lose, I will follow You  
I will follow You

3 Light unto the world, Light unto my life  
I will live for You alone  
You're the one I seek knowing I will find  
All I need in You alone, in You alone

5 In You there's life everlasting  
In You there's freedom for my soul  
In You there's joy, unending joy  
And I will follow

8 I will follow You, I will follow You

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## FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-48

*(People from every nation are accepted by God.)*

<sup>34</sup>Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup>you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. <sup>46</sup>For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

*Psalm 98*

**L** <sup>1</sup>Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!  
**C**     **His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**

**L** <sup>2</sup>The Lord has made known his salvation;  
**C**     **he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

**L** <sup>3</sup>He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.  
**C**     **All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

**L** <sup>4</sup>Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
**C**     **break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

**L** <sup>5</sup>Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,  
**C**     **with the lyre and the sound of melody!**

**L** <sup>6</sup>With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
**C**     **make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!**

**L** <sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
**C**     **the world and those who dwell in it!**

**L** <sup>8</sup>Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together  
<sup>9</sup>before the Lord,  
**C**     **for he comes to judge the earth.**

**L** He will judge the world with righteousness,  
**C**     **and the peoples with equity.**

**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.**

## EPISTLE

1 John 5:1-8

*(The victory of Christ overcomes the world.)*

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup>For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup>For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup>the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

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

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

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*Romans 6:9; John 16:33b*

**P** Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.

**C** **In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. Alleluia.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

John15:9-17

*(Obeying Christ's commands and remaining in His love.)*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

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

*<sup>9</sup>[Jesus said:] "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. <sup>12</sup>"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. <sup>17</sup>These things I command you, so that you will love one another."*

**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: 1 John 5:3 – “For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.”** God's commandments are not burdensome. That's only true for Christians precisely because we know that we are not saved by our keeping of the Law. We are saved by grace. Therefore, we are set free by grace to walk in newness of life, to grow in faithfulness, and to rejoice in the Law of the Lord. The love of God is that we keep His commandments.

## POST-SERMON SONG - “Beautiful”

- 1, 2 Beautiful, beautiful, Jesus is beautiful  
And Jesus makes beautiful things of my life  
Carefully touching me, causing my eyes to see  
Jesus makes beautiful things of my life
- 3 Jesus makes beautiful things of my life  
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*Stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We thank God for the Church and pray that God's people live confidently and joyfully share the message of salvation in word and deed. Gathered by the Holy Spirit, we pray that we be blessed with all grace and evidence the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. Lord, be with us and bless us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We pray for our families, especially for mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers on this special day. We ask the blessing of our bounteous God on all those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship and for all who are part of the household of faith. Also we pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized or shut-in, those who are grieving, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill and shut-in, and all those whose needs are known to us, [*especially . . .*]. Lord, grant that we bring Your blessing to situations of need in all places. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Most merciful God, we thank You for all those faithful people whose words and actions have guided us in the past, especially remembering those no longer with us on earth, who now share in Your eternal presence. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, direct us to walk Your servant way throughout our lives, seeing each person through Your loving eyes, until that day when we stand in Your glorious presence in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

**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

**P** Let us pray.

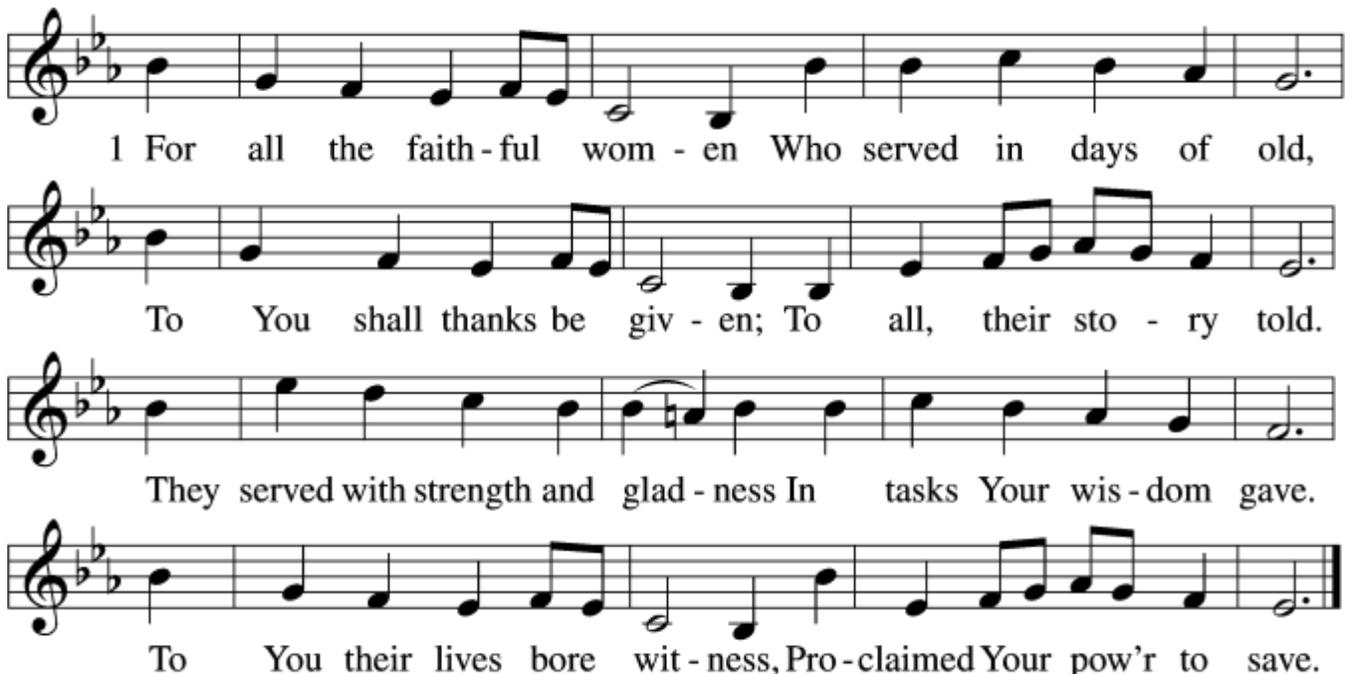
Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## RECOGNITION OF MOTHERS

**P** Since 1870, the second Sunday in May has been designated as a time to honor mothers in the United States. In more recent times, expressions of appreciation and honor have been extended to grandmothers, great-grandmothers, and all women whose contributions to the well-being of children have enriched society. Through the ages, many women have been remembered and honored by the Church. The hymn “For All the Faithful Women” celebrates Christian women throughout the centuries, thanking God for them.

### 855 FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL WOMEN



The image shows the musical notation for the hymn "For All the Faithful Women". It consists of four staves of music in a single system, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a "1" indicating the first ending. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes.

1 For all the faith - ful wom - en Who served in days of old,  
To You shall thanks be giv - en; To all, their sto - ry told.  
They served with strength and glad - ness In tasks Your wis - dom gave.  
To You their lives bore wit - ness, Pro - claimed Your pow'r to save.

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**P** Several women commemorated in individual stanzas of “For All the Faithful Women” are honored for their examples of blessed motherhood. Among those are Hannah, from Old Testament times, and Eunice and Lois, mentioned in the New Testament writings of Paul. There is also a stanza for Mary, the mother of our Lord. Bringing the remembrance to present times, a new stanza honors mothers from all times and places as “gifts among us.”

## WE THANK YOU, LORD, FOR MOTHERS

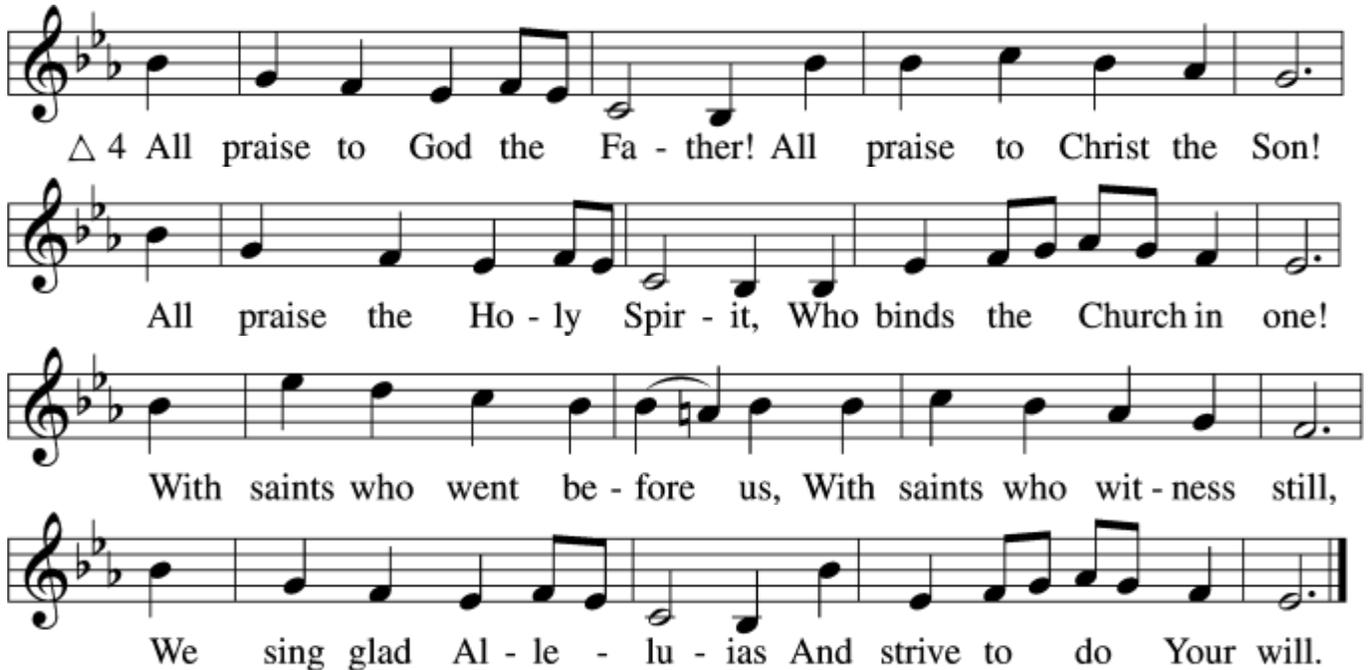
The musical score is written in a single system with six staves. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are: We thank You, Lord, for moth - ers Who Your great kind - ness share Through lov - ing deeds for oth - ers As em - blems of Your care. May we true hon - or show them And joy - ful - ly ex - press That they are gifts a - mong us To cher - ish and to bless.

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**P** The final stanza of “For All the Faithful Women” is a doxology, most appropriate this day to glorify God as we express our thanks for the faithful women in our lives and in the ongoing life of the Church.

## 855 FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL WOMEN



△ 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!  
All praise the Ho - ly Spir - it, Who binds the Church in one!  
With saints who went be - fore us, With saints who wit - ness still,  
We sing glad Al - le - lu - ias And strive to do Your will.

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## 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** - "We Bow Down" Psalm 95:6-7

1            You are Lord of creation and Lord of my life  
              Lord of the land and the sea  
              You were Lord of the heavens before there was time  
              And Lord of all lords You will be

2, 3          We bow down and we worship You, Lord  
              We bow down and we worship You, Lord  
              We bow down and we worship You, Lord  
              Lord of all lords You will be

4            You are King of creation and King of my life  
              King of the land and the sea  
              You were King of the heavens before there was time  
              And King of all kings You will be

5, 6, 7      We bow down and we crown You the King  
              We bow down and we crown You the King  
              We bow down and we crown You the King  
              King of all kings You will be

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