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Lutheran Church**



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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**INDEPENDENCE DAY
(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. We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

AS WE GATHER

Today, our nation celebrates its place as the land of the free and the home of the brave. At times, this reality causes us to thump our chest to let the world know how great we are. The apostle Paul, too, could claim his place among the greats. Paul was “circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ” (Philippians 3:5–7). Yet, he was not mightier than the thorn. As Paul followed Jesus, he was plagued by a thorn in the flesh to keep him from becoming conceited. He asked God to take it away, and God said, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness” (2 Corinthians 12:9). So, too, God’s grace is sufficient for us no matter where this life takes us, because when we are weak, then we are strong.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

God bless our native land;

Firm may she ever stand

Through storm and night. *LSB 956:1*

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 SONG - "Open The Eyes of My Heart"

1, 2, 4, 5 Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
 Open the eyes of my heart
 I want to see You
 I want to see You

3, 6, 7 To see You high and lifted up
 Shining in the light of Your glory
 Pour out Your power and love
 As we sing holy, holy, holy

8, 9 Holy, holy, holy
 Holy, holy, holy
 Holy, holy, holy
 I want to see you

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

1 Corinthians 10:12-13; Hebrews 4:15-16

- P** Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man.
- C** **God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.**
- P** For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.
- C** **Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Most merciful God,
- C** **we confess to You our pride, arrogance, and boasting. Forgive us for all our sins in our thoughts, words, and works for the sake of Jesus, who “made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”**
- P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us. For Jesus’ sake, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you for all of your sins of thoughts, words, and works in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
- C** **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.
- C** Gracious and ever-loving God, we thank and praise You for the freedom we have in You and also the freedom we celebrate today in our nation.
- P** As Your grace has been sufficient for Your people throughout all time, grant that it be sufficient for us as well for Your power is made perfect in our weaknesses;
- C** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

NICENE CREED

- C** I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

OPENING SONG - "The Battle Belongs to the Lord" I Samuel 17:47

- 1 In heavenly armor we'll enter the land
 The battle belongs to the Lord
 No weapon that's fashioned against us will stand
 The battle belongs to the Lord
- 2, 4, 6 We sing glory, honor, power, and strength to the Lord
7, 8 We sing glory, honor, power, and strength to the Lord
- 3 When the power of darkness comes in like a flood
 The battle belongs to the Lord
 He's raised up a standard, the power of His blood
 The battle belongs to the Lord
- 5 When your enemy presses in hard do not fear
 The battle belongs to the Lord
 Take courage, my friend, your redemption is near
 The battle belongs to the Lord

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 61:4-7

(From shame to joy.)

¹The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
³to grant to those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.
⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins;
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.
⁵Strangers shall stand and tend your flocks;
foreigners shall be your plowmen and vinedressers;
⁶but you shall be called the priests of the LORD;
they shall speak of you as the ministers of our God;
you shall eat the wealth of the nations,
and in their glory you shall boast.
⁷Instead of your shame there shall be a double portion;
instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their lot;
therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion;
they shall have everlasting joy.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a

- L** Let Your steadfast love come to me, O Lord, Your salvation according to Your promise; then shall I have an answer for him who taunts me, for I trust in Your word. And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth, for my hope is in Your just decrees.
- C** **I will keep Your law continually, forever and ever, and I shall walk in a wide place, for I have sought Your precepts.**
- L** I will also speak of Your testimonies before kings and shall not be put to shame, for I find my delight in Your commandments, which I love.
- C** **I will lift up my hands toward Your commandments, which I love, and I will meditate on Your statutes.**

EPISTLE

Psalm 119:41-48

(Paul boasts in his weaknesses.)

¹I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—⁴and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. ⁷So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹But he said to me, *“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”* Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

¹⁰For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Luke 22:26

P Alleluia. Let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves.

C **But I am among you as the one who serves. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 22:40-30

(The one who serves is the greatest.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-second chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord**

²⁴A dispute also arose among [the disciples], as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵And [Jesus] said to them, *“The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. ²⁷For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves.*

²⁸*“You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, ²⁹and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, ³⁰that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”*

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: 2 Corinthians 12:10 – “For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities.” Paul found contentment in Christ. To be content means to accept what the Lord gives us at any given time as somehow being from the hand of the Father who wants to bless us. Sometimes it's hard to see how things like hardships, calamities, and insults will turn out for a blessing, but that is why Paul found this contentment in Christ and not in his own wisdom.

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Almighty and most holy God, we thank and praise You for all You provide us freely by Your grace. We are especially thankful for the freedoms we enjoy and celebrate today as we gather to worship You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray for the leaders of our nation, state, and community, [*especially . . .*]. We acknowledge that You have placed them in these positions to govern us and all people of this land. Grant them wisdom and lead them to make decisions that are in line with Your will for all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Amid the thorns of this life, we lean on Your grace, knowing that it is sufficient for us and in our weakness Your strength shines through. We ask for Your grace and healing for those who grieve, [*especially . . .*]. We ask for Your grace and healing for those struggling in body, mind, and spirit, [*especially . . .*]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We live in a nation and in communities where we are thankful to have brothers and sisters in Christ, yet there are also many who have either disconnected from You and Your Church or who have never known You. Lead us to share Your grace with others. Guide our conversations and grow our relationships with those who do not share the hope we have. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** No matter where life takes us, we know we are in Your hands. So, we confidently come before You as Your children and place these prayers and all our concerns into Your gracious hands, in Jesus' name.
- C** Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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.

COMMUNION SONG - "I'm Forever Grateful" Colossians 3:16

1, 3 You did not wait for me to draw near to You
 But You clothed yourself with frail humanity
 You did not wait for me to cry out to You
 But You let me hear Your voice calling me

2, 4, 5 And I'm forever grateful to You
 I'm forever grateful for the cross
 I'm forever grateful to You
 That You came to seek and save the lost
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THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Sit

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an elder. For further study, see Matt. 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

DISTRIBUTION

The pastor and those who assist him will receive the body and blood of Christ first. They will then distribute the elements to those in the pews who are unable to come forward, and then finally to those who come forward.

During the COVID-19 regulations, continuous communion will be practiced. Please maintain Social Distancing while waiting in line to receive communion.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“Amazing Love”

- 1 My Lord, what love is this that pays so dearly
 That I, the guilty one, may go free
- 2, 4, 6, 7 Amazing love, O what sacrifice
 The Son of God giv’n for me
 My debt He paid and my death He died
 And now I live and now I live
- 3 And so they watched Him die, despised, rejected
 But O the blood He shed flowed for me
- 5 And now this love of Christ shall flow like rivers
 He washed your guilt away, live again
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“Draw Me Into Your Presence” Psalm 16:11

- 1, 3, 5 Draw me into Your presence, draw me into Your presence
 Draw me into Your presence, I want to know You
 For there’s life in Your presence, yes, there’s life in Your presence
 There is life in Your presence, I want to know You
- 2, 4 Where else can I go? Where else can I hide?
 Only in Your presence, Lord, can I find peace of mind
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Stand

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

C His steadfast love endures forever.

P Let us pray.

C We thank You, Lord, for You have again fed and nourished us on our way through this world to the one to come. Guide us in living out Your grace until that day when we experience it in all of its fullness; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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 - "Patriotic Medley"

"America the Beautiful"

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain
For purple mountains majesties above the fruited plain
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea

“Battle Hymn of the Republic”

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored
He has loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword
His truth is marching on

Glory, glory, hallelujah
Glory, glory, hallelujah
Glory, glory, hallelujah
His truth is marching on

“God Bless America”

God bless America
Land that I love
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with a light from above
From the mountains to the prairies
To the oceans, white with foam
God bless America my home sweet home
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