



**St. Luke's  
Lutheran Church**



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

**Sunday, August 15, 2021 – 11:00 AM**

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**TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Proper 15**

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

## **AS WE GATHER**

Today we consider Jesus' claim that He is the bread of life and whoever feeds on His flesh and drinks His blood has eternal life. While this may sound mysterious to us, it was downright offensive to those who first heard these words. The way and wisdom of Jesus are often countercultural and counterintuitive, but He offers us eternal life as He gives His body and pours out His blood for us and our salvation.

## **IMAGE ON THE COVER**

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is My flesh. *John 6:51*

## **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 – “Only by Grace” Hebrews 4:16**

1, 4, 7      Only by grace can we enter, only by grace can we stand  
Not by our human endeavor, but by the blood of the Lamb  
Into Your presence You draw us, You call us to come  
Into Your presence You draw us and now by Your grace we come  
Now by Your grace we come

2, 3, 5, 6    Lord, if You mark our transgressions who would stand?  
Thanks to Your grace we are cleansed by the blood of the Lamb

8, 9          Now by Your grace we come  
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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.

## **OPENING SENTENCES**

**P**      The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

**C**      **Insight is knowing the holy one and seeking justice.**

**P**      The way of the Lord leads to eternal life.

**C**      **The way of the world leads only to death.**

**P**      Through His death and resurrection, Jesus opens the way of eternal life.

**C**      **Jesus has given us the words of eternal life.**

**P**      Jesus gives us the food of eternal life, His body and blood.

**C**      **Come, let us listen to His words, walk His way, and delight in His food.**

## 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** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And also with you.**

- P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the living bread come down from heaven to give us life eternal. Strengthen us as we follow Your wisdom, Your way, and Your Word, that we remain steadfast in the true faith until Your glorious return; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** **Amen.**

## **NICENE CREED**

**☉ 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** - "Father, I Adore You" Romans 12:1

1, 4        Father, I adore You  
              Lay my life before You  
              How I love You

2, 5        Jesus, I adore You  
              Lay my life before You  
              How I love You

3, 6        Spirit, I adore You  
              Lay my life before You  
              How I love You

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## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Proverbs 9:1-10*

*(God's way of wisdom.)*

- <sup>1</sup>Wisdom has built her house;  
she has hewn her seven pillars.
- <sup>2</sup>She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine;  
she has also set her table.
- <sup>3</sup>She has sent out her young women to call  
from the highest places in the town,
- <sup>4</sup>"Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!"  
To him who lacks sense she says,
- <sup>5</sup>"Come, eat of my bread  
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
- <sup>6</sup>Leave your simple ways, and live,  
and walk in the way of insight."
- <sup>7</sup>Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse,  
and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury.
- <sup>8</sup>Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you;  
reprove a wise man, and he will love you.
- <sup>9</sup>Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser;  
teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.
- <sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,  
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL

*Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*

**P** Fear the Lord, you His saints,

**C** for those who fear Him lack nothing!

**P** Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

**C** but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

## EPISTLE

*Ephesians 5:6-21*

*(Walking in the way of wisdom and love.)*

<sup>6</sup>Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup>Therefore do not associate with them; <sup>8</sup>for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup>and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

<sup>15</sup>Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

**P** Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

**C** You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.



## HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:51-69

*(Jesus is the living bread from heaven.)*

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

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

**P** <sup>51</sup>[Jesus said:] *“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”*

<sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying,

**C** **“How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”**

**P** <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, *“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>55</sup>For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup>As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. *Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.”* <sup>59</sup>Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.*

<sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said,

**C** **“This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?”**

**P** <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, *“Do you take offense at this? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.*

*<sup>64</sup>But there are some of you who do not believe.”* (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) <sup>65</sup>And he said, *“This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.”*

<sup>66</sup>After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus said to the Twelve, *“Do you want to go away as well?”*

<sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him,

**C** *“Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, <sup>69</sup>and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”*

**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.

**C** 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:** Ephesians 5:6-7 – “Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not associate with them.” The wrath of a God is a real thing, and we do well to reflect on this. We want to stay away from anything that would take us away from the Lord. As Mary replied to the angel Gabriel, “I am the handmaiden of the Lord, may it be to me according to your word.” We are the Lord’s servants, therefore we cling to His Word.

*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.

Lord Jesus Christ, You descend from the heavens to feed Your people with the food of eternal life. As we follow You, help us to feed others both with earthly food and with heavenly food. Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,

**C** let me with holy food be fed.

**P** Lord, we bring before You all those who have stopped following You. We pray that You would soften their hearts and give us wisdom to share Your words of eternal life so that they might follow You again. Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,

**C** **let me with holy food be fed.**

**P** Lord, Your ways are not our ways. Your thoughts are not our thoughts. Help us not to seek our own way but to seek Your way and Your wisdom. Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,

**C** **let me with holy food be fed.**

**P** Lord, You have borne our griefs and shared in our sorrows. Bring Your comfort to all those who are suffering in grief, [*especially . . .*]. Point them to the hope of the resurrection to eternal life with Jesus. Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,

**C** **let me with holy food be fed.**

**P** Lord, strengthen all those who struggle with addictions. Break their bondage and lead them to get the help they need. Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,

**C** **let me with holy food be fed.**

**P** Lord, aid all pastors, teachers, church planters, missionaries, musicians, and servants in Your Church. Embolden them as they bring Your Word to Your people so that more and more people follow Your way. Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,

**C** **let me with holy food be fed.**

**P** Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially . . .*]. Have mercy upon them and restore them to health according to Your wisdom. Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,

**C** **let me with holy food be fed.**

**P** Lord Jesus, we commend all these things to Your infinite wisdom and guiding, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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** 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.

## COMMUNION SONG - "As the Deer" Psalm 42:1

1           As the deer panteth for the water  
              So my soul longeth after Thee  
              You alone are my heart's desire  
              And I long to worship Thee

2, 4, 6      You alone are my strength, my shield  
              To You, alone, may my spirit yield  
              You alone are my heart's desire  
              And I long to worship Thee

3           You're my friend and You are my brother  
              Even though You are a King  
              I love You more than any other  
              So much more than anything

5           I want You more than gold or silver  
              Only You can satisfy  
              You alone are the real joy giver  
              And the apple of my eye

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## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

**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.”

### **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.

*Sit*

## 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

### “Knowing You”

- 1 All I once held dear, built my life upon  
All this world reveres and wars to own  
All I once thought gain I have counted loss  
Spent and worthless now compared to this
  
- 2, 4 Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You  
There is no greater thing  
You're my all, You're the best, You're my joy  
My righteousness, and I love You, Lord
  
- 3 Now my heart's desire is to know You more  
To be found in You, and known as Yours  
To possess by faith what I could not earn  
All surpassing gift of righteousness
  
- 5 Oh, to know the power of Your risen life  
And to know You in Your sufferings  
To become like You in Your death, my Lord  
So with You to live and never die



6           Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You  
          There is no greater thing  
          You're my all, You're the best, You're my joy, my righteousness  
          You're my all, You're the best, You're my joy, my righteousness  
          You're my all, You're the best, You're my joy, my righteousness  
          And I love you, Lord

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### “Still Waters” Psalm 23:2

1       Trembling on this ledge I'm standing on, please hear my call  
          I need to be secure in who You are, please break my fall  
          I missed Your will and followed mine  
          So now I'm asking one more time

2       Lead me to the still waters  
          Lead me to the still waters  
          Lead me to the place of serenity and grace by still waters

3       I left that place of peace and found this storm all on my own  
          I need to hear Your voice to lead me back where I belong  
          I need Your will, I don't need mine  
          And now I'm asking one more time

4       Lead me to the still waters  
          Lead me to the still waters  
          Lead me to the still waters  
          Lead me to the place of serenity and grace by still waters  
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## **DISMISSAL**

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
- C** Amen.

*Stand*

## **POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

- P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You sent Your Son to be the living bread from heaven. As we have feasted upon His body and blood for our forgiveness, strengthen us to continually follow Him and hear His Word; 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.

## **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 - "Jesus Saves"**

- 1      Hope is here, shout the news to everyone  
        It's a new day, peace has come  
        Jesus saves  
        Mercy triumphs at the cross  
        Love has come to rescue us  
        Jesus saves  
        Hope is here, what a joyful noise we'll make  
        As we join with heaven's song
  
- 2, 4    To let all the world know that Jesus saves  
        Raise a shout to let all the world know that Jesus saves
  
- 3      Free at last, every debt has been repaid  
        Broken hearts can be remade  
        Jesus saves  
        Sing above the storms of life  
        Sing it through the darkest night  
        Jesus saves  
        Free at last, what a joyful noise we'll make  
        As we join with heaven's song
  
- 5, 7, 9 Sing it out to let all the world know that Jesus saves  
        Raise a shout to let all the world know that Jesus saves
  
- 6      You save, You heal, restore, reveal Your Father's heart to us  
        You rose to raise us from the grave, Your Spirit lives in us
  
- 8      Shout it out to let all the world know that Jesus saves  
        Raise a shout to let all the world know that Jesus saves
  
- 10     Oh sing it out, we shout 'til the whole world knows His name  
        Sing it out, and shout for we will know Your name  
        Jesus, Jesus

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