



St. Luke's Lutheran Church



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Proper 19
(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

In today's Readings, James draws our attention to the tongue. Our tongues might be small but, like the rudder of a ship, the tongue is vitally important to us for staying on the right course. If the rudder is broken, the ship is adrift. If the tongue is filled with evil, so will the rest of our lives. But the tongue also boasts of great things, speaking God's good word of forgiveness and life. Remember that Jesus has restored all things, including our tongues to no longer speak evil, but to speak His Word.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder where the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.
James 3:4–5

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 - "Face to Face" Psalm 133:1

- 1 Face to face, neighbor to neighbor
Face to face, one friend to another
Growing together we're building the kingdom of God
- 2 One and all, shoulder to shoulder
One and all, serving each other
Working together we're building the kingdom of God
- 3 Neighbor to neighbor, we'll strengthen each other
And stand for the truth side by side
Neighbor to neighbor, we'll honor each other
As servants of the kingdom on high
- 4 Back to back, warrior to warrior
Back to back, defending each other
Standing together we're building the kingdom of God
- 5 Younger and older, we'll strengthen each other
And stand for the truth side by side
Younger and older, we'll honor each other
As servants of the kingdom on high
- 6 Face to face, shoulder to shoulder
Back to back, younger and older
Growing together we're building the kingdom
Working together we're building the kingdom
Standing together we're building the kingdom of God

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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** I called on the name of the LORD:
C **O LORD, I believe. Help my unbelief!**
- P** The LORD has dealt bountifully with us.
C **The LORD has opened our ears.**
- P** The LORD has delivered us from death.
C **He wipes away tears from all faces.**
- P** He rescues our feet from stumbling
C **and restores our tongues to proclaim His good news.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Despite all of God's actions on our behalf, we still struggle with sin in our lives. Our tongues still curse. Our feet still stumble. Our ears still listen to lies and vicious gossip. But our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him for restoration, renewal, and forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

- P** Heavenly Father,
C **we have sinned against You and our neighbors in what we have said and what we have left unsaid. We have neglected opportunities to love our neighbors. We have stumbled and fallen again and again. We ask that You restore us, renew us, and forgive us on account of Jesus. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God, in His boundless love sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise for our forgiveness and eternal life. Because of Jesus, we are restored, body and soul. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen. We are forgiven in Christ. We are renewed and restored. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your Word You spoke creation into being. Tame our tongues and guide our words so that we would proclaim Your promises to the world; 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 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 - "Voice of Truth"

- 1 Oh, what I would do to have
The kind of faith it takes to climb out of this boat I'm in
Onto the crashing waves
To step out of my comfort zone
Into the realm of the unknown where Jesus is
And He's holding out His hand
- 2 But the waves are calling out my name and they laugh at me
Reminding me of all the times I've tried before and failed
The waves they keep on telling me time and time again
Oh, you'll never win, You'll never win
- 3, 6 But the voice of truth tells me a different story
The voice of truth says, "Do not be afraid!"
And the voice of truth says, "This is for my glory"
Out of all the voices calling out to me
I will choose to listen and believe the voice of truth
- 4 Oh, what I would do to have
The kind of strength it takes to stand before a giant
With just a sling and a stone
Surrounded by the sound of a thousand warriors
Shaking in their armor
Wishing they'd have had the strength to stand
- 5 But the giant's calling out my name and he laughs at me
Reminding me of all the times I've tried before and failed
The giant keeps on telling me time and time again
"Oh, you'll never win, You'll never win"

7 But the stone was just the right size
To put the giant on the ground
And the waves they don't seem so high
From on top of them looking down
I will soar with wings of eagles
When I stop and listen to the sound of Jesus singing over me

8 But the voice of truth tells me a different story
The voice of truth says, "Do not be afraid!"
And the voice of truth says, "This is for my glory"
Out of all the voices calling out to me
I will choose to listen and believe
I will choose to listen and believe the voice of truth
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INSTALLATION OF TEACHERS & YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUB-CHAIRS

ADDRESS *(The pastor addresses those to be installed)*

P Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, you are to be installed as Sunday School Teachers, BASIC Teachers, ELC Teachers, and Youth and Children's Ministry Sub-chairs, a work in which our Father in heaven has great joy.

Hear the Word of the Lord:

⁴"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." *Deuteronomy 6:4-7*

Beloved in the Lord, You are to assist me, the minister of Word and Sacrament, in the instruction of God's people according to His holy Word. You are to prepare yourselves for this work by your individual and corporate study of the Word of God and the faith drawn from it as it has been delivered to us in the Small Catechism.

While holiness of life and obedience to Christ are expected of all members of the congregation, it is especially important that you show yourselves, by word and example, to be faithful to Him in service and Christian devotion.

In the presence of God and of this congregation, I therefore ask you: Do you accept the position entrusted to you, and do you promise faithfully to carry out your duties, trusting in the Lord and conforming yourself to His Word in accordance with the faith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church? If so, then answer: *I do*.

R *I do.*

ADDRESS *(The pastor addresses to the congregation)*

P Beloved in the Lord, you have heard the promises of faithfulness spoken by these individuals. Do you promise to support them in their work, to remember them in your prayers, and to work with them to the best of the abilities that God has given you, so that He may be glorified and His work be done in our midst? If so, then answer: *We do.*

C **We do.**

INSTALLATION

P Brothers and sisters in Christ, I install you as Sunday School Teachers, BASIC Teachers, ELC Teachers, and Youth and Children's Ministry Sub-Chairs at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P The almighty and most merciful God enlighten and strengthen you in your service that you may be good and faithful leaders and teachers to the glory of His name and the salvation of His people.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER

P Let us pray.

O Lord, grant to these Your people the gifts of wisdom and discretion, kindness and faithfulness, so that they may effectively teach and guide, and grant to all Your people a ready willingness to learn. Let the knowledge of Your Word be preserved and extended among us so that all may know and praise You now and forever; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P Go in the name of the Lord. Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 50:4-10

(God sustains and vindicates His people.)

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word
him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens;
he awakens my ear
to hear as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face
from disgrace and spitting.

⁷But the Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

⁸He who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who is my adversary?

Let him come near to me.

⁹Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;
who will declare me guilty?
Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.
¹⁰Who among you fears the LORD
and obeys the voice of his servant?
Let him who walks in darkness
and has no light
trust in the name of the LORD
and rely on his God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 116:1–9; antiphon: v. 5

L ⁵Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;

C **our God is merciful.**

L ¹I love the LORD, because he has heard

C **my voice and my pleas for mercy.**

L ²Because he inclined his ear to me,

C **therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

³The snares of death encompassed me;

L the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

C **I suffered distress and anguish.**

L ⁴Then I called on the name of the LORD:

C **“O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”**

L ⁵Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;

C **our God is merciful.**

L ⁶The LORD preserves the simple;
C **when I was brought low, he saved me.**

L ⁷Return, O my soul, to your rest;
C **for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.**

L ⁸For you have delivered my soul from death,
C **my eyes from tears,**
my feet from stumbling;

L ⁹I will walk before the LORD
C **in the land of the living.**

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 ⁵Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
C **our God is merciful.**

EPISTLE

James 3:1-12

(The tongue is small but powerful in speaking both good and evil.)

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Mark 9:23b

P Alleluia. All things are possible,

C for one who believes. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:14-29

(Jesus heals a demon-possessed boy.)

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

G **Glory to You, O Lord**

¹⁴When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him. ¹⁶And he asked them, *“What are you arguing about with them?”* ¹⁷And someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” ¹⁹And he answered them, *“O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.”* ²⁰And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹And Jesus asked his father, *“How long has this been happening to him?”* And he said, “From childhood. ²²And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” ²³And Jesus said to him, *“If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.”* ²⁴Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” ²⁵And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, *“You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.”* ²⁶And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.” ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” ²⁹And he said to them, *“This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”*

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ**

Sit

THE PRESENTATION OF 3rd GRADE BIBLES

P In Holy Baptism God the Father made us members of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. We continue to grow in our faith by the power of the Spirit working through the Word.

(Pastor hands out Bibles to parents)

Because the Word of God is a means of grace by which the Holy Spirit works in our lives, today we place this Word of God into your hands so that you in turn will place this Word of God into the hands of your children.

P Parents and/or Guardians, do you believe the Bible is the Word of God? If so, then say: *I believe.*

R **I believe.**

P Parents and/or Guardians, do you believe that the Holy Spirit will work through the Word of God to help your child grow in faith toward God and in fervent love toward others? If so, then say: *I believe.*

R **I believe.**

P Parents and/or Guardians, do you believe that the Word of God is a treasure from God that is to be passed on from one generation to the next? If so, then say: *I believe.*

R **I believe.**

P Then place the Holy Scriptures into the hands of your child.

(Parent or Guardian hands Bible to their child at this time)

P Parents and/or Guardians, will you help your child to read the Holy Scriptures and to grow in faith and love so that through the power of the Holy Spirit the Scriptures may be blessing to your child? If so, then say: *I will, with the help of God.*

R **I will, with the help of God.**

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, in Holy Baptism You began Your good work in these children. Continue to bless them with Your Holy Spirit that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of Your Word. Increase in them their love toward you and one another. Enable them to resist all evil and to live a godly life. We pray that they would remain faithful to You and finally come to life everlasting; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

C Amen.

P Go in peace dedicated to grow in the knowledge of God through His Word.

(Families may return to their seats)

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: Mark 9:32 – “But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.” The disciples really do hold up a mirror to our faces and force us to see ourselves. We are misunderstanding, afraid, confused. But the Word of God is clear if only we will listen with open ears. What was blocking the disciples’ ears? The Gospels tell us time and again. The disciples did not expect a suffering Christ. So when Jesus spoke of suffering, they plugged their ears and didn’t listen, and they ended up confused and scared. What about us? What’s in the Word of God that we find hard to hear and contrary to our desires and expectations? That might just be exactly what we need to hear!

POST-SERMON SONG - “This is My Desire”

1, 3 This is my desire to honor You
 Lord, with all my heart I worship You
 All I have within me I give You praise
 All that I adore is in You

2, 4 Lord, I give You my heart
 I give You my soul
 I live for You alone
 Every breath that I take
 Every moment I’m awake
 Lord, have Your way in me

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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.

For pastors, missionaries, teachers, and all who proclaim Your Word, O Lord, that the sinfulness of their tongues may not hinder Your message of grace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all those who celebrate the good news of births and birthdays, weddings and anniversaries, [*especially . . .*], let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all those who grieve [*especially . . .*], that they find hope in the resurrection, which brings us eternal life and defeats the enemy of death, let us pray to the Lord

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all those who govern in this nation and throughout the world, that their tongues would be kept from lying and slander, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all those who struggle with spiritual oppression, that God would deliver them from evil and restore them body and soul, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all those who have wandered from the Church, that the Holy Spirit would call them by the Gospel and gather them back to Your flock, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord have mercy.**

P For all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially . . .*], that God would grant them healing according to His good and gracious will, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord have mercy.**

P Lord, we offer all these prayers, knowing that You hear us and bless us with what we need.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

P Gracious God, You are the source of every lasting security. We bless You for the continuance of stability in a time of great national trial and ask that our nation be spared from any such act of terrorism and destruction in times to come. We remember those innocent victims of terrorism whose earthly lives ended on September 11th, 2001. Grant that their memories among us remain and their lives not be forgotten. We also remember the rescue workers who gave their lives that day seeking to assist the victims of the tragedy. Grant that their examples of bravery and sacrificial concern for others serve to inspire each of us as we live out our lives in these times.

Almighty God, You have given us this good land as our heritage. Grant that we remember Your generosity and constantly do Your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action. Grant that we, who came from many nations with many different languages, may become a united people. Support us in defending our liberties, and give those to whom we have entrusted the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there may be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, may our hearts be thankful, and in troubled times do not let our trust in You fail; 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 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.**

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 - “My Life is in You, Lord” Deuteronomy 6:5

1, 2, My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord
4, 6, 7 My hope is in You, Lord, in You, it’s in You
 My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord
 My hope is in You Lord, in You, it’s in You

3, 5 I will praise You with all of my life
 I will praise You with all of my strength
 With all of my life, with all of my strength
 All of my hope is in You

8 In You, it’s in You
 In You, it’s in You
 In You

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