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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 18

(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

We focus today on the words of James, which call us to an active faith that loves our neighbors. We are forced to ask ourselves: What good is a faith that bears no fruit of love and service to others? Such a question might make us worry about our salvation. Friends in Christ: do not fear; your living, saving faith in Christ will inevitably overflow with His good works. Christ powerfully works in us as we live out our daily vocations. Serve the Lord with gladness.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? *James 2:1-4*

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 - "Your Everlasting Love"

- 1 Your everlasting love is higher, higher, higher than the sky
Your everlasting love is higher, higher, higher than the sky
Higher than the sky
Oh, the wonder of Your everlasting love is higher than the sky
- 2 Your everlasting love is deeper, deeper, deeper than the sea
Your everlasting love is deeper, deeper, deeper than the sea
Deeper than the sea
Oh, the wonder of Your everlasting love is deeper than the sea
- 3, 5, 6 Higher, than the heavens above is the glory of Your wonderful love
I'm lost in the mystery of Your everlasting love,
(3, 6- Your everlasting love)
- 4 Your everlasting love is reaching, reaching, reaching out to me
Your everlasting love is reaching, reaching, reaching out to me
Reaching out to me
Oh, the wonder of Your everlasting love is reaching out to me
(Bill Batstone CCLI #288089)

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.
G Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Based on Psalm 146

- P** Praise the Lord, O my soul!
C I will praise the Lord as long as I live.
- P** Blessed are those whose hope is in the Lord;
C the Lord sets the prisoners free.
- P** The Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
C The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down.
- P** The Lord upholds the widow and the fatherless.
C The Lord will reign forever!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Yes, the Lord reigns over every nation, language, and people. Yet, we have not loved all people as Christ has loved us. The fruits of our faith are not always evident. But our Lord is gracious and merciful, and He offers His forgiveness to all.

Silence for reflection.

- P** Heavenly Father,
C we have failed to love others as You love them. We have failed to reflect Your grace to the world in service and sacrifice. We have failed in our actions and in our unwillingness to act. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may follow You in joy. Amen.
- P** Almighty God in His mercy sent Jesus Christ into our world to serve and save all people, showing no partiality or favoritism. By His death, He forgives all our sins. By His resurrection, He destroys death forever and offers us eternal life. 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 set free to love and serve our neighbors. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, Your grace and mercy overflow to all people. Lead us to love our neighbors, regardless of their differences from us, so that all people might know the good news of Your death and resurrection for their eternal life and salvation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C 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 – “Let the Walls Fall Down” Ephesians 2:14

1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 Let the walls fall down, let the walls fall down
Let the walls fall down
By His love let the walls fall down

3 One by one, we’re drawn together
One by one, to Jesus’ side
One in Him, we’ll live forever
Strangers He has reconciled

6 In His love, no walls between us
In His love, a common ground
Kneeling at the cross of Jesus
All our pride comes tumbling down

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 35:4-7a

(God will come and restore all things.)

⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart,

“Be strong; fear not!

Behold, your God

will come with vengeance,

with the recompense of God.

He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

L Fear the LORD, you His saints,

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

L Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

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

EPISTLE

James 2:1-10, 14-18

(What good is a dead faith?)

¹My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ²For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” ⁴have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

⁸If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. ⁹But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. . . .

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

¹⁸But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Psalm 147:2-3

- P** Alleluia. The Lord builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel.
C He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7:(24-30) 31-37

(Jesus heals a deaf man in the Decapolis.)

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

²⁴From there [Jesus] arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. ²⁵But immediately a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophoenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷And he said to her, *“Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.”* ²⁸But she answered him, “Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹And he said to her, *“For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter.”* ³⁰And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, *“Ephphatha,”* that is, *“Be opened.”* ³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ**

Sit

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O Almighty God, You are a very present Help in time of trouble and need. We lift up all those who are in harm's way in Afghanistan. Let not the heart of Your people fail when fear comes, but sustain and comfort them until this evil be overpassed; We don't understand this evil of those who try to hurt and kill innocent people. We ask that you heal the hurt and wounded, console the bereaved and afflicted, protect the innocent and helpless, and deliver any who are still in peril.

Lord of all, You govern all things in heaven and on earth. Our days are in Your hands. Teach us to number our days aright, repenting of our sins and trusting in Christ. Provide for those who suffer the effects of Hurricane Ida as well as recent earthquakes, wildfires and political unrest. Protect and bless those who help and serve in the midst of disaster, and draw all to the cross of Jesus, where we see Your merciful deliverance. In Jesus' name,

C **Amen.**

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: James 2:2 – “For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in ...” God shows no partiality. Rich and poor alike are called into the Kingdom. And both rich and poor alike have something to contribute to the Kingdom in accordance with the callings God has given them in their lives. This is why both the Old and New Testaments talk about proportional giving – that is giving a proportion of our income to the Lord's work. This makes it possible for rich and poor alike to have the honor of supporting God's work.

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 of all nations, grant us grace
- C** **to love all people in every place.**
- P** For all the nations of the world, their leaders and residents, that peace may reign and that the Church would be a faithful witness of Jesus' love and service in every place. Lord of all nations, grant us grace
- C** **to love all people in every place.**

P For all those who work in the service of others, that their work might be blessed by God and appreciated by others. Lord of all nations, grant us grace

C **to love all people in every place.**

P For all those who mourn the death of loved ones, we pray for comfort in the face of grief, [*especially . . .*]. Grant that all those who mourn find hope in the resurrection to eternal life with Jesus. Lord of all nations, grant us grace

C **to love all people in every place.**

P For all those who have abandoned the faith, Lord, that they would once again hear Your Word and receive Your good gifts. Lord of all nations, grant us grace

C **to love all people in every place.**

P For all Christians throughout the world, that their faith and good works would overflow as a blessing to many others. Lord of all nations, grant us grace

C **to love all people in every place.**

P For all those with disabilities, Lord, that we might treat them with more thoughtfulness and care, serving them as Your beloved people. Lord of all nations, grant us grace

C **to love all people in every place.**

P For all who are sick, injured, preparing for surgery, and recovering, [*especially . . .*], that God would grant them healing according to His good and gracious will. Lord of all nations, grant us grace,

C **to love all people in every place.**

P Lord, into Your hands we place all these things, knowing that You hear us and remain faithful.

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 - "More Precious than Silver" Proverbs 3:13-15

1, 2, 3 Lord, You are more precious than silver
 Lord, You are more costly than gold
 Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds
 And nothing I desire compares with You

4 And nothing I desire
 And nothing I desire compares with You

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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

“Above All”

- 1, 3 Above all powers, above all kings
Above all nature and all created things
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man
You were here before the world began
Above all kingdoms, above all thrones
Above all wonders the world has ever known
Above all wealth and treasures of the Earth
There’s no way to measure what You’re worth
- 2, 4, 5 Crucified, laid behind the stone
You lived to die, rejected and alone
Like a rose, trampled on the ground
You took the fall and thought of me above all
- 6 Like a rose, trampled on the ground
You took the fall and thought of me above all
(Lenny LeBlanc & Paul Baloche CCLI #288089)

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” 1 Corinthians 1:2-4

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood
- 3 See, from his head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled
down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too
small
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all
(Isaac Watts, Gregorian Chant, arr. ©1997 Marantha! Music CCLI #288089)

Stand

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have renewed us by the body and blood of Christ. Empower and energize us to serve our neighbors in faith toward You and fervent love toward all people; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G 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.

G Amen.

CLOSING SONG - "Blessed Be Your Name"

- 1 Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful
Where your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name
- 2, 5, 8 Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say
- 3, 6, 9 Blessed be the name of the Lord
10 Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name
- 4 Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name
- 7, 11 You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord, blessed be Your name

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