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

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**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**PROPER 21**

**(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**

In biblical times, salt was treasured almost as much as gold. Among its many uses was preserving food and other perishables. In today's Gospel, Jesus calls us salt, by which He reveals how much God values us. Sometimes people outside the Church also see our worth and offer their support. It is nothing new! Moses valued two men who received the Spirit even though they were missing from gathering with the seventy elders. Jesus valued a man healing in His name, though he was not one of the Twelve. We are worth our salt, our relationship to Christ, so much that a person receiving us receives Christ. And within the Church, our saltiness supports, prays for, cheers up, confesses, and forgives our fellow members. We are worth so much that God does not want anything to cause us to stumble. "Have salt in yourselves," He says, "and be at peace with one another."

## **IMAGE ON THE COVER**

Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another. *Mark 9:50*

## **PRELUDE**

*Please use this time to prayerfully prepare your hearts to enter into the presence of Jesus*

## **✠A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE✠**

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Stand*

## **PRESERVICE SONG** - "Our God is Lifted Up" Psalm 98:6

1, 2, 4      Our God is lifted up midst the shouts of joy  
Our God is lifted up in the sounding of the trumpets  
Our God is lifted up midst the shouts of joy  
Shout joyfully unto our God, Shout joyfully unto our God

3, 5      Let the trumpets make a joyful noise  
Let us clap our hands and praise our God  
For our God is lifted up, our God is lifted up  
Our God is lifted up on high  
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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**      I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
**C**      I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

**P**      May my meditation be pleasing to Him,  
**C**      for I rejoice in the Lord.

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**P**      We enjoy singing praises to God, but we truly need Him to look down on us in mercy. So often we fail to follow the directives for Christian living, which we will read about in today's Epistle. So James urges, "Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed." Let us ask God for grace and mercy.

*Silence for reflection.*

**P** James writes, “Be patient . . . until the coming of the Lord. . . . Do not grumble against one another, brothers. . . . Let your ‘yes’ be yes and your ‘no’ be no. . . . Is anyone among you sick? . . . Pray over him.”

**C** **We confess our impatience, our lack of love for our brothers and sisters in Christ, and our words that do not always reflect the love You have for us. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed. Heavenly Father, our only hope is in Your grace and mercy. Forgive us for Jesus’ sake.**

**P** God has cured our sickness of sin by sending His Son to die in our place. He values us and calms our fears, saying, “Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace.” As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit

**C** **Amen.**

**P** May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

**C** **may the Lord rejoice in His works. Bless the Lord, O my soul! Praise the Lord!**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, You want nothing to separate us from Your grace and Mercy.

**C** **Grant that we realize how valuable You consider us and then seek to be at peace with one another;**

**P** 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 - "Revelation Song"

- 1, 2      Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Holy, holy is He  
Sing a new song to Him who sits on  
Heaven's mercy seat
- 3, 5, 8, 9      Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was, and is, and is to come  
With all creation I sing: praise to the King of Kings  
You are my everything, and I will adore You
- 4              Clothed in rainbows of living color  
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder  
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be  
To You the only wise King
- 6, 10        Holy, holy  
You are holy
- 7              Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder  
At the mention of Your name  
Jesus, Your name is power, breath, and living water  
Such a marvelous mystery

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## OLD TESTAMENT

*Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29*

*(The Holy Spirit even comes upon two men in the camp.)*

<sup>4</sup>Now the rabble that was among [the children of Israel] had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, “Oh that we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. <sup>6</sup>But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at. . . .”

<sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,’ to the land that you swore to give their fathers? <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, ‘Give us meat, that we may eat.’ <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness.”

<sup>16</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you . . .”

<sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

<sup>26</sup>Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.”

<sup>28</sup>And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!”

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

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

**PSALM**

*Psalm 104:27-35; antiphon: v.24*

**L** <sup>24</sup>O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom have you made them all;

**C** **the earth is full of your creatures.**

**L** <sup>27</sup>These all look to you,

**C** **to give them their food in due season.**

**L** <sup>28</sup>When you give it to them, they gather it up;

**C** **when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

**L** <sup>29</sup>When you hide your face, they are dismayed;

**C** **when you take away their breath, they die  
and return to their dust.**

**L** <sup>30</sup>When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,

**C** **and you renew the face of the ground.**

**L** <sup>31</sup>May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

**C** **may the LORD rejoice in his works,**

**L** <sup>32</sup>who looks on the earth and it trembles,

**C** **who touches the mountains and they smoke!**

**L** <sup>33</sup>I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

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

**L** <sup>34</sup>May my meditation be pleasing to him,

**C** **for I rejoice in the LORD.**

**L** <sup>35</sup>Let sinners be consumed from the earth,  
and let the wicked be no more!

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



**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** <sup>24</sup>O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom have you made them all;  
**C** the earth is full of your creatures.

## EPISTLE

*James 5:1-20*

*(James outlines what Christians ought to do for one another.)*

<sup>1</sup>Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. <sup>2</sup>Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. <sup>3</sup>Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. <sup>4</sup>Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. <sup>5</sup>You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. <sup>6</sup>You have condemned; you have murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.

<sup>7</sup>Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

<sup>12</sup>But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

<sup>13</sup>Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. <sup>14</sup>Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

<sup>15</sup>And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

<sup>19</sup>My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, <sup>20</sup>let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

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

*Stand*

## **ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

*Mark 9:50b*

**P** Alleluia. Have salt in yourselves,

**C** **and be at peace with one another. Alleluia.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:38-50

*(Jesus teaches how much God values all who have a relationship with His Son.)*

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

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

<sup>38</sup>John said to [Jesus], “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, *“Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>For the one who is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.*

*<sup>42</sup>“Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>‘where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’ <sup>49</sup>For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”*

**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: Mark 9:45 – “And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell.”** So, what is causing us to sin? Lust? Greed? Fear? It's better to cut “it” off! We need the Lord's help to do this, and you are in the right place this Lord's Day to receive that help through Word and Sacrament!

## BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

- L** We gather today in the name of our compassionate Savior, to give thanks for women like the biblical Dorcas who use their willing hands to give comfort and life's necessities to those in need.
- C** **We thank You, Father, for Dorcas of old and the women who follow in her footsteps, using their talents with needles and thread.**
- L** To You, merciful Lord, we give thanks for all the faithful women who, alone in their homes or in small groups, cut and sew together the colorful scraps of fabric to form tops of spectacular patterns and hues.
- C** **Lord, we ask Your blessings for these women as they create their labors of love.**

- L** Lord, Source of all Comfort, we express our gratitude for the caring women who gather in members' homes and in church basements and fellowship halls to quilt, tie, and bind the "comforters."
- C** **We thank You for the quilters and ask You to bind our hearts in love for the people these quilts will comfort in times of stress.**
- L** Father, we now dedicate this rainbow of quilts to the glory of God and ask that You shower blessings upon the people of many colors who will use them for warmth, for shelter, for luggage, and for sustaining life.
- C** **Lord, teach us, also, to use our talents to reach out to the world's downtrodden people as these quilters have learned to do.**
- L** Jesus, we ask that You continue to bless the work of the quilters, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, and Lutheran World Relief (or substitute name of other organization to whom quilts are sent).
- C** **Bless their work, O Lord, and may it draw people to You.**
- L** For to You, O Lord, is the glory forever and ever.
- C** **Amen.**

## POST SERMON SONG - "Prayer for the City" II Chronicles 7:14

1, 2 We open our hearts and our lives to You, oh God  
Create within us a servant heart so that we can show Your love  
Where all hope has been lost let Your Spirit bring new life  
To those in need bring prosperity  
Where there's darkness shine Your light  
We pray for this city we live in  
We pray that our sins be forgiven  
Do Your will right here as in heaven  
Father, we call on Your name

3 We pray for our children  
We pray for our leaders  
We pray for our families  
Oh bless us, Lord, we pray

4 We pray for this city we live in  
We pray that our sins be forgiven  
Do Your will right here as in heaven  
Father, we call on Your name  
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*Stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray for the whole Christian Church and for all people in their various needs.

For the Church here and around the world, witnessing to the good news in Christ, that we see the worth within one another, the value our heavenly Father places on us, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy, and grant that nothing separate us from You and Your love for us in Christ.**

**P** For those who do not know Christ but support the work of the Church to meet people's physical, social, and spiritual needs, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy, and bless them according to Your abundant grace.**

**P** For people who serve in positions of governmental authority among the nations, for those who raise crops and tend herds, and for all who connect resources with the needs of their fellow citizens, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy, and give them joy in serving.**

**P** For all who struggle to put bread on the table and a roof over their families, those who face injustice and discrimination, and all who are denied human rights, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy, and give us hearts to help those in need.**

**P** For all near and dear to us who call out to God in their distress, [*including . . .*], let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy, and bring about healing, comfort, and relief as fits Your gracious plans for them.**

**P** For ourselves, that we recognize the gifts God has placed among us by which we may care for one another and our community, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy, and give us guidance and strength to serve in Your name.**

**P** Grant us, heavenly Father, that what we ask for in faith we may obtain through Your unfailing mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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.

## 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 - "He is Exalted" Psalm 99:9**

1, 2      He is exalted, the King is exalted on high, I will praise Him  
He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise His name  
He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign  
Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name  
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high

3            He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign  
Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name  
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high  
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high

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