



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

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Proper 20
(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

There is a war going on. It is quite evident in the outward conflicts within society. And, as Jeremiah and David realized, the world has warred against people of faith throughout history. But in today's Epistle, James reveals that the struggle continues within each of us. Our passions are often opposed to God. Our Lord Jesus, by His death and resurrection, has won the victory—and therefore, peace—over outward and inward warfare. His grace assures us of daily and eternal peace.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

Whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me, and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me. *Mark 9:37*

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

PRESERVICE SONG - "Holy is the Lord"

1, 3 We stand and lift up our hands
 For the joy of the Lord is our strength
 We bow down and worship Him now
 How great, how awesome is He
 And together we sing (3- everyone sing)

2, 4, 6 Holy is the Lord God Almighty
 The earth is filled with His glory
 Holy is the Lord God Almighty
 The earth is filled with His glory
 The earth is filled with His glory

5 It's rising up, all around
 It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
 It's rising up, all around
 It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
 Together we sing, everyone sing

7 The earth is filled with his glory

8, 9, 10 Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty
 Holy, holy

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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.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In today's Epistle, James urges, "Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded." Let us go to God, echoing David's words in Psalm 54, appointed for today.

O God, save me, by Your name,
C and vindicate me by Your might.

P O God, hear my prayer;
C give ear to the words of my mouth.

P James' words in today's Epistle guide our confession. Gracious God,
C we confess that as we have desired friendship with the world, we forget that it would mean enmity with God. We confess that our passions are at war within us. We have had bitter jealousy and selfish ambition inside us. In all humility, we come to You, holy Lord, seeking Your peace to calm the war within us.

P God has not given up on you! He yearns jealously over the spirit that He has made to dwell in us. Indeed, He gives more grace. James writes, "A harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace," and in His death and resurrection, Jesus gave us His righteousness and established peace between us and God. 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.

P Behold, God is my helper;
C the Lord is the upholder of my life.

P With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to You;
C I will give thanks to Your name, O LORD, for it is good.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God, in Your infinite grace You have forgiven our warring against Your will and rule.

C **Grant that the peace our Lord has won will be evident in our humble service to You and the people around us each day;**

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.**

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 - "O How I Love Jesus" 1 John 4: 16

1 There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth
 It sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth

2, 4 O, how I love Jesus, O, how I love Jesus
6, 7 O, how I love Jesus because He first loved me

3 It tells me of a Savior's love, who died to set me free
 It tells me of His precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea

5 It tells of One whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe
 Who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 11:18-20

(The prophet relies on God's protection as his opponents plot against him.)

¹⁸The LORD made it known to me and I knew;
then you showed me their deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

I did not know it was against me
they devised schemes, saying,
“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
that his name be remembered no more.”

²⁰But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously,
who tests the heart and the mind,
let me see your vengeance upon them,
for to you have I committed my cause.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalms 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

James 3:13-4:10

(The apostle proclaims God's peace even as we struggle with inner warfare.)

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

¹What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ²You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁴You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? ⁶But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

P Alleluia. If anyone would be first,

C **he must be last of all and servant of all. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

(After prophesying His death and resurrection, Jesus teaches the disciples how to serve humbly.)

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

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

³⁰[The disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. And [Jesus] did not want anyone to know, ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, *“The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.”* ³²But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

³³And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, *“What were you discussing on the way?”* ³⁴But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, *“If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.”* ³⁶And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷*“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”*

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 9:32 – “**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!

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Using the promptings of James in the Epistle, let us pray for the nations around the world, the Church wherever it is found, and for ourselves here in this place.

Wherever nations quarrel and plunge toward war, O God, open the ears of their leaders to hear the wisdom from above and pursue peace.

C **Move them to find joy in humble service.**

P Wherever international alliances, national leaders, and groups within society follow the lead of their selfish ambitions at the expense of the downtrodden and forgotten people across borders and in their midst, O God, give both citizens and their leaders hearts that are open to reason, full of mercy, impartial and sincere.

C **Grant that peace break out across borders and justice within them.**

P Whenever the Church is fraught with boasting, falsehoods, and schisms, O God, send Your Holy Spirit to use Word and Sacrament to bring clergy and lay leaders to repentance.

C **Embolden them to announce with one voice the victory Your Son won for us all.**

P Wherever people respond to illness, accident, injustice, and discrimination, O God, strengthen them to rely on You for protection in all circumstances.

C **Guide them to make decisions in wisdom and to sow righteousness in peace.**

P Whenever our conduct betrays worldly jealousy and selfish ambition, O God, turn our laughter to mourning and our joy to gloom until we recognize Your unending grace.

C **Help us seek to meet the needs of the people around us in humble service.**

P Wherever people call out to You in their distress, [*especially . . .*], O God, visit, relieve, heal, and console them according to Your gracious will.

C **Use us as part of Your answers to their fervent prayers.**

P Whenever we pridefully seek to solve our problems by our own strength, O God, remind us of Your faithfulness, constant presence, and gracious protection for Jesus' sake.

C **Show us how to humbly serve the people around us as You have served us.**

P Heavenly Father, hear us and all for whom we pray, as we rely on Your gracious plans for all we need;

C **through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

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 We pray the Lord's Prayer together.

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 - "Think About His Love" Ephesians 2:4-5

- 1, 3, 5 Think about His love, think about His goodness
Think about His grace that's brought us through
For as high as the heavens above
So great is the measure of our Father's love
Great is the measure of our Father's love
- 2 How could I forget His love? How could I forget His mercy?
He satisfies, He satisfies, He satisfies my desires
Great is the measure of our Father's love
- 4 Even when I've strayed away
His love has sought me out and found me
He satisfies, He satisfies, He satisfies my desires
Great is the measure of our Father's love
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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

“Shout to the Lord” 2 Corinthians 1:3, Psalm 98

- 1, 4 My Jesus, my Savior
 Lord there is none like You
 All of my days I want to praise
 The wonders of Your mighty love
- 2, 5 My comfort, my shelter
 Tower of refuge and strength
 Let every breath, all that I am
 Never cease to worship You
- 3, 6, 7 Shout to the Lord all the earth, let us sing
 Power and majesty praise to the King
 Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
 At the sound of Your name
 I sing for joy at the work of Your hands
 Forever I'll love You forever I'll stand
 Nothing compares to the promise I have in You
- 8 Nothing compares to the promise I have
 Nothing compares to the promise I have in You
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“You are My Hiding Place” Psalm 32:7

1, 2, 3 You are my hiding place
You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance
Whenever I am afraid I will trust in You, I will trust in You
Let the weak say, “I am strong in the strength of the Lord.”

4 I will trust in You, I will trust in You
Let the weak say, “I am strong in the strength of the Lord.”
I will trust in You

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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 PRAYER

P O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament,

C **and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You;**

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.

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 - "You are Everything"

- 1 I'm the one with two left feet
Standing on a lonely street
I can't even walk a straight line
And every time you look at me
I'm spinning like an autumn leaf
Bound to hit bottom sometime
- 2, 5 Where would I be without someone to save me
Someone who won't let me fall
- 3, 6, 8 You are everything that I live for
Everything that I can't believe is happening
You're standing right in front of me
With arms wide open all I know is
Every day is filled with hope
'Cause You are everything that I believe for
And I can't help but breathe You in
Breathe again feeling all this life within
Every single beat of my heart
- 4 I'm the one with big mistakes
Big regrets and bigger breaks
Than I ever care to confess
You're the one who looks at me
And sees what I was meant to be
More than just a beautiful mess
- 7 You're everything good in my life
Everything honest and true
And all of those stars hanging up in the sky
Could never shine brighter than You
- 9 You are
You are
Jesus, You are
You are everything

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