



**St. Luke's
Lutheran Church**



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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(Series C)

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 Old Testament Reading, when Abram trusted God's promise of a son, he and Sarai were old and childless. But God had much more than one son in mind for the patriarch: the Promised Land as an inheritance and innumerable descendants. The Epistle is a list of people who have preceded us in faith. And now it is our turn, for in one of Abraham's offspring, Jesus, all God's promises were fulfilled. And by the Holy Spirit's gift of faith, we can trust Him for all we need. The promise is not only for the physical things we think we need; the inheritance is the promised land of heaven and citizenship in God's kingdom. "Seek His kingdom, and these things will be added to you," our Lord promises (Luke 12:31). Our faith-filled response echoes today's Psalm: "Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in You" (Psalm 33:22).

IMAGE ON THE COVER

By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. *Hebrews 11:7*

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 - "King of Kings" 1 Timothy 6:5

(x = clap)

1, 2, 3 King of kings and Lord of lords, Glory x hallelujah
King of kings and Lord of lords, Glory x hallelujah
Jesus, Prince of Peace, Glory x hallelujah
Jesus, Prince of Peace, Glory x hallelujah

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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.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Let us go to our gracious God, confessing our sins, trusting Him for grace and forgiveness.

C We confess, heavenly Father, that 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.

Forgive us for Jesus' sake, strengthen our faith, and focus our hearts on Your kingdom, the inheritance He won for us in His death and resurrection.

P “Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” 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 Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, You promised great blessings to the faith-filled people who have gone before us.

C **Grant that we confidently trust that we have joined them to receive the gracious inheritance because of Your Son’s fulfilling all Your promises in His death and resurrection;**

P 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.

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 – “Remember Me”

- 1 Remember me in a Bible cracked and faded by the years
Remember me in a sanctuary filled with silent prayer

- 2, 4, 6 And age to age and heart to heart, bound by grace and peace
Child of wonder, child of God I remembered you, remember me

- 3 Remember me when the color of a sunset fills the sky
Remember me when you pray and tears of joy fall from your eyes

- 5 Remember me when the children leave their Sunday school with smiles
Remember me when they're old enough to teach
Old enough to preach, old enough to leave

- 7 Age to age and heart to heart, child of wonder, child of God
Remember me
Age to age and heart to heart, child of wonder, child of God
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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 15:1-6

(God tells Abram he will have a large family and, through one offspring, countless inheritors of His promises.)

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ²But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” ⁵And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” ⁶And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 33:12-22; antiphon: v. 20

L ²⁰Our soul waits for the LORD;

C he is our help and our shield.

L ¹²Blessèd is the nation whose God is the LORD,

C the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!

L ¹³The LORD looks down from heaven;

C he sees all the children of man;

L ¹⁴from where he sits enthroned he looks out

C on all the inhabitants of the earth,

L ¹⁵he who fashions the hearts of them all

C and observes all their deeds.

L ¹⁶The king is not saved by his great army;
C **a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.**

L ¹⁷The war horse is a false hope for salvation,
C **and by its great might it cannot rescue.**

L ¹⁸Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,
C **on those who hope in his steadfast love,**

L ¹⁹that he may deliver their soul from death
C **and keep them alive in famine.**

L ²⁰Our soul waits for the LORD;
C **he is our help and our shield.**

L ²¹For our heart is glad in him,
C **because we trust in his holy name.**

L ²²Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,
C **even as we hope in you.**

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 ²⁰Our soul waits for the LORD;
C **he is our help and our shield.**

EPISTLE

Hebrews 11:1-16

(People of faith before us are examples for us.)

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one.

Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Luke 12:32

P Alleluia. Fear not, little flock,

C for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:22-40

(Jesus encourages us to not fear, for God knows what we truly need.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²²[Jesus] said to his disciples, *“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.*

³²“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

³⁵“Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! ³⁹But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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
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3. Give through our **website**:
<https://stlukesmanhattan.org/about-us/financial-support/>
4. **Electronic Funds Transfer** - Sign up through the church office.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: Luke 12:15 – “And he said to them, ‘Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.’ ” Coveting is the opposite of being content with what God has given us. And the cure for coveting is twofold: thankfulness to God and generosity toward God’s purposes. So be on guard against all covetousness. Acknowledge that your Father has given you all you need, and therefore be free and confident in directing the mammon of this world toward godly purposes.

POST SERMON SONG - “Amazing Grace” Ephesians 2:4

- 1, 5 Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see
- 2 `Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come
`Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home
- 4 When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d first begun
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Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, increase our faith in Your wise ways and Your gracious will. Preserve us from reliance on our own plans and natural powers, that we would ever trust in You and be counted righteous in Your Son, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Lord, You have raised up children for Abraham from all the nations through faith in Your Word and promise. So bless Your Church on earth by the seed of father Abraham, our Lord, Jesus Christ, that Your people would be defended against the assaults and temptations of the adversary. By Your Holy Spirit, grant them to live unto righteousness in Christ and to shine like the stars in the heavens forever and ever. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Holy Father, You promised great and abundant blessings to Abram, which he believed by faith. Bless the hearts of Christian fathers to prize the gift of their children and to work in their lives for the good of generations yet unseen. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God Almighty, teach the rulers of the nations how small and fleeting their reigns are. Shepherd them by the preaching of Your Church into the ways of peace, and fix their eyes on the better country that is to come, that they would rule in loving service to those in their charge. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious Lord, You call us to cast our anxieties upon You because You care for us. In the midst of their tribulation, bless Your people with Your peace [*especially _____*]. As they consider Your care of flower and field, remind them of Your eternal care for them in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, You accomplished Your divine will through the lives and deaths of Your saints throughout the ages. Comfort all who mourn in our day, [*especially _____*], and inspire faith in us through the godly example of those who have gone before us and are with Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, knowing that You will hear the prayers of Your people and answer us with Your mercy, providing all things needful and beneficial to us 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 FOR THE CHURCH

P Let us pray.

O holy and most merciful God, You have taught us the way of Your commandments. We implore You to pour out Your grace into our hearts. Cause it to bear fruit in us that, being ever mindful of Your mercies and Your laws, we may always be directed to Your will and daily increase in love toward You and one another. Enable us to resist all evil and to live a godly life. Help us to follow the example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and to walk in His steps until we shall possess the kingdom that has been prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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 - "He Has Made Me Glad" Psalm 100:1-4

1, 3 I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart
I will enter His courts with praise
I will say this is the day that the Lord has made
I will rejoice for He has made me glad

2, 4, 5 He has made me glad, He has made me glad
I will rejoice for He has made me glad
He has made me glad, He has made me glad
I will rejoice for He has made me glad

6 I will rejoice for He has made me glad
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