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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(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

Hospitality is one of those concepts that is difficult to define but easily perceived when experienced. Several biblical writers encourage the people of God to be hospitable, including Paul as he writes to his young follower Timothy; likewise, Peter in his First Epistle, and also the writer of the Letter to the Hebrews who counsels: “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares” (Hebrews 13:2). Viewing people attending worship who are not known to us personally as “angels in disguise” may give us a right perspective as we interact with them and make them welcome in our midst. “Seek to show hospitality,” Paul writes in his Letter to the Romans (Romans 12:13). His directive is for us to heed as much as it was for his original readers in Rome.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

“There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores. . . . The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side.”
Luke 16:19–20, 22–23

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 - "Sing to the Lord (with all of Your Heart)"

- 1, 2, 4, 6 Sing to the Lord with all of your heart
Sing to Him a new song, sing to Him a new song
Sing to the Lord with all of your heart
Sing to Him a new song, sing to Him a new song
- 3, 5 Lift your voice, let your praises ring
Let every tongue glorify our King
Let's become the generation who will passionately praise Him
Trusting in the greatness of our God
- 7 Sing to the Lord with all of your heart
Sing to Him a new song, sing to Him a new song
Sing to the Lord with all of your heart
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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

Psalm 90:1, 12; 86:11–12; 119:159–160

- P** Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.
C Teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.
- P** Consider how I love Your precepts! Give me life according to Your steadfast love.
C The sum of Your word is truth, and every one of Your just and righteous decrees endures forever.

- P** Teach me Your way, O LORD, that I may walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name.
- C** **I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify Your name forever.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The section on “Confession” in the Small Catechism by Dr. Martin Luther instructs us with these words:

C **Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.**

P Humble yourselves then before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

C **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature, I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.**

P God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

C **Amen.**

P As you believe, so let it be. 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.

Remember us, O Lord, not for what we deserve, but because You have begun Your good work in us. As You have called us to Your service, make us worthy of our calling; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, 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 - "Cornerstone"

- 1 My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name

- 2 When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

- 3, 5, 6 Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

- 4 When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh, may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless I'll stand before the throne

OLD TESTAMENT

Amos 6:1-7

(God's people are warned by the prophet.)

¹“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion,
and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria,
the notable men of the first of the nations,
to whom the house of Israel comes!

²Pass over to Calneh, and see,
and from there go to Hamath the great;
then go down to Gath of the Philistines.

Are you better than these kingdoms?

Or is their territory greater than your territory,

³O you who put far away the day of disaster
and bring near the seat of violence?

⁴“Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
and stretch themselves out on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock

and calves from the midst of the stall,

⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp
and like David invent for themselves instruments of music,

⁶who drink wine in bowls
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

⁷Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile,
and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 146; antiphon: v.2

L ²I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
C I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

L ¹Praise the LORD!
C Praise the LORD, O my soul!

L ²I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
C I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

L ³Put not your trust in princes,
C in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

L ⁴When his breath departs he returns to the earth;
C on that very day his plans perish.

L ⁵Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
C whose hope is in the LORD his God,

L ⁶who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them,
C who keeps faith forever;

L ⁷who executes justice for the oppressed,
C who gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets the prisoners free;

L ⁸the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
C The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.

L ⁹The LORD watches over the sojourners;
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,
C but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

L ¹⁰The LORD will reign forever,
C your God, O Zion, to all generations. 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 ²I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

C I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

EPISTLE

1 Timothy 3:1-13

(The qualities needed in an overseer and deacon.)

¹The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. ²Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. ⁴He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, ⁵for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? ⁶He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. ⁷Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

⁸Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. ⁹They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. ¹¹Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. ¹²Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. ¹³For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Luke 16:31

- P** Alleluia. If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets,
C **neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.**
Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

(The story of the rich man and poor Lazarus.)

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

¹⁹[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ ²⁷And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ ³⁰And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

- 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
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: **Amos 6:1a** – “**Woe to those who are at ease in Zion.**” The Book of Amos is a warning to God's people who have been given great material wealth. As Jesus Himself mentions, material blessings can turn into temptations – chiefly the temptation to think of ourselves as self-sufficient and independent. What does Amos suggest as a way to combat this temptation? First, faith in the Lord and dependence upon Him! And if our faith is right, we will want to follow the rest of Amos' instructions – to bless the poor with our alms and to make sure the Lord's House is properly cared for. In other words, we are called to align our actions with God's priorities and put others ahead of ourselves.

POST SERMON SONG - "The Steadfast Love of the Lord" Lamentations 3:23

1, 2, 3 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases
His mercies never come to an end
They are new every morning, new every morning
Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord
Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord
Great is Thy faithfulness

4 They are new every morning, new every morning
Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord
Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord
Great is Thy faithfulness

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RECEIVE INTO MEMBERSHIP

Derek and Donna Feld

P Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

R *Yes, I do.*

P Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?

R *Yes, I believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from them and confessed in the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

R *I do.*

P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you desire to become a member of this congregation?

R *I do.*

P Will you support the work our gracious Lord has given this congregation with your prayers and the gifts God has given you?

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

P Upon this your confession of faith, I acknowledge publicly that you are [a member/members] of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation. Receive the Lord's Supper and participate with us in all the blessings of salvation that our Lord has given to His Church, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Stand

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that by Your Word and Spirit they may continue steadfast in the one true faith in the fellowship of this congregation as together we await the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P The grace of our ✠ Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

C Amen.

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.

God of mercy, You provide us with Your Holy Word, that we might know and believe in Christ. Make us diligent to study Your Word and dwell in Your promises, that we are content with Your provision in this life and joyfully look toward the life to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Holy God, remember the men to whom You have given the noble task of pastor. Strengthen them, that they might be above reproach as they care for their own households as well as Your Church. Preserve them from every snare of the devil, and give them a great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Father in heaven, preserve our homes from idols and sins of idleness. Bless fathers and mothers as they catechize their children, that generations to come might faithfully guard their hearts and rejoice in Your gifts. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P King of kings and Lord of lords, watch over the authorities of this and every nation. Deliver them from the idols of wealth and power, and grant that they would use their offices in service to You and those You have entrusted to their care. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, You afflict in faithfulness and comfort in Your steadfast love. Let Your mercy come to [*and*] all in need of help, that they might find their consolation in Your promises until You deliver them from their trouble. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, You deliver Your people from the sufferings of this world and comfort them with eternal rest. Receive our thanks for Your kindness to the saints who have gone before us, and preserve us in repentance until we are carried by angels to Abraham's side. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Answer all doubt and fear, O Lord, with confidence in Your Word and Sacraments, that by these Means of Grace we may be kept in holiness and guarded from temptation and despair until the day when You bring all things to their perfect fulfillment and we are delivered to 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.**

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 - "Forever"

1 Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good, He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise

2 With a mighty hand, and an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise

3, 4, 6, 7 Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong
11, 12 Forever God is with us, forever

5 From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
By the grace of God we will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise

8, 9, 10 His love endures forever
His love endures forever
His love endures forever, forever
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