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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 25

(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

“How can you be so sure?” That is the question we may find ourselves asking when we read the confidence expressed by Paul in today’s Epistle: “There is laid up for me the crown of righteousness” (2 Timothy 4:8); “The Lord stood by me and strengthened me. . . . I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. . . . The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into His heavenly kingdom” (2 Timothy 4:17–18a). “Paul, how can you be so sure?” Today’s service will help us to see that Paul’s certainty was not based upon his strength of faith or his works of ministry; no, it was based solely on God’s faithfulness to him in Jesus Christ, the Crucified! Through His Word and Spirit, God provides such confidence and certainty to us also as we gather in His presence and are received by Him as members of His heavenly kingdom. “To Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen” (2 Timothy 4:18b).

IMAGE ON THE COVER

Let the children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. *Luke 18:16*

PRELUDE

(Please use this time to prayerfully prepare your hearts to enter into the presence of Jesus.)

✠A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE✠

WELCOME

Stand

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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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** Through faith in Jesus Christ, we are adopted as God's sons and daughters and drawn into His kingdom. By means of His Word, we gather to receive our Savior's mercy and then respond to Him in thanksgiving and praise. Because of our sins of thought, word, and action, we are unworthy of the grace we receive. Therefore, at our Lord's invitation, let us come before our heavenly Father in humility and faith, seeking His pardon for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Received into the certainty and security of His eternal kingdom, be assured that you belong to Him—He is your Father, and you are His children! 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 everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we to pray

C and always ready to give more than we either desire or deserve.

P Strengthen us in the certainty of the forgiveness of sins and life everlasting in Your heavenly kingdom,

C that we may always trust in Him who was crucified for our salvation;

P through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

P We confess our faith together, using the words of the Apostles' Creed,

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 – “My Peace”

- 1, 2 My peace I give unto you
It's a peace that the world cannot give
It's a peace that the world cannot understand
Peace to know, peace to live
My peace I give unto you
- 3 It's a peace that the world cannot understand
Peace to know, peace to live
My peace I give unto you

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 4:1-15

(Cain and Abel bring their offerings to the Lord.)

¹Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD.” ²And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it.”

⁸Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?” ¹⁰And the LORD said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹²When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.”

¹³Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is greater than I can bear.

¹⁴Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.” ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 5; antiphon: v. 11a

L ^{11a}But let all who take refuge in you rejoice;

C **let them ever sing for joy,**

L ¹Give ear to my words, O LORD;

C **consider my groaning.**

L ²Give attention to the sound of my cry,
my King and my God,

C **for to you do I pray.**

L ³O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice;

C **in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.**

L ⁴For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;

C **evil may not dwell with you.**

L ⁵The boastful shall not stand before your eyes;

C **you hate all evildoers.**

L ⁶You destroy those who speak lies;

C **the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.**

L ⁷But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love,
will enter your house.

C **I will bow down toward your holy temple
in the fear of you.**

L ⁸Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness
because of my enemies;

C **make your way straight before me.**

L ⁹For there is no truth in their mouth;
their inmost self is destruction;

C **their throat is an open grave;
they flatter with their tongue.**

L ¹⁰Make them bear their guilt, O God;
let them fall by their own counsels;

C **because of the abundance of their transgressions cast them out,
for they have rebelled against you.**

L ¹¹But let all who take refuge in you rejoice;
let them ever sing for joy,

C **and spread your protection over them,
that those who love your name may exult in you.**

L ¹²For you bless the righteous, O LORD;

C **you cover him with favor as with a shield.**

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 ^{11a}But let all who take refuge in you rejoice;

C **let them ever sing for joy,**

EPISTLE

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

(The Lord will bring me safely into His heavenly kingdom.)

⁶For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing. . . .

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

P Alleluia. Let the children come to Me, and do not hinder them,

C for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 18:9-17

(The kingdom of God belongs to the children who come to Jesus.)

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

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

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰*“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”*

¹⁵Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. ¹⁶But Jesus called them to him, saying, *“Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁷Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”*

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

Stand

OFFERTORY - "There is None Like You"

1, 2, 4 There is none like You
 No one else can touch my heart like You do.
 I could search for all eternity long and find
 There is none like You

3 Your mercy flows like a river wide,
 And healing comes from Your hands.
 Suffering children are safe in Your arms.
 There is none like You

5, 6 I could search for all eternity long and find
 There is none like You

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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 Father, we come to You at the gracious invitation of Your Son. May we receive Your gifts as little children, that no rebuke of our sinful flesh, the world or the devil would deter us from turning to You in repentance. Grant us humility to pray, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Be merciful to Your Church here and in every place. Defend our pastors from arrogance and pride, and strengthen them in the faithful preaching of Your Word, that both Your holy Law and Your precious Gospel would be proclaimed and Your children be united in saving faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P As Your Son welcomed infants, give us a deep care for the children entrusted to us, that we would defend their lives even before birth. Instill in parents a desire and commitment to bring their little children to Jesus. Use our Lutheran school, Sunday school, Bible classes and youth catechesis to preserve them in the faith. Teach each of us in humility to receive the kingdom of God like a little child. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, You do not delight in wickedness or let the boastful stand before You. Give the leaders of the nations wisdom to govern in accordance with Your will. Keep them mindful of the stewardship that they hold on behalf of others, that they may fulfill their duties with diligence and humility. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of mercy, we praise You that You deliver our souls from death and our feet from falling. Care for those who are near death. Preserve them from despair, and give them a confident hope in the resurrection promises of our risen Lord. Come to the aid of everyone in need [*including _____*]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, if we trust in ourselves for righteousness, we are lost and dead in our sins. Yet You mercifully draw us to Yourself in repentance and hear the cries of those who trust in Your Son. Grant us humility, that we may not exalt ourselves or treat our brothers and sisters with contempt. Rescue us from every evil, and bring us into Your kingdom as Your beloved children. To You alone be all glory, O Father, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; 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 upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING SONG – "O Praise Him"

- 1 Turn your ear to heaven and hear
The noise inside
The sound of angels' awe
The sound of angels' songs
And all this for a King
We could join and sing
All to Christ the King
How constant, how divine
This song of ours will rise
O, how constant, how divine
This love of ours will rise, will rise
- 2, 4, 5, 9 O praise Him, O praise Him
He is Holy, He is Holy
- 3 Turn your gaze to heaven and raise
A joyful noise
The sound of salvation come
The sound of rescued ones
And all this for a King
Angels join to sing
All for Christ our King
- 6, 7, 8 Oh la, la, la, la, la, la
- 10 How infinite and sweet
This love so rescuing
O, how infinitely sweet
This great love that has redeemed
As one we sing
- 11, 12 Alleluia, alleluia
He is Holy, He is Holy

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