



**St. Luke's
Lutheran Church**



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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TWENTY-THIRD 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

In today's Epistle, we hear a word from Paul calling on the Church in Thessalonica to live quiet lives, confident in God's faithfulness to them, for "the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one" (2 Thessalonians 3:3). It seems as though our lives are sometimes the opposite of quiet and confident. Life can be filled with noise and uncertainty. But confidence and quietness come to us as all of life does: as gifts from our heavenly Father. God grant this to all of us.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

Straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.
Luke 21:28b

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 - "I Love Your Grace" Romans 5:21

1, 2, 4, 6 I love Your grace, I love Your mercy
I love the way You help me when I call
I love Your truth, I love the power of Your name
But You know I love Your presence most of all

3, 5 My soul takes refuge in the shadow of Your wings
Close to You is where I want to be
You are my strength, You are my God, You are my King
And all I want is what You want for me

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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 The Lord is faithful.

C He establishes us and guards us against Satan.

P The Lord is steadfast.

C He directs our hearts to love our neighbors.

P We can be confident in the Lord and His love for us.

C May He grant us quiet lives free from trouble.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In our lives, we struggle to follow Jesus' example of love, steadfastness, and faith. We have sown hatred, shown laziness, and known many doubts. We have not kept our eyes fixed on Jesus. Yet our heavenly Father invites us to draw near to His throne in confidence and ask for forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

P Heavenly Father,

C **we have sinned against You in thoughts, words, and actions. Help us to serve in joy and love. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us back to You, on account of Jesus. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

Lord Jesus Christ, You are always faithful. As we await Your promised return, help us to recognize Your gifts in this life so that we may serve You in confidence and quietness, for You live and reign with the Father 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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Malachi 4:1-6

(The day of the Lord is coming.)

¹ “For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

⁴“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 98; antiphon: v. 9b

L He will judge the world with righteousness,

C and the peoples with equity.

L ¹Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!

C His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.

L ²The LORD has made known his salvation;

C he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

L ³He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.

C **All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.**

L ⁴Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

C **break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

L ⁵Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,

C **with the lyre and the sound of melody!**

L ⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn

C **make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!**

L ⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

C **the world and those who dwell in it!**

L ⁸Let the rivers clap their hands;
let the hills sing for joy together

⁹before the LORD,

C **for he comes
to judge the earth.**

L He will judge the world with righteousness,

C **and the peoples with equity.**

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 He will judge the world with righteousness,

C **and the peoples with equity.**

EPISTLE

2 Thessalonians 3:1-13

(Paul warns against idleness.)

¹Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, ²and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. ³But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. ⁴And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. ⁵May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

⁶Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. ⁹It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. ¹²Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

¹³As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Luke 21:28b

P Alleluia. Straighten up and raise your heads,

C because your redemption is drawing near. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 21:5-28

(Jesus prophesies the destruction of the temple and Jerusalem.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

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

⁵While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, [Jesus] said, ⁶*“As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.”* ⁷And they asked him, “Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?” ⁸And he said, *“See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them. ⁹And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.”*

¹⁰Then he said to them, *“Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. ¹²But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name’s sake. ¹³This will be your opportunity to bear witness. ¹⁴Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all for my name’s sake. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your lives.*

²⁰*“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. ²¹Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, ²²for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. ²³Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people.*

²⁴*They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.*

²⁵*“And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”*

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

SPECIAL MUSIC – St. Luke’s Children’s Choir – You are My All in All
ELC Choir – Wonderfully Made
Both Choirs – Jesus Loves the Little Children

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 will be passed** and are available in the narthex as you exit for your convenience.
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: Luke 21:6 – “As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” Everything in this world is headed for the graveyard, but some things are also destined to rise from the grave. On that Day of Resurrection – as we look back on our earthly life – what will we see? What will have really mattered? This is a good question to ask ourselves in this season of the church year that focuses on The Last Things.

Stand

OFFERTORY - "You Have Been Good" Psalm 13:6

- 1 O Lord, You have been good
You have been faithful to all generations
O Lord, Your steadfast love
And tender mercies have been our salvation

- 2 For by Your hand we have been fed
And by Your Spirit we have been led
O Lord, You have been good
You have been faithful to all generations

- 3 For by Your hand we have been fed
And by Your Spirit we have been led
O Lord, almighty God
Father unchanging, upright and holy
O Lord, You have been good
You have been faithful; You have been good

- 4 You have been good
You have been faithful
You have been good

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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.

O Lord, in these last days we lift our eyes to Your Son, Jesus Christ, from whom our help comes. Turn us from distress and fear of what is coming on our world to stand confidently in the Word of Christ, which will never pass away. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, uphold all ministers of Your Gospel and those who hear it gladly, especially all persecuted Christians. Cause that Word to be honored and so deliver them from wicked and evil men. Give a mouth and wisdom to Your people in all adversity to confess You boldly and to endure faithfully to the end. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We worship You, O Lord, for all Your loving kindness shown to us in Christ, our Savior. Deliver us from fear as we witness the signs of the times and make sober judgment in the face of so many vexing concerns. Remind us that though the nations rage and the powers press against the Church, this is our opportunity to give witness to the Word that does not change and the mercy that is our hope in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, we have this command from Your blessed apostles, that we are to be busy at work and not walk in idleness. Strengthen us in the Lord Jesus Christ to do good without weariness. Bless the homes and businesses of this congregation, and give to our people the fruits of their labors. Grant that, in the conduct of our life's work, our hearts may always be directed to the love of God and the steadfastness of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of hosts, we give thanks for those who have served our nation through military service. Help us to honor their service by using our liberty responsibly. Bless our nation and help us to protect and increase the privileges we have for those who follow us, looking always to You, from whom true freedom comes. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Father, straighten and raise the heads of Your people to look for the resurrection at the Last Day and to live and endure in hope, since our redemption draws near. Sustain Your children in every affliction [*especially* _____]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P As the days pass and all things move to their appointed end, keep us from being complacent. Keep us alert and awake so that when the day comes, we may greet the Lord and rejoice in His eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You 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 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 - "You're Worthy of My Praise"

- 1 I will worship (**I will worship**)
With all of my heart (**With all of my heart**)
And I will praise You (**I will praise You**)
With all of my strength (**All my strength**)
I will seek You (**I will seek You**)
All of my days (**All of my days**)
I will follow (**I will follow**)
Follow all of Your ways (**All Your ways**)
- 2, 4, 5 I will give You all my worship
I will give You all my praise
You alone I long to worship
You alone are worthy of my praise
- 3 I will bow down (**I will bow down**)
And hail You as King (**Hail You as King**)
I will serve you (**I will serve You**)
Give You everything (**everything**)
I will lift up (**I will lift up**)
My eyes to Your throne (**My eyes to Your throne**)
And I will trust You (**I will trust You**)
I will trust You alone (**Trust in You alone**)

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