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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(Series A)

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

The rule of God is so far above us that we cannot comprehend it. He has all power throughout all time and eternity. Although God rules in might, as He tells Job (and us) in His speech in the Old Testament Reading, He demonstrated His rule in grace by sending His Son, our Lord Jesus, to become one of us to die and rise for us. But God's rule is thwarted in the lives of those who do not know about our Savior. Paul in the Epistle points out that "faith comes from hearing" and earnestly desires that all his fellow Jews might hear the Gospel and be saved (Romans 10:17). God, speaking to us through Paul is urging us to get the Good News to people's ears so they may hear and believe." Even within the Church at times doubts arise about our Lord's care and control. As Peter needed to cling to Jesus amid the stormy seas, so our faith must reach beyond recognizing God's rule over creation in general. He has destroyed death itself in Jesus' resurrection. And we already live in His eternal kingdom. Thanks be to God!

IMAGE ON THE COVER

When evening came, He was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." *Matthew 14:23–27*

PRELUDE

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

✠ A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE ✠

WELCOME

PRESERVICE - "Everlasting"

1 Everlasting, never changing
 Always knowing, knowing all
 You are Lord; You are God most high

2, 3 Everlasting, never changing
 Always knowing, knowing all
 You are Lord, You are God most high
 You are Lord, You are God most high
 Alleluia, alleluia

4 Alleluia, alleluia
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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** Let us consider our unworthiness to come before almighty God and confess our sins to Him in the presence of one another.

We confess, Creator Lord, that like Job, we become angry at times with what You have allowed in our lives and we have wondered why.

- C** **Forgive our pride and turn us to humbly rely on Your gracious plans for us.**

- P** We confess, Savior Lord, that unlike Paul, we have neglected people around us who have not accepted Your sacrifice for them.

- C** **Forgive our self-centeredness and inaction, and move us to tell them the Good News as You provide opportunity.**

- P** We confess, Spirit of truth, that like Peter, we have failed to trust You in all things and have been overwhelmed by the storms of life.

- C** **Forgive our weakness of faith and enable us to follow where You lead the way.**

- P** All things in heaven and earth are under God's rule. His almighty power was shown chiefly in sending His Son into this fallen world to destroy the powers of sin, death, and the devil. Your pride, self-centeredness, weakness of faith, and anything else that would separate you from His great love have been forgiven for Jesus' sake. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I 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.

Heavenly Father, ruler of this world,

C **comfort us, we pray, with the message that Your rule is good for the whole Church and also for each of us as Your children;**

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.**

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 - "Made to Worship"

1 Before the day, before the light
 Before the world revolved around the sun
 God on high stepped down into time
 And wrote the story of His love for everyone
 He has filled our hearts with wonder
 So that we always remember

2, 4, 6, 7 You and I were made to worship
 You and I are called to love
 You and I are forgiven and free
 You and I embrace surrender
 You and I need to believe
 You and I will see who we were meant to be

3 All we are and all we have
 Is all a gift from God that we receive
 Brought to life, we open up our eyes
 To see the majesty and glory of the King
 He has filled our hearts with wonder
 So that we always remember

5 Even the rocks cry out
 Even the Heavens shout
 At the sound of His holy name
 So let every voice sing out
 And let every knee bow down
 He's worthy of all our praise

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Job 38:4-18

(God questions Job.)

⁴[The Lord said to Job:] “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone,

⁷when the morning stars sang together
and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb,

⁹when I made clouds its garment
and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰and prescribed limits for it
and set bars and doors,

¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?

¹²“Have you commanded the morning since your days began,
and caused the dawn to know its place,

¹³that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,
and the wicked be shaken out of it?

¹⁴It is changed like clay under the seal,
and its features stand out like a garment.

¹⁵From the wicked their light is withheld,
and their uplifted arm is broken.

¹⁶“Have you entered into the springs of the sea,
or walked in the recesses of the deep?

¹⁷Have the gates of death been revealed to you,
or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?

¹⁸Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?
Declare, if you know all this.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 18:1-6; antiphon: v. 46

L ⁴⁶The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock,

C and exalted be the God of my salvation—

L ¹I love you,

C O LORD, my strength.

L ²The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,

C my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

L ³I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,

C and I am saved from my enemies.

L ⁴The cords of death encompassed me;

C the torrents of destruction assailed me;

L ⁵the cords of Sheol entangled me;

C the snares of death confronted me.

L ⁶In my distress I called upon the LORD;
to my God I cried for help.

C From his temple he heard my voice,
and my cry to him reached his ears.

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 ⁴⁶The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock,
C and exalted be the God of my salvation—

EPISTLE

Romans 10:5-17

(Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.)

⁵Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

¹⁴But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Matthew 14:27

- P** Alleluia. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying,
C “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

(Jesus walks on water and rescues sinking Peter.)

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

²²Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, *“Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”*

²⁸And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹He said, *“Come.”* So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, *“O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”* ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

- 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. **A basket** is 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: Matthew 14:30 – “But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, ‘Lord, save me.’” The world really is a scary place, with natural disasters, disease, terrorism and a hundred other things. But where do we place our hope, our trust, our *vision*? Where do we look for aid and comfort? When Peter's eyes were on the Lord, he had confidence. When he turned to look at his problems and took his eyes off the Lord, he fell apart. Sometimes God's call to support the work of His church with our offerings makes us nervous. But put your eyes back on your Lord, trust Him, follow His Word and all really will be well.

OFFERTORY - "In the Secret"

- 1 In the secret, in the quiet place
In the stillness You are there
In the secret, in the quiet hour I wait only for You
'Cause I want to know You more
- 2, 4, 5 I want to know You, I want to hear Your voice
I want to know You more
I want to touch You, I want to see Your face
I want to know You more
- 3 I am reaching for the highest goal
That I might receive the prize
Pressing onward, pushing every hindrance aside, out of my way
'Cause I want to know You more
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Stand

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

- L** We gather today in the name of our compassionate Savior, to give thanks for women like the biblical Dorcas who use their willing hands to give comfort and life's necessities to those in need.
- C** **We thank You, Father, for Dorcas of old and the women who follow in her footsteps, using their talents with needles and thread.**
- L** To You, merciful Lord, we give thanks for all the faithful women who, alone in their homes or in small groups, cut and sew together the colorful scraps of fabric to form tops of spectacular patterns and hues.
- C** **Lord, we ask Your blessings for these women as they create their labors of love.**

- L** Lord, Source of all Comfort, we express our gratitude for the caring women who gather in members' homes and in church basements and fellowship halls to quilt, tie, and bind the "comforters."
- C** **We thank You for the quilters and ask You to bind our hearts in love for the people these quilts will comfort in times of stress.**
- L** Father, we now dedicate this rainbow of quilts to the glory of God and ask that You shower blessings upon the people of many colors who will use them for warmth, for shelter, for luggage, and for sustaining life.
- C** **Lord, teach us, also, to use our talents to reach out to the world's downtrodden people as these quilters have learned to do.**
- L** Jesus, we ask that You continue to bless the work of the quilters, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, and The Orphan Grain Train.
- C** **Bless their work, O Lord, and may it draw people to You.**
- L** For to You, O Lord, is the glory forever and ever.
- 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.

Almighty God, You laid the foundations of the earth and set bounds and limits to all things. We give You thanks for Your glorious creation, including our own bodies and souls. In our sin, we have earned for ourselves death, and Your creation has been subjected to futility; yet in Your Son, You grant us forgiveness and new life. Help us to live in righteousness through faith in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

P Gracious Lord, Your Word is near to the hearts of Your people. Grant them courage to speak the Gospel faithfully before the world. Let those who hear confess Jesus Christ as Lord and be saved. Remember all who endure persecution for His name, and strengthen them for a bold witness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, we ask You to raise up pastors, teachers, missionaries and servants for all church-work vocations. Bless church planters and new congregations, that they may endure. Bring hope and renewal to all struggling congregations and to the pastors who serve them. Do not let fear keep us from Your Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Help us to trust in You at all times, Father, that we may not doubt or fear. Grant us confidence in all that You have promised to bestow daily and richly upon Your people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, You supported Peter in his doubts and fears. Keep us from sinking into despair when we suffer the trials of this mortal life. Be with those who are in need [*especially* _____]. Grant us Your Spirit, that our hearts may not waver, and keep us in the grasp of Your grace, that we may not lose our way or be overcome by weariness and struggle. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious Lord, give ear to the prayers of Your people and lead us to trust in Your mercy without fear, that we may be confident that You will grant to us all things needful to us and our salvation; 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

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

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.

GREET ONE ANOTHER

We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "The Lord be with you," "Peace be with you," or "The peace of the Lord be with you".

CLOSING - "I Waited for the Lord" Psalm 40:1-6

1, 4, 8, 10 I waited for the Lord on high
I waited and He heard my cry

2, 6, 9 There's a new song in my heart to sing
A new song, praises for the King

3, 7 He pulled me out of my despair
And showed me where to walk
From fear into security
From quicksand to a rock

5 I'll sing to let the people know
That I have been restored
And they will kneel and understand
To return and trust in the Lord

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