



St. Luke's Lutheran Church



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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THIRTEENTH 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

Throughout the Bible, we find God sculpting rocks, constructing with rocks, and protecting others by means of rocks. Ever the master architect, the Lord uses rocks to accomplish His purposes. More than that, the Lord Himself is our rock, the One in whom we have lasting and eternal security. “Built on the Rock the Church shall stand,” we sing (*LSB* 645:1). How do we stand? The prophet Isaiah tells us: “Look to the rock from which you were hewn” (Isaiah 51:1). When we see our God as the rock from whom we come and by whom our lives are built, we find that He alone is our lasting foundation, our mighty fortress, and the reason why we gather to worship today.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

Listen to Me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug.
Isaiah 51:1

PRELUDE

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

✠A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE✠

WELCOME

Special Music – Ondrej Forster, Czech KSU Student

PRESERVICE SONG – “Flawless”

- 1 There's got to be more than going back and forth
 From doing right to doing wrong
 'Cause we were taught that's who we are
 Come on, get in line right behind me
 You along with everybody
 Thinking there's worth in what you do
- 2 Then like a hero who takes the stage when we're
 On the edge of our seats saying it's too late
 Well, let me introduce you to amazing grace
- 3, 5 No matter the bumps, no matter the bruises
8 No matter the scars, still the truth is
 The cross has made, the cross has made you flawless
 No matter the hurt or how deep the wound is
 No matter the pain still the truth is
 The cross has made, the cross has made you flawless
- 4 Could it possibly be we simply can't believe
 That this unconditional kind of love would be enough to
 Take a filthy wretch like this and wrap 'em up in righteousness
 That's exactly what He did
- 6 Take a breath smile and say
 Right here, right now I'm ok because
 The cross was enough
- 7 Then like a hero who takes the stage when we're
 On the edge of our seats saying it's too late
 Well, let me introduce you to grace, grace, God's grace
- 9 No matter what they say
 Or what you think you are
 The day he called your name He made you flawless
 He made you flawless

Stand

The sign of the cross ✙ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✙ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P That we may rest on Jesus and His unchanging grace, let us with repentant hearts confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

(We observe a moment of silence for personal prayers of confession.)

P How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!

C Heavenly Father, Your Word tells us that we all have sinned and fall short of Your glory. By what we have done and by what we have failed to do, we have lived shaky lives that falter when we do not stand firm in You.

P Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee!

C Lord Jesus, have mercy upon us. You are the rock of ages in whom we find protection and deliverance.

P On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand!

C Holy Spirit, enable us to trust the promises of Your Word, confident in the forgiveness of sins found in Christ Jesus, our solid rock. Amen.

P Upon this your confession, I am blessed to proclaim the certainty of God's saving grace to all of you! In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, our mighty rock and fortress, 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.

Almighty God, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus Christ, to be the rock from which we have been hewn.

C Help us rest securely in Your promises and find strength in Your mighty deliverance;

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.

OPENING SONG - "Blessed Assurance" Hebrews 10:19

- 1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine
 O what a foretaste of glory divine
 Heir of salvation, purchase of God
 Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood
- 2, 4, 6 This is my story, this is my song
 Praising my Savior all the day long
 This is my story, this is my song
 Praising my Savior all the day long
- 3 Perfect submission, perfect delight
 Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
 Angels descending bring from above
 Echoes of mercy, whispers of love
- 5 Perfect submission all is at rest
 I in my Savior am happy and blest
 Watching and waiting, looking above
 Filled with His goodness, lost in His love
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INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL & BASIC TEACHERS, ELC TEACHERS, AND OFFICERS & PEER MINISTERS OF THE CAMPUS MINISTRY

ADDRESS *(The pastor addresses those to be installed)*

P Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, you are to be installed as Sunday School Teachers, BASIC Teachers, ELC Teachers, and Officers & Peer Ministers of the Campus Ministry a work in which our Father in heaven has great joy.

Hear the Word of the Lord:

¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. ***Colossians 3:15-17***

P Beloved in the Lord, You are to assist me, the minister of Word and Sacrament, in the instruction of God's people according to His holy Word. You are to prepare yourselves for this work by your individual and corporate study of the Word of God and the faith drawn from it as it has been delivered to us in the Small Catechism.

While holiness of life and obedience to Christ are expected of all members of the congregation, it is especially important that you show yourselves, by word and example, to be faithful to Him in service and Christian devotion.

In the presence of God and of this congregation, I therefore ask you: Do you accept the position entrusted to you, and do you promise faithfully to carry out your duties, trusting in the Lord and conforming yourself to His Word in accordance with the faith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church? If so, then answer: I do.

R *I do.*

ADDRESS *(The pastor addresses to the congregation)*

P Beloved in the Lord, you have heard the promises of faithfulness spoken by these individuals. Do you promise to support them in their work, to remember them in your prayers, and to work with them to the best of the abilities that God has given you, so that He may be glorified and His work be done in our midst? If so, then answer: We do.

C We do.

INSTALLATION

P Brothers and sisters in Christ, I install you as Sunday School Teachers, BASIC Teachers, and ELC Teachers at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Brothers and sisters in Christ, I install you as Officers and Peer Ministers of the Campus Ministry at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P The almighty and most merciful God enlighten and strengthen you in your service that you may be good and faithful leaders and teachers to the glory of His name and the salvation of His people.

C Amen.

Stand

PRAYER

P Let us pray.

O Lord, grant to these Your people the gifts of wisdom and discretion, kindness and faithfulness, so that they may effectively teach and guide, and grant to all Your people a ready willingness to learn. Let the knowledge of Your Word be preserved and extended among us so that all may know and praise You now and forever; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BLESSING

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Go in the name of the Lord. Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C

Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 51:1-6

("Look to the rock from which you were hewn.")

¹"Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD:

look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

²Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
that I might bless him and multiply him.

³For the LORD comforts Zion;
he comforts all her waste places
and makes her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴"Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 11:33-12:8

(Do not be conformed; be transformed.)

³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

³⁴“For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?”

³⁵“Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?”

³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever.
Amen.

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching;

⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

P Alleluia. You are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

C built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

("On this rock I will build My church.")

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, *"Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"* ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, *"But who do you say that I am?"* ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, *"Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven."* ¹⁸*And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.* ¹⁹*I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."* ²⁰Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

THE PRESENTATION OF 3rd GRADE BIBLES

P In Holy Baptism God the Father made us members of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. We continue to grow in our faith by the power of the Spirit working through the Word.

(Pastor hands out Bibles to parents).

P Because the Word of God is a means of grace by which the Holy Spirit works in our lives, today we place this Word of God into your hands so that you in turn will place this Word of God into the hands of your children.

P Do you believe the Bible is the Word of God? If so, then say: I believe.

R I believe.

P Do you believe that the Holy Spirit will work through the Word of God to help your child grow in faith toward God and in fervent love toward others? If so, then say: I believe.

R I believe.

P Do you believe that the Word of God is a treasure from God that is to be passed on from one generation to the next? If so, then say: I believe.

R I believe.

P Then place the Holy Scriptures into the hands of your child.

(Parent or Guardian hands Bible to their child at this time).

P Will you help your child to read the Holy Scriptures and to grow in faith and love so that through the power of the Holy Spirit the Scriptures may be blessing to your child? If so, then say: I will, with the help of God.

R I will, with the help of God.

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, in Holy Baptism You began Your good work in these children. Continue to bless them with Your Holy Spirit that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of Your Word. Increase in them their love toward you and one another. Enable them to resist all evil and to live a godly life. We pray that they would remain faithful to You and finally come to life everlasting; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

C Amen.

P Go in peace dedicated to grow in the knowledge of God through His Word.

(Families may return to their seats)

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** 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: Matthew 16:27 – “For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.” St Paul talks about rewards on the Last Day in 1 Corinthians 3, and Jesus says more about this “repaying” in Matthew 19:27–30. Bottom line: your good works can’t buy you heaven, but in Christ your good works do matter. They are pleasing to your Heavenly Father, and they will be rewarded. In other words, your sacrifices for the Lord’s kingdom are not in vain and do not go unnoticed by your Father. This should encourage you in your faithfulness.

OFFERTORY – Special Music

Ondrej Forster, Czech KSU Student

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, from You and through You and to You are all things. You have built Your Church on the confession of the Gospel and have promised that the gates of hell will not overcome it. To Your Church throughout the world grant the faith and courage to confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God Almighty, You transform Your Church by the Holy Spirit so that she does not conform to the world. Draw forth from Your people their proclamation of thanksgiving, that they may tell of all Your wondrous deeds. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, grant that the Office of the Keys may be honored among us, in order that we may confess our sin and be absolved in the name of Christ. As You have so graciously forgiven us, grant that we may extend this grace by forgiving others. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, care for all families, children, single adults and youth, that they might steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal. Grant an increase in wisdom and grace to all who teach and learn. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, grant that all nations and leaders might act for peace; promote godliness; and protect all who live under violence, oppression, injustice and fear, that all people might extol You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, care for all victims of disaster, for those stricken by illness or infirmity, for the aged and infirm, for the grieving and for those near death. [*Especially show Your steadfast love to _____.*] Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P From You and through You and to You are all things! To You, O Father, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, be glory 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.

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 SONG - "Sometimes by Step"

- 1 Sometimes the night was beautiful
 Sometimes the sky was so far away
 Sometimes it seemed to stoop so close
 You could touch it but your heart would break
 Sometimes the morning came too soon
 Sometimes the day could be so hot
 There was so much work left to do
 But so much You'd already done
- 2, 4, 5 Oh, God, You are my God and I will ever praise You
 Oh, God, You are my God and I will ever praise You
 I will seek You in the morning
 And I will learn to walk in Your ways
 And step by step You'll lead me
 And I will follow You all of my days
- 3 Sometimes I think of Abraham
 How one star he saw had been lit for me
 He was a stranger in this land
 And I am that, no less than he
 And on this road to righteousness
 Sometimes the climb can be so steep
 I may falter in my steps
 But never beyond Your reach
- 6 I will follow You all of my days
 And I will follow You all of my days
 Step by step You'll lead me
 And I will follow You all of my days

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