



## **St. Luke's Lutheran Church**



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*Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.*

**Sunday, October 1, 2023 – 11:00 AM**

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Gretchen Hartsook, Director of Music  
Shelby Bruckerhoff, Director of Early Learning Center*

**EIGHTEENTH 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](mailto: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 number of languages being spoken on our planet today is amazing. There are currently more than 6500 individual languages in use. The smallest group that speaks in a singular language is a tribe of indigenous people in Canada, about 50 in number, who speak a distinct dialect of the Tsuu T'ina tongue. The most widely spoken language on earth is English, with some 1.4 billion users, including a large group for whom English is not their native language. We are blessed by God to hear His Word in our own language. Through Moses, God said to His chosen people: "Lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, . . . as long as the heavens are above the earth" (Deuteronomy 11:18, 21). We continue to respond to that directive in our generation by holding fast the Word of life—and by sharing it as well!

## **IMAGE ON THE COVER**

O Word of God incarnate,  
O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,  
O Light of our dark sky:  
We praise You for the radiance  
That from the hallowed page,  
A lantern to our footsteps,  
Shines on from age to age. *LSB 523:1*

## **PRELUDE**

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

# ✠A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE✠

## WELCOME

## INTRODUCE DCE WILLIAM PRANN

## PRESERVICE SONG – “Great are You Lord”

- 1, 2, 3    Holy Lord, most holy Lord, You alone are worthy of my praise  
            O holy Lord, most holy Lord, with all of my heart I sing  
            Great are You, Lord, worthy of praise, holy and true  
            Great are You, Lord, most holy Lord
- 4            Great are You, Lord, worthy of praise, holy and true  
            Great are You, Lord, most holy Lord  
            Lord, most holy Lord  
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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.

## OPENING SENTENCES

*Psalm 68:1, 3, 19-20, 34-35*

- P**    God shall arise, His enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate Him shall flee before Him!
- C**    **But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy!**
- P**    Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation.
- C**    **Our God is a God of salvation, and to God, the Lord, belong deliverances from death.**
- P**    Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies.
- C**    **Awesome is God from His sanctuary; the God of Israel—He is the one who gives power and strength to His people. Blessed be God!**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and ask His gracious forgiveness.

**C** We now confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and before one another, that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not always put God first and have too much followed the desires of our own hearts. We have used His holy name in ways that do not honor Him. We have been careless in our devotion and have not always honored those in authority over us. We have done violence to others in word and deed and have not always kept our thoughts, words, and deeds pure and honorable. We have taken what is not ours and have spoken that which is not helpful or true. We have wished for that which is not rightfully ours and have not put the best construction on all things and on all people. We pray God to have mercy on us, to forgive us all our sins, and to bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** Spare them, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared in Jesus Christ, our Lord. The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. 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.  
God of love, by Your grace we have come to hear Your Word. Grant that we may ever find in it our greatest treasure and hold fast to it as a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **NICENE CREED**

**☩ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to judge both  
the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

## OPENING SONG – “Starry Night”

- 1 From the birds that sing in the tallest trees  
To the human life of you and me  
From the desert sands to the place we stand  
He is God of all, He is everything
- 2, 4 Oh, I'm giving my life to the only One  
Who makes the moon reflect the sun  
Every starry night, that was His design  
I'm giving my life to the only Son  
Who was and is and yet to come  
Let the praises ring 'cause He is everything  
'Cause He is everything
- 3 From the autumn leaves that will ride the breeze  
To the faith it takes to pray and sing  
From the faded sky to my plank-filled eye  
He is God of all, He is everything
- 5 Hallelujah, hallelujah I believe  
Hallelujah, hallelujah I believe
- 6 I'm giving my life to the only One  
Who makes the moon reflect the sun  
On that starry night He changed my life  
I'm giving it all to the only Son  
Who gave me hope when I had none  
Let the praises ring, let the praises ring
- 7 I'm giving my life to the only One  
Who makes the moon reflect the sun  
Every starry night, that was His design  
I'm giving my life to the only Son  
Who was and is and yet to come  
Let the angels sing, He is heavenly  
Let the praises ring, He is everything

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32*

*(The prophet gives words of warning.)*

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? <sup>3</sup>As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . .

<sup>25</sup>“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? <sup>26</sup>When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>27</sup>Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. <sup>28</sup>Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

<sup>30</sup>“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL

*Psalm 34:9, 19 alt.*

**L** He will command his angels concerning you  
**C** to guard you in all your ways.

**L** Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
**C** and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

## EPISTLE

*Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18*

*(Christians are to look to the interests of others.)*

<sup>1</sup>If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. . . .

<sup>14</sup>Do all things without grumbling or questioning, <sup>15</sup>that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup>holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. <sup>17</sup>Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. <sup>18</sup>Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

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

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*Matthew 28:1b*

**P** Alleluia. All authority in heaven and earth  
**C** has been given to Me. Alleluia.



## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-27

*(Jesus and the elders.)*

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

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

<sup>23</sup>When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" <sup>24</sup>Jesus answered them, *"I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things."* <sup>25</sup>*The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?"* And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?'" <sup>26</sup>But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, *"Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."*

**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 21:26 – “But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd...”** Foolish Pharisees! They fear men more than they fear God, and so they miss out on the great blessing of knowing Jesus and His love. All our sins are like this: we fear something more than we fear God. And how foolish that is! Just think of the blessings we miss out on whenever we place our fear or trust in something other than God.

## OFFERTORY - “My Jesus I Love Thee” 1 John 4:19

- 1 My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine  
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now
- 2 I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now

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*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.

Merciful Lord, You founded Your Church upon the proclamation of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Purify the tongues of Your servants, that the tongues of the wicked may be silenced. Turn them from their evil ways, that their sins may be washed away. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Merciful Lord, encourage us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may not lose heart. Make us to be of one mind and will, that we may serve You with gladness, doing the works of Your kingdom here and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Merciful Lord, sustain all fathers, mothers and children; husbands and wives; friends and neighbors; laborers and employers; and teachers and students. Enable us all to serve our neighbors in godly vocations, delighting in the Lord's lovingkindness. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Merciful Lord, all the might of man is nothing before You, yet You have appointed earthly realms and rulers to punish evil and honor good. Give us faithful leaders who will serve honorably and well. Bless also those who serve in the armed forces to defend us and protect our liberty. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** Merciful Lord, grant the encouragement of Christ and the comfort of His love to those who suffer [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. In every affliction, prove Yourself a ready and worthy Savior, especially to those who believe. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Merciful Lord, the name of Jesus stands above all names. Before it we bow our knees and confess Him as Lord and God. Inspire in us true devotion and worship as we approach His altar to receive our humble Savior in these humble means of bread and wine for our salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Merciful Lord, in You there is no shadow due to change. Enkindle Your divine light in us, that we may stand united as Christ's own body, holding fast to the word of life and shining brightly in the midst of this world's darkness; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## **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.**

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## **The Lord's Supper**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an elder. For further study, see Matt. 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

## **DISTRIBUTION**

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first. They then distribute the body and blood of Christ to those in the pews who are unable to come forward, and then finally to those who come forward.*

*Distribution and dismissal will be done by half tables.*

## **DISTRIBUTION SONGS**

## "I Will Rise"

- 1            There's a peace I've come to know  
              Though my heart and flesh may fail  
              There's an anchor for my soul  
              I can say "It is well"
- 2, 5        Jesus has overcome  
              And the grave is overwhelmed  
              The victory is won  
              He is risen from the dead
- 3, 6, 9     And I will rise when He calls my name  
              No more sorrow, no more pain  
              I will rise on eagles' wings  
              Before my God fall on my knees and rise  
              I will rise
- 4            There's a day that's drawing near  
              When this darkness breaks to light  
              And the shadows disappear  
              And my faith shall be my eyes
- 7, 8        I hear the voice of many angels sing  
              "Worthy is the Lamb"  
              And I hear the cry of every longing heart  
              "Worthy is the Lamb"

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## “Open Our Eyes, Lord” Matthew 5:8

- 1, 2, 3      Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus  
                 To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him  
                 Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen  
                 Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus
- 4              Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus  
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*Stand*

### CONCLUDING PRAYER

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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.

### 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 – “Isn’t He Good” Psalm 34:8**

1           The view is clear from where I stand  
I can see the imprints of God’s hand  
From who I was to who I’ll be  
His love and grace has delivered me  
Guiding me, guarding me  
Leading me, loving me

2, 4, 5       Isn’t He good, isn’t He good  
Hasn’t He done all He said He would  
All that we have, all that we are  
Comes from above  
Isn’t He good, isn’t He good  
He met the need like only He could  
Faithful and true to me and you  
Isn’t He good

3           The smallest voice, the biggest fear  
The loving heart of the Father hears  
And answers each and any prayer  
Of every child who’s within His care  
Blessing us, building us  
Feeding us, filling us

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