



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



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

**October 22, 2023 – 11:00 AM**

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**TWENTY-FIRST 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 most profound comfort lies in the assurance that God is always working out His purpose no matter the circumstances or the people. God's saving purpose cannot be thwarted. Isaiah lived in an age of bad news and despair, but he was confident that God could overcome them all. In the short term, this redemption came through an unlikely messianic figure named Cyrus. At the appointed time, however, the true Messiah would come and save Israel and all who trust in Him. God is in charge—not just of the ups and downs of this world's good and bad news but for the sake of His saving work. Jesus' power is greater than every other power, and His saving purpose will prevail. This is our comfort.

## **IMAGE ON THE COVER**

Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's. *Matthew 22:21*

## **PRELUDE**

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

## **✠A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE✠**

## **WELCOME**

## **ANNOUNCEMENT - LEADACHILD**

## **PRESERVICE SONG – SPECIAL MUSIC by Jubellation Handbell Choir**

*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 121:2, 7*

**P** My help comes from the LORD,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** The LORD will keep you from all evil;

**C** He will keep your life.

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**C** I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me 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. 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 God, Your Word and will are accomplished despite the enemies of Your purpose and through the unlikely means of those indifferent to You. Encourage us when we are quick to judge and slow to believe, that we may never forget the triumph of Your saving purpose in Your Son; 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 - "Jesus, Your Name" Psalm 29:2**

- 1, 4      Jesus, Your name is power, Jesus, Your name is might  
            Jesus, Your name will break every stronghold  
            Jesus, Your name is life
- 2           Jesus, Your name is healing, Jesus, Your name gives sight  
            Jesus, Your name will free every captive  
            Jesus, Your name is life
- 3           Jesus, Your name is holy, Jesus, Your name brings light  
            Jesus, Your name above every other  
            Jesus, Your name is life
- 5           Jesus, Your name is life

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## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 45:1-7

*("I am the Lord, and there is no other.")*

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whose right hand I have grasped,  
to subdue nations before him  
and to loose the belts of kings,  
to open doors before him  
that gates may not be closed:

<sup>2</sup>"I will go before you  
and level the exalted places,  
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze  
and cut through the bars of iron,

<sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness  
and the hoards in secret places,  
that you may know that it is I, the LORD,  
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

<sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob,  
and Israel my chosen,  
I call you by your name,  
I name you, though you do not know me.

<sup>5</sup>I am the LORD, and there is no other,  
besides me there is no God;  
I equip you, though you do not know me,

<sup>6</sup>that people may know, from the rising of the sun  
and from the west, that there is none besides me;  
I am the LORD, and there is no other.

<sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness,  
I make well-being and create calamity,  
I am the LORD, who does all these things."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

*Psalm 96:1-9; antiphon: v. 9a*

**L** <sup>9</sup>Worship the LORD

**C** in the splendor of holiness;

**L** <sup>1</sup>Oh sing to the LORD a new song;

**C** sing to the LORD, all the earth!

**L** <sup>2</sup>Sing to the LORD, bless his name;

**C** tell of his salvation from day to day.

**L** <sup>3</sup>Declare his glory among the nations,

**C** his marvelous works among all the peoples!

**L** <sup>4</sup>For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;

**C** he is to be feared above all gods.

**L** <sup>5</sup>For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,

**C** but the LORD made the heavens.

**L** <sup>6</sup>Splendor and majesty are before him;

**C** strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

**L** <sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,

**C** ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

**L** <sup>8</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

**C** bring an offering, and come into his courts!

**L** <sup>9</sup>Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;

**C** tremble before him, all the earth!

**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** <sup>9</sup>Worship the LORD  
**C** in the splendor of holiness;

## EPISTLE

*1 Thessalonians 1:1-10*

*(Become imitators of us and of the Lord.)*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:  
Grace to you and peace.

<sup>2</sup>We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, <sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. <sup>9</sup>For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*Colossians 2:10*

**P** Alleluia. You have been filled in Him,

**C** who is the head of all rule and authority. Alleluia.



## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-22

*("Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.")*

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

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

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. <sup>16</sup>And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, *"Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin for the tax."* And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>And Jesus said to them, *"Whose likeness and inscription is this?"* <sup>21</sup>They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, *"Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."* <sup>22</sup>When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

**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 22:21** – “Then he said to them, ‘Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’” So what is Jesus saying? Doesn’t everything belong to God? Yes — and God has a place for everything. Some of what He gives us goes to Caesar. Some must come back to the work of His church. And some goes to support the families He has given us. All belongs to God, and He has work for us to do with what He has given us in the home, in the church and in society.

## OFFERTORY – “Stretch Out Your Hand” Psalm 138:7

1, 2, 3      Stretch out Your hand and heal this nation  
                Stretch out Your hand and bring restoration  
                Let Your mercy overflow us like a never failing stream  
                By the blood of Jesus, cleanse us  
                Oh Lord, it’s You we seek  
                Cause Your face to shine upon us again

4, 5            Cause Your face to shine upon us again

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*Stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P**      Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Give to Your Church, O Lord, Your Word and Your Spirit, that we hear Your voice and follow where You lead, proclaiming Your Gospel to every corner of the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C**      **hear our prayer.**

**P**      Give to the nations good and faithful leaders who will work under the guidance of Your Word to lead the peoples with equity and justice, fostering freedom so that we may worship You and love our neighbor, living in peace and quietness all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C**      **hear our prayer.**

**P**      Give to homes wisdom and love, that they be places of blessing and peace, bound together by forgiveness, and nurtured by the voice of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C**      **hear our prayer.**

**P** Give to all people respect for the gift of life, courage to stand against those who would disdain the child in the womb or the aged, and encourage husbands and wives, parents and children in their life together. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Give to the sick and those who suffer every blessing of Your presence and healing in accordance with Your will, that they be supported in their afflictions and granted patience until the day when perfect healing reigns. [*Hear us especially for . . .*] . Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Give to us eyes to see Your goodness and the gifts of Your mercy that crown all our days, and give to our hearts gratitude that we use Your gifts for Your glory, for the good of our neighbors in need, and for the support of the work of the Kingdom here and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** All these things, heavenly Father, for which we pray, grant to us according to Your mercy, providing to us all things needful and beneficial and keeping from us all things as may prove harmful to our faith; 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 PRAYER

**P** Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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 SONG - “Blessed Be Your Name”**

- 1            Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful  
              Where your streams of abundance flow  
              Blessed be Your name  
              Blessed be Your name when I’m found in the desert place  
              Though I walk through the wilderness  
              Blessed be Your name
- 2, 5, 8        Every blessing You pour out I’ll turn back to praise  
              When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say
- 3, 6, 9, 10    Blessed be the name of the Lord  
              Blessed be Your name  
              Blessed be the name of the Lord  
              Blessed be Your glorious name
- 4            Blessed be Your name when the sun’s shining down on me  
              When the world’s all as it should be  
              Blessed be Your name  
              Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering  
              Though there’s pain in the offering  
              Blessed be Your name
- 7, 11        You give and take away  
              You give and take away  
              My heart will choose to say  
              Lord, blessed be Your name

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