



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



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

**Sunday, October 15, 2023 – 11:00 AM**

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**TWENTIETH 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**

Living in the ups and downs of this mortal life, in a world opposed to Christ and His purposes, it may seem like peace is a secret that must be found to be enjoyed. There is no secret, as it were, but the peace that passes understanding is hidden—hidden in Christ. This peace is not some relative calm against the upset of the world but knowing Christ and living in His strength, comfort, forgiveness, joy, and peace amid every circumstance of life. This is not to be confused with happiness, which is hard to find and ever harder to define. No, this gift of peace means knowing with contentment the steadfast love and mercy of God given to us in Christ Jesus, His Son.

## **IMAGE ON THE COVER**

At last the march shall end;

The wearied ones shall rest;

The pilgrims find their home at last,

Jerusalem the blest.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing! *LSB* 813:6

## **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 SONG - "Almighty" Revelation 15:3

- 1, 2      Almighty, most holy God, faithful through the ages  
4, 5      Almighty, most holy Lord, glorious almighty God
- 3      The beasts of the field, the birds of the air  
        Are silent to call out Your name  
        The earth has no voice and I have no choice  
        But to magnify God unashamed  
        Let the rocks be kept silent for one more day  
        Let the whole world sing out let the people say  
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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 146:2; Isaiah 61:10*

- P**      I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
**C**      my soul shall exult in my God,
- P**      for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation;  
**C**      He has covered me with the robe of righteousness.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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.

**P** He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Merciful Father, in Your mercy You have visited us with Your Son that we might know the joy of His salvation. Grant that this joy we know in Christ may be with us in every circumstance and be fulfilled in us when we are delivered through death into everlasting life; 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.**

*Sit*

## **OPENING SONG – “Holy Spirit”**

- 1, 3      There's nothing worth more, that could ever come close  
No thing can compare, You're our living hope  
Your presence, Lord  
I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves  
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone  
Your presence, Lord
- 2, 4, 8      Holy Spirit you are welcome here  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere  
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for  
To be overcome by your presence, Lord  
Your presence, Lord
- 5, 6, 7      Let us become more aware of Your presence  
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 25:6-9*

*(On this mountain the Lord will make a feast for all peoples and will cast off the veil of death forever.)*

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,  
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

<sup>7</sup>And he will swallow up on this mountain  
the covering that is cast over all peoples,  
the veil that is spread over all nations.

<sup>8</sup>He will swallow up death forever;  
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,  
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day,  
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.  
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL

*Psalms 91:11; 103:1*

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

**C** Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

## EPISTLE

*Philippians 4:4-13*

*("Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.")*

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

<sup>10</sup>I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. <sup>11</sup>Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. <sup>12</sup>I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. <sup>13</sup>I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*Revelation 22:17*

**P** Alleluia. The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." Let the one who hears say, "Come."

**C** Let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. Alleluia.



## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

*(Many are called; few are chosen.)*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, <sup>2</sup>*“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, <sup>3</sup>and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’ <sup>5</sup>But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’*

<sup>10</sup>*And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.*

<sup>11</sup>*“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. <sup>12</sup>And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen.”*

**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: Romans 14:7 – “For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.”** We just don't belong to ourselves — we belong first of all to God, and through Him, we belong to our neighbors. We are here to serve God in our service to one another. God has called you to this service through your vocation: as a Christian you serve others in the church, as a neighbor you serve others in society, and as a son or daughter, husband or wife, father or mother, you serve your family.

## OFFERTORY - "God Will Make a Way" Isaiah 43:9

1, 2      God will make a way where there seems to be no way  
4, 6      He works in ways we cannot see, He will make a way for me  
            He will be my guide, hold me closely to His side  
            With love and strength for each new day  
            He will make a way, He will make a way

3, 5      By the roadway in the wilderness He'll lead me  
            And rivers in the desert will I see  
            Heaven and earth will fade  
            But His Word will still remain  
            He will do something new today

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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.

Heavenly King, Your Son, Jesus Christ, purchased the Church with His precious blood. Preserve her in the pure teaching of Your Word, in the right use of the Sacraments and in the unity of the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Heavenly King, You send out Your invitation that all who believe in Your Son should take their seats at His feast. By the proclamation of Your Church, gather many, however evil they may be, to repent and fill Your eternal banquet hall. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Heavenly King, bless all families and the homes in which our people dwell. Grant grace to husbands and wives, that they may fulfill their vocations to one another and to their children. Grant also that, as a family, they may faithfully teach and learn the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Heavenly King, keep the coming of Your Son always at the forefront of heart and mind, that subject for His sake to the fleeting powers of this world, we may live in continual godliness and the peace that passes all understanding. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Heavenly King for whom we wait, You promise to wipe away the tears from all faces. Bless [\_\_\_\_\_ *and*] all who weep here, that at the last they may be comforted, restored and received into the banquet of heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Heavenly King, You have prepared a table before us in the midst of those who refuse Your invitation. Keep Your Church unstained by the world, that we may partake of our Lord's Supper worthily, clothed in His baptismal grace. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Heavenly King, give us such joy in pursuing what is true, just, pure and worthy of praise that, spurning the temptations of this world, we would suffer no anxiety. Let our trust be placed fully in Christ and let our hope rest in the life of the world to come; 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 to 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 each 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.

*Sit*

## 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

### “Lamb of God”

- 1     Your only Son, no sin to hide  
      But You have sent Him from Your side  
      To walk upon this guilty sod  
      And to become the Lamb of God
- 2     Your gift of love they crucified  
      They laughed and scorned Him as He died  
      The humble King they named a fraud  
      And sacrificed the Lamb of God
- 3, 5   O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God  
      I love the holy Lamb of God  
      O wash me in Your precious blood  
      My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God
- 4     I was so lost I should have died  
      But You have brought me to Your side  
      To be led by Your staff and rod  
      And to be called a Lamb of God

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## “Heart of Worship”

- 1     When the music fades, all is stripped away  
      And I simply come  
      Longing just to bring something that’s of worth  
      That will bless Your heart
- 2, 4   I’ll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself  
      Is not what You have required  
      You search much deeper within  
      Through the way things appear; You’re looking into my heart  
      I’m coming back to the heart of worship  
      And it’s all about You, all about You, Jesus  
      I’m sorry, Lord, for the thing I’ve made it  
      When it’s all about You, all about You Jesus
- 3     King of endless worth, no one could express  
      How much You deserve  
      Though I’m weak and poor, all I have is Yours  
      Every single breath

*Stand*

## POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**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 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 - “Love the Lord”

- 1, 2, 4      Love the Lord your God with all your heart  
                 With all your soul, with all your mind  
                 And with all your strength
- 3              With all your heart, with all your soul  
                 With all your mind, with all your strength
- 5, 6, 8      I will serve the Lord with all my heart  
                 With all my soul, with all my mind  
                 And with all my strength
- 7, 9, 10     With all my heart, with all my soul  
                 With all my mind, with all my strength
- 11, 12, 15   I will love You Lord with all my heart  
                 With all my soul, with all my mind  
                 And with all my strength
- 13, 14      I will love You  
                 I will serve You  
                 I will praise You for all my days

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