



St. Luke's Lutheran Church



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

Sunday, November 5, 2023 – 11:00 AM

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ALL SAINTS' DAY

(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

Today is bittersweet. Bitter, because some of us will be remembering someone we love who died recently, and we are still grieving. Yet sweet, because that loved one was also loved by God, redeemed by Jesus, and lives in that place Jesus went ahead to prepare. We grieve, as Paul says, but not “as others do who have no hope” (1 Thessalonians 4:13). We also hear the words of Jesus in the Beatitudes, where Jesus blesses people not usually considered blessed: the poor in spirit, the mourning, the meek, peacemakers, the persecuted. The broken circumstances of your life do not define you entirely; Jesus defines you as blessed because He has taken hold of you in love and mercy and will never let you go. Blessed are you.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. *Revelation 7:14b*

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 - SPECIAL MUSIC – Jubellation Handbell Choir

“I’ve Got Peace/When Peace Like a River”

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

P Lord, on this All Saints’ Day, we gather in Your name to remember and rejoice.

C **We remember the ones we love—ones loved also by You.**

P We remember how You embraced them, showed them grace, and filled them with faith.

C **We remember with heavy hearts. We remember with thankful hearts.**

P We rejoice in the resurrection life promised in and through Jesus.

C **We rejoice that Jesus has overcome death forever.**

P We rejoice that You are God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—who will never leave us nor forsake us.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In Baptism, God welcomes us into the family of Christ and embraces us with His love. Welcomed and embraced, we are free to confess our sins, trusting the power of Christ to lead us to newness of life.

C **We confess, good Lord, that we have sinned against You and our neighbors in thought, word, and deed. We have hungered and thirsted for unworthy things. Our hearts are not right within us. Forgive us, O God, for the sake of Jesus, our Brother.**

P Today we hear these beautiful words from John: “See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.”

As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen. Thanks be to God for our Baptism into Christ!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

When we are poor in spirit,

C **You bless us.**

P When we mourn,

C **You bless us.**

P When we are meek,

C **You bless us.**

P When we hunger and thirst for righteousness,

C **You bless us.**

P When we show mercy,
C **You bless us.**

P When we are heartbroken,
C **You bless us.**

P When we make peace,
C **You bless us.**

P When we are persecuted for Your sake,
C **You bless us.**

P Your blessing abounds in all circumstances. Guide us to be a blessing to the people around us. Fill our hearts with peace as we remember those who have gone before us; 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 – “Great is Thy Faithfulness” Psalm 89:1

- 1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
 There is no shadow of turning with Thee
 Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
 As Thou hast been Thou forever will be
- 2, 4 Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness
 Morning by morning new mercies I see
 All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
 Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me
- 3 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest
 Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
 Join with all nature in manifold witness
 To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love
- 5 Pardon for sin, and a peace that endureth
 Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
 Strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow
 Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside
- 6 Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness
 Morning by morning new mercies I see
 All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
 Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness
 Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

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FIRST READING

Revelation 7:9-17

(John catches a glimpse in a vision of God's restoration of all creation.)

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵"Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

- L** These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
C They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
- L** Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
C in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

EPISTLE

1 John 3:1-3

(The Father loves us and calls us His children.)

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Hebrews 12:1a, 2a

- P** Alleluia. Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
C let us look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

(Jesus blesses some of the least likely people, teaching us that He is blessing us in the midst of all circumstances.)

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

G **Glory to You, O Lord**

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

⁴*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.*

⁵*"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.*

⁶*"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.*

⁷*"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.*

⁸*"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.*

⁹*"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.*

¹⁰*"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

¹¹*"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."*

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **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. **Offering plates** will be passed are available in the narthex as you exit for your convenience.
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 5:7 – “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.” This is one of many Bible passages that remind us that we reap what we sow. Likewise, what God puts into us (His own love, mercy, kindness and generosity) — flows back out of us. It all starts with His self-giving.

OFFERTORY – “Beautiful”

1, 2 Beautiful, beautiful, Jesus is beautiful
And Jesus makes beautiful things of my life
Carefully touching me, causing my eyes to see
Jesus makes beautiful things of my life

3 Jesus makes beautiful things of my life

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Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P As loved and redeemed children of God and in communion with all the saints, let the incense of our prayer ascend to God.

A time of silence.

P That the Church, called from death to life by our Lord Jesus, would follow in the footsteps of all the saints who by God’s grace were agents of Christ’s life-giving service in the world, and for pastors, church workers, and all people of the Church, that they proclaim and demonstrate the Gospel of our salvation with boldness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P For the leaders of the world and of this nation; for all voters and for those elected, that they will respect the truth of the God-given dignity of every man, woman, and child; for all who serve in the armed forces; for victims of violence and war; and for our enemies, Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** For all those in any kind of need, those whom we have named and whom we name silently before You. [*Time of silence*]. Bring peace to the dying and comfort the bereaved. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

Additional bids may be added.

- P** For all the households of this congregation, that they be havens of peace and lively places of faith in Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** For this holy assembly, that, setting our hope on Christ, we live to the praise of His glory. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** In remembrance of all those who have died in the communion of Your Church:

Read the names of those who have died. Toll a bell for each name.

Buck Gehrt
Joe Wilson
Randy Wyatt

Gary Bergmeier
Carolyn Valerius
Betty Gerht

- P** With thanks and praise, along with heavy hearts, we remember these loved ones. Having hope in Christ, we await the day we shall sing our praise reunited with the faithful, gathered before the throne of God. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

✠ 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 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

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

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.”

Sit

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

“Above All”

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| 1, 3 | Above all powers, above all kings
Above all nature and all created things
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man
You were here before the world began
Above all kingdoms, above all thrones
Above all wonders the world has ever known
Above all wealth and treasures of the Earth
There's no way to measure what You're worth |
| 2, 4, 5 | Crucified, laid behind the stone
You lived to die, rejected and alone
Like a rose, trampled on the ground
You took the fall and thought of me above all |
| 6 | Like a rose, trampled on the ground
You took the fall and thought of me above all
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"I Stand in Awe" Romans 11:33

1, 3 You are beautiful beyond description
Too marvelous for words
Too wonderful for comprehension
Like nothing ever seen or heard
Who can grasp Your infinite wisdom?
Who can fathom the depth of Your love?
You are beautiful beyond description
Majesty enthroned above

2, 4, 5 And I stand, I stand in awe of You
I stand, I stand in awe of You
Holy God to whom all praise is due
I stand in awe of You
I stand in awe of You

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Stand

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

We give You thanks, almighty God, that You have blessed us with pardon and peace through the saving gift of Your Son's body and blood. Having received Your mercy, purity, and peace through Your Word and Sacrament, grant us courage to show these blessings to others; 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.

CLOSING SONG - "Forever"

1 Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good, He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise

2 With a mighty hand, and an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise

3, 4, 6 Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong
7, 11, 12 Forever God is with us, forever

5 From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
By the grace of God we will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise

8, 9, 10 His love endures forever
His love endures forever
His love endures forever, forever

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