



St. Luke's Lutheran Church



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

(Series B)

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

All throughout the Epiphany season is the shadow of the question: Who is Jesus? We have heard Jesus called the Lamb of God and the light of the world. Now He is proclaimed our Brother who lays aside what is His right to become our servant even to death upon a cross. Within that context, we who are called His brothers claim not right or privilege but the path of service in Christ. Our freedom is not the liberty to do as we please but the responsibility of love for the sake of our weaker brother—just as Christ suffered as the innocent for the guilty. Instead of looking inside of us, we have something better to look at: Christ and our neighbor.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to Him you shall listen. *Deuteronomy 18:15*

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 – “With All of My Heart” Psalm 138:1

- 1, 2 With all of my heart, with all of my heart
4, 5, 7 I will praise You, Lord, with all of my heart
- 3 I will give my love to You, the One who first loved me
Through every moment of my life, with every breath I breathe
- 6 All Your love and mercy, You alone are worthy
I will praise You, Lord, with all my heart
I will sing my song to You, You’re the reason for each rhyme
Your Spirit’s captured all of me; with strength and soul and mind
- 8 With all of my heart, with all of my heart
I will praise You, Lord, I will praise You Lord
I will praise You, Lord, with all of my heart
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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.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
C **Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**
- P** I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection.

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. 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 Let us pray.

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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 - "Holy is the Lord"

1, 3 We stand and lift up our hands
 For the joy of the Lord is our strength
 We bow down and worship Him now
 How great, how awesome is He
 And together we sing (3- everyone sing)

2, 4, 6 Holy is the Lord God Almighty
 The earth is filled with His glory
 Holy is the Lord God Almighty
 The earth is filled with His glory
 The earth is filled with His glory

5 It's rising up, all around
 It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
 It's rising up, all around
 It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
 Together we sing, everyone sing

7 The earth is filled with his glory

8, 9, 10 Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty
 Holy, holy

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

(God will raise up a prophet.)

¹⁵“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— ¹⁶just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ ¹⁷And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. ²⁰But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 111; antiphon: v. 3

L ³Full of splendor and majesty is his work,

C and his righteousness endures forever.

L ¹Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,

C in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

L ²Great are the works of the LORD,

C studied by all who delight in them.

L ³Full of splendor and majesty is his work,

C and his righteousness endures forever.

L ⁴He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;

C the LORD is gracious and merciful.

L ⁵He provides food for those who fear him;
C **he remembers his covenant forever.**

L ⁶He has shown his people the power of his works,
C **in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**

L ⁷The works of his hands are faithful and just;
C **all his precepts are trustworthy;**

L ⁸they are established forever and ever,
C **to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

L ⁹He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
C **Holy and awesome is his name!**

L ¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
C **His praise endures forever!**

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 ³Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
C **and his righteousness endures forever.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

(Knowledge puffs up but love builds up.)

¹Concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. ²If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

⁴Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol’s temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹²Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Mark 1:22a

P Alleluia. They were astonished at His teaching,

C for He taught them as one who had authority. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:21-28

(The people are astonished at the authority of Jesus' teaching and His power over unclean spirits.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

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

²¹They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²²And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴“What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, *“Be silent, and come out of him!”* ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

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: Mark 1:22 – “And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes.”

Authority is a word we are sometimes afraid of and don't like to hear. But that's just our sinful flesh talking. Jesus' authority is something we need. We need Him to show us what to believe and how to live, for Jesus' authority is always connected to his love.

OFFERTORY – “More Love, More Power” 2 Timothy 1:7

1, 3 More love, more power, more of You in my life
More love, more power, more of You in my life

2, 4, 5 And I will worship You with all of my heart
And I will worship You with all of my mind
And I will worship You with all of my strength
For You are my Lord
You are my Lord

6 You are my Lord, You are my Lord
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RECEIVE INTO MEMBERSHIP

King & Sinok Crawford

P Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: “Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.” Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

R *Yes, I do.*

P Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?

R *Yes, I believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from them and confessed in the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

R *I do.*

P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord’s Supper faithfully?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you desire to become a member of this congregation?

R *I do.*

P Will you support the work our gracious Lord has given this congregation with your prayers and the gifts God has given you?

R *I will, with the help of God.*

P Upon this your confession of faith, I acknowledge publicly that you are [a member/members] of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation. Receive the Lord's Supper and participate with us in all the blessings of salvation that our Lord has given to His Church, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that by Your Word and Spirit they may continue steadfast in the one true faith in the fellowship of this congregation as together we await the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P The grace of our ✠ Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

C Amen.

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.

Father of love, You rescued Your fallen people with the sufferings and death of Christ, Your Son, our Brother in flesh. Guide us to know and rejoice in His salvation and to proclaim this Gospel with boldness to our brothers and sisters. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Father of mercy, Your compassion has rescued us from the powers of evil and set us free. Guide us to use this liberty to serve others as Christ has served us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Father of grace, You have provided us with the new life of Holy Baptism and granted us faith by the power of the Spirit. Keep us in this faith that we may be preserved from evil and delivered from all our enemies to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Father of truth, You have given us Your Word that we might know the truth. Provide for us good and honest leaders who will heed the voice of Your Word and protect us from violence so that we may lead peaceful and godly lives without fear. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Father of comfort, You have borne in Your Son all our wounds. According to Your will, deliver all who are sick, who suffer, who are troubled in mind, and those near death that they may be preserved in faith in the day of trouble. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Father of hope, You have ended the reign of death by the resurrection of Your Son. Deliver us from death and grant Your peace to the dying and Your comfort to those who grieve. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Father of courage, You have promised to grant us all things needful for this body and life even as You have provided eternal life to us in Christ. Help us always to pray with confidence in Your mercy, knowing that Your every answer is for our eternal good. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

Additional petitions may be inserted here.

P All these things for which we have prayed and all other things we need, we pray You to grant us in the name of our Savior, 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 – Victory Chant” John 12:13 (every line is echoed)

1 Hail, Jesus, You’re my King
Hail, Jesus, You’re my King
Your life frees me to sing
Your life frees me to sing
I will praise You all my days
I will praise You all my days
You’re perfect in all Your ways
You’re perfect in all Your ways
Hail, Jesus, You’re my Lord
Hail, Jesus, You’re my Lord
I will obey Your Word
I will obey Your Word
I want to see Your kingdom come
I want to see Your kingdom come
Not my will, but Yours be done
Not my will, but Yours be done

2, 3 Glory, glory to the Lamb
Glory, glory to the Lamb
You take me into the land
Your take me into the land
We will conquer in Your name
We will conquer in Your name
And proclaim that Jesus reigns
And proclaim that Jesus reigns
Hail, hail, Lion of Judah
Hail, hail, Lion of Judah
How powerful You are
How powerful You are
Hail, hail, Lion of Judah
Hail, hail, Lion of Judah
How wonderful You are
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