



St. Luke's Lutheran Church



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
And
SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE
(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

Can't somebody else do it? Those words and thoughts often come to our minds and out of our mouths when being asked to do something we'd rather not do. It happens in our work and jobs, it happens in homes and families, and it even happens within the church. It happened to Jonah when the Lord told him to go to Nineveh. Today we hear the second time God called to Jonah, telling him to again go to a place he'd rather not go. There are many times we hear things in Scripture we'd rather not hear when it comes to difficult things. Can't somebody else do it? Instead of that thought entering our minds, may we instead be reminded of God's continued promises and presence with us in whatever we do in faith, and wherever we are called to go—even to our own Ninevehs.

IMAGE

Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men." *Mark 1:16–17*

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 - "Glory"

- 1, 2, 4 Glory to the King of kings
6, 7 Majesty, power, and strength to the Lord of lords
- 3 Holy One, all creation crowns You King of kings
Holy One, King of kings, Lord of lords, Holy One
- 5 Jesus, Lord with eyes unveiled we will see Your throne
Jesus, Prince of Peace, Son of God, Emmanuel
- 8 Power and strength to the Lord of lords
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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** Hearing the Word of God, we are called to confess our sin, trusting in the one true God who is faithful and just and who will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for meditation

- P** Though Jonah was reluctant when the Lord spoke to him the first time, He spoke to Jonah a second time and told him, "go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you."
- C** As You, O Lord, have given us the message of the Gospel, we have been reluctant to go bring Your truth and grace to all people. For this we seek Your forgiveness.

P Paul reminds the people of God, “The appointed time has grown very short. . . The present form of this world is passing away.”

C **As You, O Lord, have given us each day and hold all time in Your hands, we have not used our time wisely. For this we seek Your forgiveness.**

P In today’s Gospel, Jesus called to Simon and Andrew, “Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” Immediately they dropped their nets and followed Him.

C **As You, O Lord, have called us to follow You, we have instead sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. For this we seek Your forgiveness.**

P Even to the evil Ninevites, God showed His mercy upon their repentance. “When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that He had said He would do to them, and He did not do it.” Jesus proclaimed to the people, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” Though we deserve His present and eternal punishment, God has relented by sending His Son to bear our sin and to be our Savior. Christ has taken our punishment on the cross, paid the price of our sins through His perfect life and sacrificial death, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, 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.

O Lord, You have wondrously created us and all else for Yourself and for life everlasting. In the coming of Your Son, You have redeemed our race and united humankind to Your own immortality. As Your Holy Spirit continues to call and lay claim to body and soul, grant us every one to be made now and ever more like the image of Him who made Himself like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same 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 – “What a Savior”

- 1 Atoning sacrifice, Keeper of this life
Hallelujah, You are Savior
Beginning and the end, Forgiver of my sin
By Your mercy You have saved us

- 2, 4, 6 Jesus, You are stronger, more than any other
Hallelujah, what a Savior
Jesus, You are higher, my souls deepest desire
Hallelujah, You are Savior

- 3 You are the Shepherd King, You lead us by still waters
Hallelujah, You are Savior
You are my only hope, Your kindness is my friend
In Your presence You restore us

- 5 You are the way, the truth, and the life
You are my joy and my salvation
You stood in my place taking my shame
Upon Your shoulders

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OLD TESTAMENT

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

(Jonah goes to Nineveh.)

¹Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, ²“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. . . .

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalms 117:1-2a; 96:8

L Praise the LORD, all nations!

C Extol him, all peoples!

L For great is his steadfast love toward us,

C and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

L Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

C bring an offering, and come into his courts!

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 7:29-35

(Faithful living with time given.)

²⁹This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

³²I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. ³³But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, ³⁴and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. ³⁵I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Mark 1:15

P Alleluia. The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand;

C repent and believe in the gospel. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:14-20

(Jesus calls the first disciples.)

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

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

¹⁴After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, *"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."*

¹⁶Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, *"Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men."* ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

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 1:14-15 – “Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.’” To repent means to turn away from sins and our former way of thinking and turn toward belief in God and His Gospel of grace and mercy. The whole Christian life is one of repentance and faith. Where is God calling you to repent today? How is He calling you to deeper faith?

OFFERTORY - “Amazing Grace” Ephesians 2:4

- 1, 5 Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see
- 2 `Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come
`Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home
- 4 When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun
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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. We pray in the Lord's Prayer:

C **Our Father, who art in heaven.**

P Honor and glory, thanks and praise belong to You, for You have made human life in Your image. You adopt and adore us each just as we are for the sake of Your beloved Son Jesus Christ. Grant us this grace also to receive every neighbor as a gift and privilege notwithstanding appearance or ability. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray in the Lord's Prayer:

C **Hallowed be Thy name.**

P Gladden and embolden us to proclaim Your goodness and put it into practice, speaking truth that advocates against violence and death and showing love that assists survival and welfare as agents of Your promised joy and hope. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray in the Lord's Prayer:

C **Thy kingdom come.**

P Graciously restrain the deception and selfishness that pressure many into viewing death as a solution to suffering. Bring an end to abortion, assisted suicide, embryocide, and all discrimination against the worth of any person. And enlighten our citizens and inspire our officials to enact policies and practices that protect and defend the vulnerable. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray in the Lord's Prayer:

C **Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

P Bless the medical arts and their practitioners as ambassadors of Your healing always to care and never to kill. Keep their minds and hands free from every unholy cultural pressure. As it pleases You, move everyone involved in intentionally ending human life to abandon and oppose these evils. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray in the Lord's Prayer:

C **Give us this day our daily bread.**

P Surround each human being with a healthy home and settle them in happy families according to Your good and gracious will. Accept our gratitude for the birthdays and anniversaries we celebrate (especially [name(s)]). Direct all hearts to wait upon Your abundance, assured that You will meet every bodily need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray in the Lord's Prayer:

C **Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

P Warm and soften the spirits of those who slander, persecute, and oppress, that they may experience Your loving-kindness alongside us. Absolve and relieve anyone broken by the abortion of his or her own child. By Your mercy for our mistakes, bid us behold the sanctity of our own lives until we love one another as You have loved us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray in the Lord's Prayer:

C **Lead us not into temptation.**

P Bring forth in us the life and Spirit of our Shepherd and Savior Jesus to put away the desires and priorities of the flesh. Intervene and undertake on behalf of those beset by the afflictions of our fallen race and the burdens of this broken world (especially [name(s)]). And drive the devil far from everyone considering abortion or contemplating physician-assisted suicide. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray in the Lord's Prayer:

C **Deliver us from evil.**

P Give answer to the ones who cry out awaiting adoption, facing surprise pregnancy, experiencing infertility, or enduring terminal diagnosis. Form in us a patient faith that leans upon Your presence and power at the hour of our dying. With Your Son, the angels, and all the saints, welcome us into the everlasting communion of Your heavenly kingdom, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.

C **Amen.**

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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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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

“You are My King (Amazing Love)”

1, 3, 8 I'm forgiven because You were forsaken
I'm accepted, You were condemned
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me
Because you died and rose again

2, 4, 6 Amazing love, how can it be
That You, my King, would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You

5 In all I do I honor you
You are my King
You are my King
Jesus, You are my King
Jesus, You are my King

7 In all I do I honor you

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“Create in Me a Clean Heart” Psalm 51:10-12

1 Make me know you, O Lord
In the depths of my soul
Purify me and I will be clean
Wash me whiter than snow

2, 4, 5 Create in me a clean heart, O God
And renew a right spirit within me
Create in me a clean heart, O God
And renew a right spirit within me

3 The sacrifices acceptable to You
O Lord, are a broken spirit
A broken heart, a contrite heart
O God, You will not despise

6 And renew a right spirit within me

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Stand

POST COMMUNION 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 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 - "O Praise Him"

- 1 Turn your ear to heaven and hear
 The noise inside
 The sound of angels' awe
 The sound of angels' songs
 And all this for a King
 We could join and sing
 All to Christ the King
 How constant, how divine
 This song of ours will rise
 O, how constant, how divine
 This love of ours will rise, will rise
- 2, 4, 5, 9 O praise Him, O praise Him
 He is Holy, He is Holy
- 3 Turn your gaze to heaven and raise
 A joyful noise
 The sound of salvation come
 The sound of rescued ones
 And all this for a King
 Angels join to sing
 All for Christ our King
- 6, 7, 8 Oh la, la, la, la, la, la
- 10 How infinite and sweet
 This love so rescuing
 O, how infinitely sweet
 This great love that has redeemed
 As one we sing
- 11, 12 Alleluia, alleluia
 He is Holy, He is Holy

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