



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



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

**Sunday, March 3, 2024 – 11:00 AM**

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**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT  
(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](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**

In our Gospel today, we find Jesus clearing the temple of all those who have made it a house of trade. Jesus disrupts not just the sinfulness of these practices, showing a different side of Him than we expect to see. He also disrupted the status quo—everyday realities that had come to be accepted in the temple. May Jesus so disrupt our lives where it is needed.

## **IMAGE ON THE COVER**

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple He found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And He poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And He told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make My Father’s house a house of trade.” *John 2:13–16*

## **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 – “Blessed Be the Name of the Lord”**

- 1, 2        Blessed be the name of the Lord  
              Blessed be the name of the Lord  
              Blessed be the name of the Lord most high
- 3, 4        The name of the Lord is a strong tower  
7, 8        The righteous run into it and they are saved
- 5, 6        Holy is the name of the Lord  
              Holy is the name of the Lord  
              Holy is the name of the Lord most high
- 9, 10       Glory to the name of the Lord  
              Glory to the name of the Lord  
              Glory to the name of the Lord most high

*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** God invites us to gather in His name.  
**C** **We are gathered to worship and praise.**
- P** Our heavenly Father’s house is a house of prayer for all the nations.  
**C** **He gathers people from every corner of the earth to sing His praises.**
- P** We listen to God’s Word.  
**C** **We hear the message proclaimed of Christ crucified.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Though this is a house of prayer, we do not always honor God's house as we should. Still, our heavenly Father is merciful, and He invites us ever into His house to ask for forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection.*

- P** Heavenly Father,
- C** we have sinned against You and against our neighbors. 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. Disrupt our sinfulness. Forgive us, renew us, and restore us, on account of Jesus. Amen.
- P** Almighty God in His mercy sent Jesus into our world, not only to disrupt our sinfulness but also to forgive us by His death and resurrection. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen. We are forgiven because of Christ crucified.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in righteousness You disrupted the sinful lives of those in the temple, pointing them to the purpose of Your Father's house. Disrupt our sinful lives so that our church would be a home of prayer for all the nations; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

## NICENE CREED

**C** 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** – “Lead Me To The Cross”

- 1 Savior I come, quiet my soul, remember  
Redemptions hill where Your blood was spilled for my ransom
- 2, 5 Everything I once held dear  
I count it all as lost
- 3, 6 Lead me to the cross where Your love poured out  
8, 9 Bring me to my knees, Lord I lay me down  
Rid me of myself, I belong to You  
Oh, lead me, lead me to the cross
- 4 You were as I, tempted and trialed, human  
The word became flesh bore my sin and death, now You're risen
- 7 To Your heart  
To Your heart  
Lead me to Your heart  
Lead me to Your heart

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## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 20:1-17

*(God offers ten words for the people He delivered from Egypt.)*

<sup>1</sup>And God spoke all these words, saying,

<sup>2</sup>"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

<sup>3</sup>"You shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

<sup>8</sup>"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup>but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

<sup>12</sup>"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>"You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>"You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>"You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL

Hebrews 12:2

- L** [O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,  
**C** the founder and perfecter of our faith,  
**L** who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,  
**C** and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

## EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

*(We preach Christ crucified.)*

<sup>18</sup>The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

<sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. <sup>31</sup>Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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



*Stand*

## VERSE

*John 2:19*

- P** Destroy this temple,  
**C** and in three days I will raise it up.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 2:13-22*

*(Jesus cleanses the temple.)*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.  
**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.  
<sup>14</sup>In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. <sup>15</sup>And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables.  
<sup>16</sup>And he told those who sold the pigeons, *"Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade."* <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

<sup>18</sup>So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, *"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."* <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking about the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

- 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:** John 2:16 – “And he told those who sold the pigeons, ‘Take these things away; do not make my Father’s house a house of trade.’” The Lord’s house is not a place to sell, but a place to receive and a place to give. It’s not a place for our schemes and plans. Instead, the church is a place for the Lord’s gracious giving and our faithful sacrifices in response.

## OFFERTORY – “The Power of Your Love” Isaiah 40:31

1 Lord, I come to You, let my heart be changed, renewed  
Flowing from the grace that I’ve found in You  
And Lord, I’ve come to know the weaknesses I see in me  
Will be stripped away by the power of Your love

2, 4, 5 Hold me close, let Your love surround me  
Bring me near, draw me to Your side  
And as I wait, I’ll rise up like the eagle  
And I will soar with You  
Your spirit leads me on in the power of Your love

3 Lord unveil my eyes, let me see You face to face  
The knowledge of Your love as You live in me  
And Lord renew my mind as Your will unfolds in my life  
In living every day, in the power of Your love

6 And I will soar with You  
Your spirit leads me on in the power of Your love

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*Stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** On our hearts imprint Your image,  
**C** **blessed Jesus, King of grace.**

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, lead Your church on earth to be a house of prayer for all the nations. Disrupt our petty preferences and cultural bias so that we might welcome people from every nation, language, and background. On our hearts imprint Your image,  
**C** **blessed Jesus, King of grace.**

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, as You delivered the people out of slavery in Egypt and taught them how to live as Your people, so teach us to live according to Your righteous instructions so that we may live peacefully with You and our neighbors. On our hearts imprint Your image,  
**C** **blessed Jesus, King of grace.**

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, You are well acquainted with grief and death. Bring Your comfort to all those who are suffering in grief, [*especially . . .*]. Point them to the hope that in Your Father's house are many rooms and that You have gone to prepare a place for us. On our hearts imprint Your image,  
**C** **blessed Jesus, King of grace.**

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, intercede for all those struggling with relationship issues, whether in friendships, family dynamics, marital struggles, or relationships within the church. We pray that You would bring repentance, forgiveness, and reconciliation in the midst of such struggle. On our hearts imprint Your image,  
**C** **blessed Jesus, King of grace.**

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, send Your strength to all missionaries, [*especially . . .*]. Embolden them to preach the power of Your cross. Encourage them in their service by the same message they proclaim that You have died and are risen for us and our salvation. On our hearts imprint Your image,

**C** **blessed Jesus, King of grace.**

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially . . .*]. Have mercy upon them and restore them to health according to Your good and gracious will. On our hearts imprint Your image,

**C** **blessed Jesus, King of grace.**

**P** Lord Jesus, we commend all of these people and situations into Your hands, for You have promised to hear our prayers and intercede for us, for You live and reign with the Father 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 unto 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**

**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.

## **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**

“There is a Redeemer” 1 Corinthians 1:30

- 1        There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God’s own Son  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One
- 2, 4, 6    Thank You, oh, my Father, for giving us Your Son  
And leaving Your Spirit ‘til the work on Earth is done
- 3        Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain
- 5        When I stand in Glory, I will see His face  
There I’ll serve my King forever, in that holy place  
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“Sanctuary” 1 Corinthians 3:16

- 1, 2, 3    Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy tried and true  
With thanksgiving I’ll be a living  
Sanctuary for You
- 4        With thanksgiving I’ll be a living  
Sanctuary for You  
(John Thompson & Randy Scruggs ©1982 Whole Armor CCLI #288089)

*Stand*



## CONCLUDING 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 upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you 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 – “You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)”**

- 1, 5      You are Holy (You are Holy)  
            You are mighty (You are mighty)  
            You are worthy (You are worthy)  
            Worthy of praise (Worthy of praise)  
            I will follow (I will follow)  
            I will listen (I will listen)  
            I will love You (I will love You)  
            All of my days (All of my days)
- 2, 3      I will sing to and worship the King who is worthy  
            I will love and adore Him, I will bow down before Him
- 4          You're my Prince of Peace and I will live my life for You
- 6          You're the Lord of Lords, You're the King of Kings  
            You are mighty God, Lord of everything  
            You're Emmanuel, You're the great I Am  
            You're the Prince of Peace, who is the Lamb  
            You're the living God, You're my saving grace  
            You will reign forever, You are Ancient of Days  
            You're the Alpha, Omega, beginning and end  
            You're my Savior, Messiah, Redeemer, and Friend  
            You're my Prince of Peace and I will live my life for you

7            I will sing to            You're the Lord of Lords  
              And worship            You're the King of Kings  
              The King who            You are mighty God  
              Is worthy            Lord of everything  
              I will love and            You're Emmanuel  
              Adore Him            You're the great I Am  
              I will bow down            You're the Prince of Peace  
              Before Him            Who is the Lamb

              I will sing to            You're the Living God  
              And worship            You're my saving grace  
              The King who            You will reign forever  
              Is worthy            You are Ancient of Days  
              I will love and            You're the Alpha, Omega  
              Adore Him            Beginning and End  
              I will bow down            You're my Savior, Messiah  
              Before Him            Redeemer and Friend

8, 9    You're my Prince of Peace and I will live my life for You

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