



St. Luke's Lutheran Church



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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FIFTH 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

Everyone is trying to figure out who they are, to identify themselves to everyone around them, and to promote that identity. Our Lord knows exactly who He is and what He has come to accomplish. He opens our eyes so that we may come to know and define ourselves not according to the whims of time or the dictates of emotion but in Him. Sin must give way to His forgiveness, unrighteousness to His righteousness, and death to His life. We are not competing with the world for a reward but serving others as Christ has served us. Our identity in Christ will not be taken from us and as long as we live in this identity, we are free. That liberty is primarily shown by our willingness to serve.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

But they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. *Isaiah 40:31*

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

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 I have trusted in Your steadfast love;

C my heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.

P The LORD lifts up the humble;

C He casts the wicked to the ground.

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 in thought, word, and deed. 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.

Merciful Lord, You have granted us a new identity and life in Christ, our Lord. Keep us, we pray, in this faith and life in Christ that we may know with confidence we belong to You and live secure in this knowledge both now and forevermore; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whom with You and the Holy Spirit, are one God, one Lord, now and forever.

C Amen.

NICENE CREEED

☩ 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 – “Voice of Truth”

- 1 Oh, what I would do to have
 The kind of faith it takes to climb out of this boat I’m in
 Onto the crashing waves
 To step out of my comfort zone
 Into the realm of the unknown where Jesus is
 And He’s holding out His hand
- 2 But the waves are calling out my name and they laugh at me
 Reminding me of all the times I’ve tried before and failed
 The waves they keep on telling me time and time again
 Oh, you’ll never win, You’ll never win
- 3, 6 But the voice of truth tells me a different story
 The voice of truth says, “Do not be afraid!”
 And the voice of truth says, “This is for my glory”
 Out of all the voices calling out to me
 I will choose to listen and believe the voice of truth
- 4 Oh, what I would do to have
 The kind of strength it takes to stand before a giant
 With just a sling and a stone
 Surrounded by the sound of a thousand warriors
 Shaking in their armor
 Wishing they’d have had the strength to stand
- 5 But the giant’s calling out my name and he laughs at me
 Reminding me of all the times I’ve tried before and failed
 The giant keeps on telling me time and time again
 “Oh, you’ll never win, You’ll never win”

7 But the stone was just the right size
 To put the giant on the ground
 And the waves they don't seem so high
 From on top of them looking down
 I will soar with wings of eagles
 When I stop and listen to the sound of Jesus singing over me

8 But the voice of truth tells me a different story
 The voice of truth says, "Do not be afraid!"
 And the voice of truth says, "This is for my glory"
 Out of all the voices calling out to me
 I will choose to listen and believe
 I will choose to listen and believe the voice of truth
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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY

P Today is the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany of our Lord, in the season of Christ's self-revelation through word and works. Today we hear the promise of the prophet who promises strength and healing. The Epistle speaks of the love strong enough to serve and finish the race. In the Gospel, Jesus continues to heal the sick and bring the Kingdom to them.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40:21-31

(He brings us out and calls us by name.)

- ²¹Do you not know? Do you not hear?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
- ²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to dwell in;
- ²³who brings princes to nothing,
and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.
- ²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows on them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.
- ²⁵To whom then will you compare me,
that I should be like him? says the Holy One.
- ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see:
who created these?
He who brings out their host by number,
calling them all by name,
by the greatness of his might,
and because he is strong in power
not one is missing.
- ²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?
- ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
- ²⁹He gives power to the faint,
and to him who has no might he increases strength.

³⁰Even youths shall faint and be weary,
and young men shall fall exhausted;
³¹but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 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 9:16-27

(I do it all for the sake of the Gospel.)

¹⁶If I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. ¹⁸What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

¹⁹For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law.

²²To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

²⁴Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Mark 1:39

P Alleluia. [Jesus] went throughout all Galilee,

C preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:29-39

(Everyone was looking for Jesus.)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁹Immediately [Jesus] left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. ³¹And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered together at the door. ³⁴And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, ³⁷and they found him and said to him, “Everyone is looking for you.” ³⁸And he said to them, *“Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.”* ³⁹And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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: 1 Corinthians 9:25 – “Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.” Self-control is a fruit of the Spirit, for the desires of the flesh are at war with the desires of the Spirit. Having received new life in Christ by His grace, He now calls us to follow Him deliberately, with self-control and intention.

OFFERTORY – “Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

1, 2 Jesus lover of my soul
 Jesus I will never let You go
 You’ve taken me from the miry clay
 You set my feet upon the rock and now I know
 I love You, I need You
 Though my world may fall I’ll never let You go
 My Savior, my closest friend
 I will worship You until the very end

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 Though my world may fall I’ll never let You go
 My Savior, my closest friend
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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.

Lord God of mercy, You showed Your great love for us by sending Your Son to save and redeem us. Give to Your Church courage to proclaim with boldness this Gospel to all people by all means. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God of power, You hold all things in Your hand. Raise up good and honest leaders who will defend our liberty and inspire our service, following the wisdom of Your Word in the cause of justice and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Lord God of unity, by Your Spirit, You join us together in Holy Baptism, gather us as one for Holy Communion, and build up our faith by the power of the Spirit. Strengthen the unity of the Church in doctrine and practice. Raise up faithful pastors and church workers to build us up in this holy faith. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God of healing, You give strength to the weak and sustain the weary in the time of trouble. Deliver the sick by Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God of peace, You give hope to the weary and comfort to those troubled in mind. Give hope to those who despair, comfort to those in pain, and courage to those who grow faint, that we may finish the race and receive the crown of everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God of grace, You give us a place at the Table of Your Son and the gift of this communion in His body and blood. Help us to receive with faith this Holy Sacrament that we may also receive all the fruits of His life, death, and resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God of truth, You have given us life that we may treasure Your mercy and manifest in words and deeds Your goodness and love to the world. With our songs of praise, accept the tithes and offerings we bring with our gratitude and praise. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

Additional petitions may be inserted here.

P Gracious Lord, with confidence in Your mercy we come before You with the prayers and petitions of Your Church, praying You to provide for us all things as are good, wholesome, and beneficial and to keep from us all things as are harmful, that we may be preserved from evil and kept to everlasting life through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

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.

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

“Revelation Song”

- 1, 2 Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Holy, holy is He
Sing a new song to Him who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat
- 3, 5, 8, 9 Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was, and is, and is to come
With all creation I sing: praise to the King of Kings
You are my everything, and I will adore You
- 4 Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be
To You the only wise King
- 6, 10 Holy, holy
You are holy
- 7 Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus, Your name is power, breath, and living water
Such a marvelous mystery

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"I Come to the Cross" Galatians 6:4

1, 2 I come to the cross seeking mercy and grace
I come to the cross where You died in my place
Out of my weakness and into Your strength
Humbly, I come to the cross
Your arms are open, You call me by name
You welcome this child that was lost
You paid the price for my guilt and my shame
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come to the cross

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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 - “Let It Rise” 2 Corinthians 3:18

1, 2, 3 Let the glory of the Lord rise among us
Let the glory of the Lord rise among us
Let the praises of the King rise among us, let it rise
Let the songs of the Lord rise among us
Let the songs of the Lord rise among us
Let the joy of the King rise among us, let it rise
Oh, let it rise
Oh, let it rise

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