



St. Luke's Lutheran Church



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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SECOND 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, 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

We are met today with a profound reality: that Christ died for the ungodly, and that we were once rightly called the ungodly. It is hard to even fathom the depth of our sinfulness. Yet for all the depth of sin present in us and in the world, Christ's love for us and His forgiveness of us runs deeper still. And now, we have reconciliation and peace with God that passes all understanding.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. *Romans 5:3–5*

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 - "Forever Reign"

- 1 You are good, You are good
 When there's nothing good in me
 You are love, You are love
 On display for all to see
 You are light, You are light
 When the darkness closes in
 You are hope, You are hope
 You have covered all my sin
- 2 You are peace, You are peace
 When my fear is crippling
 You are true, You are true
 Even in my wandering
 You are joy, You are joy
 You're the reason that I sing
 You are life, You are life,
 In You death has lost its sting
- 3, 5 Oh, I'm running to Your arms, I'm running to Your arms
8, 9 The riches of Your love will always be enough
 Nothing compares to Your embrace
 Light of the world forever reign
- 4 You are more, You are more
 Than my words will ever say
 You are Lord, You are Lord
 All creation will proclaim
 You are here, You are here
 In Your presence I'm made whole
 You are God, You are God
 Of all else I'm letting go
- 6, 7 My heart will sing no other name
 Jesus, Jesus

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** Our Lenten journey continues toward the cross.
C It is a journey marked with suffering,

P but suffering produces endurance.
C Endurance produces character.

P Character produces hope,
C and hope in Christ does not put us to shame.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Our hope in Christ is strong and living, yet we have often taken for granted the profound reality of Christ's death for us. We have ignored how weak and ungodly we have been. Still, our heavenly Father grants us access to His throne of grace, to ask for His forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

- P** Heavenly Father,
C we have not rejoiced in suffering but have given up easily. We have lacked integrity and acted shamefully. And we have even despaired of life itself. Have mercy upon us, and reconcile us back to You, so that we may rejoice once more, on account of Jesus. Amen.

P At just the right time, while we were still weak and ungodly, Jesus Christ died for us and reconciled us to God. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore 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 and are at peace with God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in Your perfect timing, You died for us who are weak and ungodly. Be present with us as we endure the sufferings of this world, so that we may learn how suffering leads to endurance, character, and a hope that never puts us to shame; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

P We confess our faith together, using the words of the Apostles' Creed,

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 – “You are God Alone”

- 1, 2 You are not a god, created by human hands
You are not a god, dependent on any mortal man
You are not a god, in need of anything we can give
By Your plan, that’s just the way it is
- 3, 5, 8 You are God alone, from before time began
You were on Your throne, You are God alone
And right now, in the good times and bad
You are on Your throne, You are God alone
- 4 You’re the only God whose power none can contend
You’re the only God whose name and praise will never end
You’re the only God who’s worthy of everything we can give
You are God and that’s just the way it is
- 6, 7, 9 Unchangeable, unshakeable, unstoppable
That’s what you are

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

(God renames Abram as Abraham.)

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, ²that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” ³Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴“Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. . . .

¹⁵And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 22:23-31; antiphon: v. 22

L ²²I will tell of your name to my brothers;

C in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

L ²³You who fear the LORD, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,

C and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

L ²⁴For he has not despised or abhorred
the affliction of the afflicted,

and he has not hidden his face from him,

C but has heard, when he cried to him.

- L** ²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
C **my vows I will perform before those who fear him.**
- L** ²⁶The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD!
C **May your hearts live forever!**
- L** ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD,
C **and all the families of the nations
shall worship before you.**
- L** ²⁸For kingship belongs to the LORD,
C **and he rules over the nations.**
- L** ²⁹All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
C **before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
even the one who could not keep himself alive.**
- L** ³⁰Posterity shall serve him;
C **it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;**
- L** ³¹they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,
C **that he has done it.**
- 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** ²²I will tell of your name to my brothers;
C **in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:**

EPISTLE

Romans 5:1-11

(Christ died for the ungodly.)

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

VERSE

Mark 8:34b

P If anyone would come after Me,

C let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-38

(Jesus is the Christ who must suffer, die, and rise again.)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁷And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, *“Who do people say that I am?”* ²⁸And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹And he asked them, *“But who do you say that I am?”* Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, *“Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”*

³⁴And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, *“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his life? ³⁸For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”*

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/>

Electronic Funds Transfer - Sign up through the church office.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: Mark 8:32 – “And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.” Anytime we sin, we are acting like Peter, thinking we know better than the Lord. But as Jesus says, such acts stem from Satan. So let us repent. Let us trust our Lord Jesus and follow Him. For certainly He has earned our trust with His gracious sacrifice for us.

OFFERTORY - "You are My All in All" 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

- 1, 5 You are my strength when I am weak
 You are the Treasure that I seek
 You are my All in All
 Seeking You as a precious jewel
 Lord, to give up I'd be a fool
 You are my All in All
- 2, 4, 6 Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name
 Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name
- 3 Taking my sin, my cross, my shame
 Rising again I bless Your name
 You are my All in All
 When I fall down, You pick me up
 When I am dry, You fill my cup
 You are my All in All

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RECEIVE INTO MEMBERSHIP

Delores Briggs

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.

Heavenly Father, give us Your Holy Spirit, that we might deny ourselves, take up the crosses You give and follow Your Son through this troubled life into heaven. Prepare us to give up our lives, knowing that Christ has already saved them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, give the Church and all her servants grace to fulfill the ministries to which You have committed them. Grant each of us the strength to confess Christ boldly before the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, teach us to shun neither our Lord's suffering nor our own. When we endure persecution or ridicule for being Your children, give us faith and perseverance. As You have promised, deliver us out of the hand of the wicked and redeem us from the grasp of the ruthless. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O God, Abraham was only one when You called him, but You blessed and multiplied him. Protect mothers with child, and equip fathers to lead and raise their households in Your fear and love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, all kingship belongs to You, and You rule over the nations. Bless Joseph, our president, and those who govern, that they may rule wisely and in accord with Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Great Physician, heal and restore. [We especially remember _____.] Give them Your holy care and strength to bear their crosses, that they may endure to see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, receive our praise this day for St. Peter and his confession that Jesus is the Christ. We rejoice that Your Son builds His Church upon this rock and that the gates of hell cannot prevail against it. Keep us in this faith all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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.

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 - “Cry of My Heart” Psalm 119:17-20

1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8 It is the cry of my heart to follow You
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You
It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life

3 Teach me Your holy ways, O Lord
So I can walk in Your truth
Teach me Your holy ways, O Lord
And make me wholly devoted to You

6 Open my eyes so I can see
The wonderful things that You do
Open my heart up more and more
And make me wholly devoted to You

9, 10 All of the days of my life
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