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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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FOURTH 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 hear today of eternal life that is given to us because of God's great love for us, shown to us in perhaps the most famous Bible verse, John 3:16. This verse speaks of God's genuine love for us and the world shown in Jesus' death on the cross for us. The love of God never ends. God's love is present here and now and extends into eternal life as eternal love. May we be so encouraged by God's love to share it with others. Thanks be to God for such love!

IMAGE ON THE COVER

My song is love unknown,
My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown
That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh and die? *LSB 430:1*

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 – “Here I Am to Worship”

- 1 Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness
 Opened my eyes let me see
 Beauty that made this heart adore You
 Hope of a life spent with You
- 2, 4 So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down
9, 10 Here I am to say that You're my God
 You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
 Altogether wonderful to me
- 3 King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above
 Humbly You came to the earth You created
 All for love's sake became poor
- 5, 6 I'll never know how much it cost
7, 8 To see my sin upon that cross

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Stand

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

BAPTISM SERVICE

The candidate, sponsors, and family gather with the pastor at the font.

When candidate is unable to speak for themselves, the sponsors answer the questions on their behalf.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 28:19) In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” (Mark 16:16a) And the apostle Peter has written, “Baptism now saves you.” (1 Peter 3:21)

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, (1 John 2:2) that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16).

The pastor addresses each candidate:

P How are you named?

R **Brigham Wade Redding**

The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of each candidate while saying:

P Brigham Wade Redding, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✝ forehead and upon your ✝ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all (1 Peter 3:20). You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism (Ex. 15:4; 1 Cor. 10:2). Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Brigham Wade Redding according to Your boundless mercy and bless him with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in him, which has been inherited from Adam and which he himself has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that he be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, he would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them (Mark 10:13-16).

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

LORD'S PRAYER

P We pray the Lord's prayer together.

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.

P The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even ✠ forevermore.

C **Amen.**

Sit

The pastor addresses the candidate and asks the following questions:

P Brigham Wade Redding, do you renounce the devil?

R ***Yes, I renounce him.***

P Do you renounce all his works?

R ***Yes, I renounce them.***

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R ***Yes, I renounce them.***

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

R ***Yes, I believe.***

P Do you believe 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?

R ***Yes, I believe.***

P Do you 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?

R ***Yes, I believe.***

P Brigham Wade Redding, do you desire to be baptized?

R ***Yes, I do.***

The pastor pours water three times on the head of each candidate while saying:

P Brigham Wade Redding, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized while saying:

P The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life T everlasting.

C Amen.

P The white garment that you wear today symbolizes that you have been clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness (Is. 61:10; Rev. 7:13, 14; 19:13; 22:14) that covers all your sin. So shall you stand without fear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you from the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1:4).

P The burning light(s) show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world (John 8:12). Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb (Rev. 19:9) in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

P In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir (Romans 8:17) with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brother in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9).

C Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.

Stand

P Let us pray.
Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Brigham Wade Redding the new birth in Holy Baptism and made him a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom (Romans 8:17). We humbly implore You that, as he has now become Your child, You would keep him in his baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure he may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Peace ✝ be with you.

C Amen.

All return to their places.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Though Christ has loved us with this genuine love that gives us eternal life, we sometimes ignore His love and refuse to share Christ's love with others. Still, our heavenly Father is merciful, and He invites us to draw near to Him in hope and confidence to ask for His grace.

Silence for reflection.

P Heavenly Father,
C we have sinned against You and against our neighbors. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not loved our enemies. Forgive us, renew our love, on account of Jesus. Amen.

P Jesus Christ was lifted up on the tree of the cross so that we might be forgiven. His genuine love is for the world and is for you. 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 by the genuine love of Jesus.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You have loved us with an everlasting love that grants us eternal life. Burn Your love ever stronger within our hearts, Lord, so that we may love others as You have loved us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

OPENING SONG - "You Never Let Go"

1 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death
Your perfect love is casting out fear
Even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life
I won't turn back, I know You are near

2, 5 I will fear no evil
For my God is with me
And if my God is with me
Whom then shall I fear?
Whom then shall I fear?

3, 6 Oh no, You never let go
7, 9 Through the calm and through the storm
10 Oh no, You never let go
In every high and every low
Oh no, You never let go
Lord, You never let go of me

4 I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on
A glorious light beyond all compare
There will be an end to these troubles, but until that day comes
We'll live to know You here on the earth

8 I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on
There will be an end to these troubles, but until that day comes
Still I will praise You, still I will praise You

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 21:4-9

(Moses lifts up the bronze serpent to save the people of Israel.)

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 107:1-9; antiphon: v. 19

L ¹⁹Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,

C and he delivered them from their distress.

L ¹Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

C for his steadfast love endures forever!

L ²Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,

C whom he has redeemed from trouble

L ³and gathered in from the lands,

C from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

- L** ⁴Some wandered in desert wastes,
C finding no way to a city to dwell in;
- L** ⁵hungry and thirsty,
C their soul fainted within them.
- L** ⁶Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
C and he delivered them from their distress.
- L** ⁷He led them by a straight way
C till they reached a city to dwell in.
- L** ⁸Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
C for his wondrous works to the children of men!
- L** ⁹For he satisfies the longing soul,
C and the hungry soul he fills with good things.
- 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** ¹⁹Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
C and he delivered them from their distress.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 2:1-10

(We are saved by grace through faith.)

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

VERSE

John 3:16a

P For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son,

C that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

(God so loved the world.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴[Jesus said:] “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God.”

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

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3. Give through our **website**:

<https://stlukesmanhattan.org>

[/about-us/financial-support/](https://stlukesmanhattan.org/about-us/financial-support/)

4. **Electronic Funds Transfer**

Sign up through the church office.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: Ephesians 2:10 – “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” Even the good we do in this world is a gift from God, prepared beforehand for us to do. And this too is a gift! For isn't doing good also a good thing for the one who does it? So from first to last, from the Lord's free salvation given to us to the good works He's prepared for us, everything is a gift of God's grace.

OFFERTORY – “Thy Word” Psalm 119:105

1, 3, 5 Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path

2 When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way
Still You're there right beside me
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near
Please be near me to the end

4 I will not forget Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide, hold me to Your side
And I will love You to the end

6 And a light unto my path, and a light unto my path

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Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord Jesus Christ, as we come before You with our prayers and petitions, we thank You for Your genuine love, and we pray, Jesus, may our hearts be burning

C with more fervent love for You.

P Lord Jesus Christ, show Your love to all those who have experienced broken families, homes, and churches. Surround them with Your love and with people who will love them as You love them. Jesus, may our hearts be burning

C with more fervent love for You.

P Lord Jesus Christ, extend Your love to all those who have abandoned the faith. Strengthen us to lovingly invite them toward Your genuine love for the world. Jesus, may our hearts be burning

C with more fervent love for You.

P Lord Jesus Christ, in Your earthly life You experienced the death of those You loved. Bring Your comfort to all those who are suffering in such grief, [*especially . . .*]. Point them to the hope of eternal life with You. Jesus, may our hearts be burning

C with more fervent love for You.

P Lord Jesus Christ, be present with all those who are single. Encourage them with the love of friends and family. Provide caring people to remind them that they are not alone. Jesus, may our hearts be burning

C with more fervent love for You.

P Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared many good works for us to do in our earthly lives. Give us courage to do those good works with joy, expecting nothing in return, knowing we are saved by grace alone. Jesus, may our hearts be burning

C with more fervent love for You.

P Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [especially . . .]. Have mercy upon them and restore them to health according to Your wisdom. Jesus, may our hearts be burning
C with more fervent love for You.

P Lord Jesus, we commend all of these people and situations into Your hands, for You have promised in love to hear our prayers; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C 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 – “Arise, Shine” Isaiah 60:1

1, 2, 4, Arise, shine for your light has come
5, 7, 8, Arise, shine for your light has come
9

3, 6 Nations will come and kings will bow
 As the glory of God shines on you
 Lift up your hearts, lift up your voice
 See the King of kings, the Lord of lords
 See the Prince of Peace shine on you

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