



# St. Luke's Lutheran Church



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

**Sunday, April 14, 2024 – 11:00 AM**

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*Guest Speaker – Rev Justin Panzer*

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**(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**

“Amazing” is a commonly used word in the English that has a rich history. It came into common usage in the 14th century as a variant of the older root word “amasod,” which meant stupefied or confounded or overwhelmed with sudden surprise or wonder. The word “amazing” shows up several times in hymns that we sing—from describing the action of God in the birth of Jesus as “love amazing” (*LSB* 375:1) to bringing to our hearts and minds that in His suffering to pay the price of our sins, our Lord showed “amazing pity” (*LSB* 437:2). Two other hymns refer to the “amazing grace” of God (*LSB* 744:1; 558:2), and in another hymn, the author of the text rejoices that God “has done amazing things to me” (*LSB* 934:2). The season of Easter is a time for us to be truly amazed and filled with the praise of our amazing Lord!

## **IMAGE ON THE COVER**

As they were talking about these things, Jesus Himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Touch Me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. *Luke 24:36–40*

## **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 - "Be Exalted, O God" Psalm 57:5

1, 3 I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord, among the people  
I will sing praises to Thee among the nations  
For Thy steadfast love is great, is great to the heavens  
And Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness to the clouds

2, 4 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens  
Let Thy glory be over all the earth  
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens  
Let Thy glory be over all the earth  
Let Thy glory be over all the earth

(Brent Chambers, Scripture in Song CCLI # 288089)

*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** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

- P** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

*LSB 203*

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.**

## **LORD, HAVE MERCY**

- P** Lord, have mercy,
- C** **Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- P** Let us pray.

Living Lord, You have commanded us to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins to all nations. To fulfill this command, we ask You to clothe us with the power from on high, Your Holy Spirit, that we may carry the amazing message of Your resurrection to the ends of the earth; 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*

## FIRST READING

Acts 3:11-21

*(Peter preaches in the heart of Jerusalem.)*

<sup>11</sup>While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. <sup>12</sup>And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

<sup>17</sup>"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup>that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

*Psalm 4; antiphon: v. 7*

**L** <sup>7</sup>You have put more joy in my heart

**C** than they have when their grain and wine abound.

**L** <sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!

You have given me relief when I was in distress.

**C** Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

**L** <sup>2</sup>O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame?  
**C**       **How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?**

**L** <sup>3</sup>But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself;  
**C**       **the LORD hears when I call to him.**

**L** <sup>4</sup>Be angry, and do not sin;  
**C**       **ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.**

**L** <sup>5</sup>Offer right sacrifices,  
**C**       **and put your trust in the LORD.**

**L** <sup>6</sup>There are many who say, "Who will show us some good?"  
**C**       **Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!"**

**L** <sup>7</sup>You have put more joy in my heart  
**C**       **than they have when their grain and wine abound.**

**L** <sup>8</sup>In peace I will both lie down and sleep;  
**C**       **for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.**

**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**

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**C**       **than they have when their grain and wine abound.**

## EPISTLE

*1 John 3:1-7*

*(We are God's children now.)*

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*Romans 6:9; Luke 24:32*

**P** Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

**C** death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia.



## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:36-49

*(The disciples are witnesses of the risen Lord.)*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

<sup>36</sup>As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, *“Peace to you!”* <sup>37</sup>But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, *“Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?”* <sup>39</sup>*See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.”* <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, *“Have you anything here to eat?”* <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate before them. <sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, *“These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”* <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, *“Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Sit*

**SPECIAL MUSIC** – ELC Children’s Choir

**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:** 1 John 3:2 – “Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.” This is the essence of our sanctification: becoming like our Lord. As St. John notes, this will only be completed in the Resurrection, but in the meantime, we strive toward that goal because we want to walk in the footsteps of our Lord. By His grace we share His destiny in eternal life, and therefore we desire to share His life of service now.

## OFFERTORY - "Raise a Hallelujah"

- 1 I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies  
I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief  
I raise a hallelujah, my weapon is a melody  
I raise a hallelujah, heaven comes to fight for me
- 2, 4, I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm  
8, 9 Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar  
Up from the ashes hope will arise  
Death is defeated, the King is alive
- 3 I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me  
I raise a hallelujah, I will watch the darkness flee  
I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery  
I raise a hallelujah, fear you lost your hold on me
- 5 Sing a little louder, sing a little louder  
Sing a little louder, sing a little louder
- 6, 7 Sing a little louder, in the presence of my enemies  
Sing a little louder, louder than my unbelief  
Sing a little louder, my weapon is a melody  
Sing a little louder, heaven comes to fight for me

*Stand*

## 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.

We pray for the whole church, that the message of salvation may joyfully be proclaimed throughout all the world and the forgiveness of sins be celebrated around the globe. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We pray for the nations of the world, that governments would be a source of blessing to those who are governed and that oppression in all forms may be hindered, bringing a sense of security and well-being in every place. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We pray for ourselves in this amazing season of our Lord's great victory that we may truly be Easter people all year long, radiating the light of Christ in our homes, workplaces, and communities. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We pray for all who serve us through their callings, especially those who deal with special challenges or dangers on a regular basis, including police officers, firefighters, and other emergency personnel. Also, we remember at this time the military forces of our nation, those stationed both at home and abroad, whose efforts serve to defend our nation in challenging times. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized, [*especially . . .*], those who grieve, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill and shut-in, and all others whose needs are known to us. Bless them with Your presence, gracious Father, that they may have a sense of purpose in their lives and find strength and hope for each day. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Merciful God, we bless You for having placed into our lives faithful Christian people to guide us. We remember those no longer among us on earth, who have completed their earthly races and have won the final victory in Christ. Lead us to follow in their way, that we may rejoice together eternally with saints and angels.

**C** hear our prayer. 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.

## **CONCLUDING COLLECT**

**P** Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; 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 - "Today is the Day"

- 1 I'm casting my cares aside  
I'm leaving my past behind  
I'm setting my heart and mind on You, Jesus
- 2, 5 I'm reaching my hands to Yours  
Believing there's so much more  
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good, is good
- 3, 6 Today is the day You have made  
I will rejoice and be glad in it  
Today is the day You have made  
I will rejoice and be glad in it  
And I won't worry about tomorrow  
I'm trusting in what You say  
Today is the day, today is the day
- 4 I'm putting my fears aside  
I'm leaving my doubts behind  
I'm giving my hopes and dreams to You, Jesus
- 7, 8 I will stand upon Your truth (*echo*)  
All my days I'll live for You (*echo*)

9 Today is the day You have made  
I will rejoice and be glad in it  
Today is the day You have made  
I will rejoice and be glad in it  
And I won't worry about tomorrow  
I'm giving You my fears and sorrows  
Where You lead me I will follow  
I'm trusting in what You say  
Today is the day, today is the day, today is the day  
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