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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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**THE HOLY TRINITY
(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

There are times in our life when we have wondered if God cares about us or not. On this festive Sunday of Holy Trinity, we find the answer—yes! There has been a divine plan in place for this world. More than that, there is a divine plan and purpose for you. Listen to Peter’s words carefully. As you do, you will hear Peter tell about God’s definite plan for this world and His definite plan to redeem you and make you His child. Rejoice on this Trinity Sunday that God not only created you but has a definite plan for your life.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

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 – “Holy, Holy, Holy” Isaiah 43:19

- 1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity
- 2 Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore Thee
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee
Which wert, and art and evermore shalt be
- 3 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty
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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

Revelation 4:8b, 11

P Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!

C **Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power,**

P for You created all things,

C **and by Your will they existed and were created.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Almighty God, we are called to confess You as the God who has no equal;

C **You are three distinct persons, yet one God.**

P You are holy, we are not; You are righteous, we are not.

C **Yet in Your foreknowledge, You knew this would be our state, and You made a distinct and definite plan for a way to redeem us from our sins: the sins of thought, which creep into our minds daily; our words, which deserve death because of the evil that comes from our tongues; and our deeds, which we know go against Your holiness. Forgive us, Lord, for these and all sins, not because we are deserving, but for Your definite plan of mercy and grace shown to us at the cross.**

P I ask you before God, who searches all hearts, and one another, is this your sincere confession? If so, answer yes.

C **Yes, this is my sincere confession before God and before my brothers and sisters in Christ.**

P Hear the good news on this day! God has forgiven you all your sins because of the blood of Jesus shed at the cross. In the stead and at the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen! Thanks be to God for His mercy and grace!**

P May God, who began this definite plan before He created the world, continue to work in you and bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Thank You, Lord, for loving us, forgiving us, and having a definite plan for us.**

ATHANASIAN CREED PART 1

- P** Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.
- C** **Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**
- P** And the catholic faith is this,
- C** **that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**
- P** For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
- C** **But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**
- P** Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
- C** **the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**
- P** the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
- C** **the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**
- P** And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
- C** **just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinities, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**
- P** In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
- C** **and yet there are not three Almightyies, but one Almighty.**
- P** So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
- C** **and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.**
- P** So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
- C** **and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, there are days we do not even know what to plan for dinner. Yet You have had a definite plan for this world and each one of us before You created it. Help us, by Your Holy Spirit, to trust in Your plan of salvation through the cross and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God and one Lord, now and eternally.

C Amen.

Sit

OPENING SONG – “God Bless America”

1 God bless America
Land that I love
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with a light from above
From the mountains to the prairies
To the oceans white with foam
God bless America
My home sweet home
God bless America
My home sweet home

2 From the mountains to the prairies
To the oceans white with foam
God bless America
My home sweet home
God bless America
My home sweet home

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 6:1-8

(The prophet Isaiah is overcome by his sinfulness and God's holiness.)

¹In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

⁸And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 29; antiphon: v. 2

L ¹Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,

C ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

L ²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

C worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

L ³The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

C the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over many waters.

- L** ⁴The voice of the LORD is powerful;
C **the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**
- L** ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
C **the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.**
- L** ⁶He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,
C **and Sirion like a young wild ox.**
- L** ⁷The voice of the LORD
C **flashes forth flames of fire.**
- L** ⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
C **the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- L** ⁹The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth
and strips the forests bare,
C **and in his temple all cry, “Glory!”**
- L** ¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
C **the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**
- L** ¹¹May the LORD give strength to his people!
C **May the LORD bless his people with peace!**
- 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** ²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
C **worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

SECOND READING

Acts 2:14a, 22-36

(Three thousand people heard Peter's message of the resurrection of Jesus and Him being both true God and the Messiah.)

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . .

²²"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— ²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;

²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
my flesh also will dwell in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One see corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹"Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

"The Lord said to my Lord,
Sit at my right hand,

³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.'

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

P Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;

C the whole earth is full of His glory! Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

(Nicodemus, the “teacher of Israel,” is taken to school by Jesus who shares God’s plan of salvation in a nutshell.)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” ³Jesus answered him, *“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”* ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, *“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”*

⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, *“Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?”*

¹³*No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And 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.”*

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

ATHANASIAN CREED PART 2

P Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.

C **The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.**

P The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.

C **The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.**

P Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

C **And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;**

P but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.

C **Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.**

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. **Offering plates** are 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 3:6 – “That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.” In Holy Baptism we receive a new birth: spirit from Spirit. With that rebirth we receive new desires, new lives, new purposes. To the (fleshly) world, Christian generosity makes no sense: the total minus a percentage is less than the original total. But Spirit-reborn Christians know that God's math works differently (as we might expect from the Trinity!). A blessing received from God becomes more of a blessing when it is used in generosity to bless others.

OFFERTORY - "For the Rest of My Days"

1, 3 Your love looks after me, it never fails
Your Word takes hold of me, and keeps my mind on you

2 You are majestic through all the earth
I am Your servant for the rest of my days
For the rest of my days

4 You are magnificent, the God of glory
I'm going to worship You for the rest of my days
For the rest of my days, for the rest of my days

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Stand

ATHANASIAN CREED PART 3

P But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.**

P He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:

C **perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;**

P equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

C **Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:**

P one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;

C **one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.**

P For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,

C **who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,**

P ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

C **At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.**

P And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.

C **This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and all people according to their needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for planning and creating this world for us to inhabit. You have given us the stewardship of it. Where we have failed, forgive us. Give us wisdom to manage what You planned for us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord Jesus Christ, You cared for us with no guarantee we would ever love You back. You lived the perfect life we could not and suffered the death we are not willing to suffer for our sins. We can never repay You—all we can do is thank You, and so we do now. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Holy Spirit, through Your inspiration we have the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make us wise unto salvation in Jesus Christ. Yet without the faith freely given by You, we would not be able to believe. You keep us in that faith our entire journey on this side of eternity. We ask that You would rule our hearts and minds, and bring to our remembrance what the Scriptures say at just the right time. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We lift up those facing health challenges at this moment, [*especially . . .*]. Hear our petitions on their behalf. We ask that You use doctors and nurses, medicines and researchers, and, according to Your will, miracles, so those who have any dreaded disease might be returned to health to serve You. Heavenly Physician, we entrust them to Your care and will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We remember also the homebound members of our congregation, [*especially . . .*]. Give them a special measure of Your presence and peace this hour. Remind them You are with them always. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, You have commanded us to pray for all in authority. We pray for the leaders of all nations, that they seek justice and peace. We lift up leaders everywhere. Help them by Your Spirit to lead with diligence. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For Christians persecuted around the world and who feel the heavy hand of injustice, we ask that You keep Your people faithful and protect all who need Your protection. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your gracious and loving hands we commend all for whom we pray and those You know need our prayers, trusting in Your mercy; in the name of Jesus, with the Father and Holy Spirit, one God, who was, who is, and who is coming, the Almighty.

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.**

CONCLUDING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

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 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 – “Every Time I Breathe”

- 1 I am sure all of heaven's heard me cry
As I tell you all the reasons why this life is just too hard
But day by day, without fail I'm finding everything I need
In everything You are to me
- 2, 4, 6 Every time I breathe You seem a little bit closer
I never wanna leave, I wanna stay in Your warm embrace
Oh, basking in the glory shining from Your face and
Every time I get another glimpse of Your heart
I realize it's true, that You are so marvelous God
And I am so in love with You
So in love with You
- 3 Now how could I, after knowing one so great
Respond to You in any way that's less than all I have to give
But by Your grace, I wanna love You not with what I say but everyday
In the way my life is lived
- 5 Wrapped in Your mercy I wanna live and never leave
I am held by how humble, yet overwhelmed by Your majesty
Captured by grace now I'm finding I am free
You are marvelous God and knowing You is everything

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