

## St. Luke's Lutheran Church



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

Saturday, June 15, 2024 – 6:00 PM Sunday, June 16, 2024 – 8:30 AM

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## **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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#### **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, <a href="mailto:office@stlukesmanhattan.org">office@stlukesmanhattan.org</a>, 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**

Once again, the Word of God in our ears this day speaks of the glorious and happy goal that God's salvation promises to all who believe in His saving mercy, grace, and love. From of old, the Lord has promised a secure future in His presence both now and especially in the eternity of life in the resurrection. Though we experience the weakness and maybe even dread of growing old, by faith we are like firm trees planted by the strength of God. That faith is the very creation of God the Holy Spirit, which grows and remains strong regardless of our circumstances. So even though we become discouraged at times, our confidence is always renewed by God as we remain steadfast in connection with His mighty Word.

#### **IMAGE ON THE COVER**

[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come." *Mark 4:26–29* 

## **WELCOME**

## **₩PREPARATION**



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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.

EXHORTATION LSB 203

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- **P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **B**ut with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, 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.

#### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

LSB 203

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.

## **₩ WORD ₩**

#### **INTROIT**



- P It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,\*
  to sing praises to your name, | O Most High.
- The righteous flourish like the | palm tree\* and grow like a cedar in | Lebanon.
- They are planted in the house | of the LORD;\*
  they flourish in the courts | of our God.
- They still bear fruit in | old age;\*
  they are ever full of | sap and green,
- to declare that the LORD is | upright;\*
  he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness | in him.
- Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,\*
  to sing praises to your name, | O Most High.

KYRIE LSB 204



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.



2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray; 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth! O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way. For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing— Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## **SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

LSB 205

- P The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

Lord God, our hope and Redeemer, we thank You for planting the seed of saving faith in our hearts by means of Your Word entering our ears and Your Sacraments touching our bodies. Grant, we pray, the strengthening of this faith that we may walk with confidence in our lives now, taking great courage in the promise of eternal life with You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Ezekiel 17:22-24

(A promise of the Messiah.)

<sup>22</sup>Thus says the Lord GoD: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. <sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. <sup>24</sup>And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it."

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL** 

Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b

- P Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
- and his greatness is unsearchable.
- P On your wondrous works, I will meditate,
- and I will declare your greatness.

## **EPISTLE** 2 Corinthians 5:1-17

(Awaiting the new body and a new creation.)

<sup>1</sup>We know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. <sup>2</sup>For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, <sup>3</sup>if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. <sup>4</sup>For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. <sup>5</sup>He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

<sup>6</sup>So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, <sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. <sup>12</sup>We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. <sup>13</sup>For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. <sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; <sup>15</sup>and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

#### Stand



HOLY GOSPEL Mark 4:26-34

(The growing seed and the mustard seed.)

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. <sup>27</sup>He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

<sup>30</sup>And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. <sup>34</sup>He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

## LAMB'S MESSAGE

#### **677 FOR ALL THE SAINTS**



5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,

Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,

And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 The golden evening brightens in the west;

Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;

Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

△8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Tune: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

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#### Please Be Seated

#### **SERMON**

#### VOTUM

- 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: Mark 4:34 – "He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything." How blessed we are to be His disciples! The Lord has indeed explained everything to us. He has told us all things plainly. Why then are we ever so foolish as to disobey His clear Word? Our fight against sin in the power of the Holy Spirit is truly a struggle. Therefore, let us receive the Lord's help in His Word and Sacraments — and let us fight the good fight of faith and grow up into His image.

## **BLESSING OF THE QUILTS**

- Lord, we seek your Blessings on these Quilts as they are distributed to people less fortunate than we are and those in need of comfort. May each recipient realize that someone cares for them. We thank you for the ladies that have contributed to these projects with ingredients, the sewing, the tying, and the finishing. Now we ask that you protect and guide those who will deliver them to the people that need them most.
- C Amen.

Stand

#### **NICENE CREED**

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.

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Most High, we give thanks to You that You have planted Your Holy Word among us. Give healthy growth to Your Church, that she may weather the storm-winds of this world steadfast in Christ, ever bearing the fruits of love and singing praises to Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Lord God, Your Holy Spirit plants Your Word and causes it to sprout and grow as it pleases You. Bless the preaching and teaching of Your Word, that Your kingdom may be extended, and give us thankful hearts to marvel at Your work. Send faithful laborers into Your fields to scatter Your seed here and abroad, that in due time a harvest may be reaped for Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P O Lord, the great I AM, what You have spoken You will surely do. We implore You for the sake of Christ and Your many precious promises to bless and defend our homes, to make the efforts of parents fruitful in the teaching of their children, and to preserve them in the saving faith of Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Father, we are bold to ask for all things because You have given us Your Spirit as a guarantee. Hear us as we intercede in Jesus' name for those in every need [especially ]. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P O God, we groan under many burdens in this earthly tent and long to be clothed with Your eternal life, which will swallow up all mortal sorrow. Give good courage to Your servants to walk by faith and not sight, to mourn our dead in the hope of the resurrection, and to make it our aim to please You while here in the body, until at last we are at home with Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

- Heavenly Father, from whom all fatherhood is named, we give You thanks for earthly fathers. Give them confidence in their station and zeal for their task to care for their families faithfully. Make them examples to their children of godly life and love of Your Word. Bless their work of bringing up children in the fear and instruction of the Lord, and give them the comfort of Your absolution over all their shortcomings. Gather us together with all our fathers to Your eternal household; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

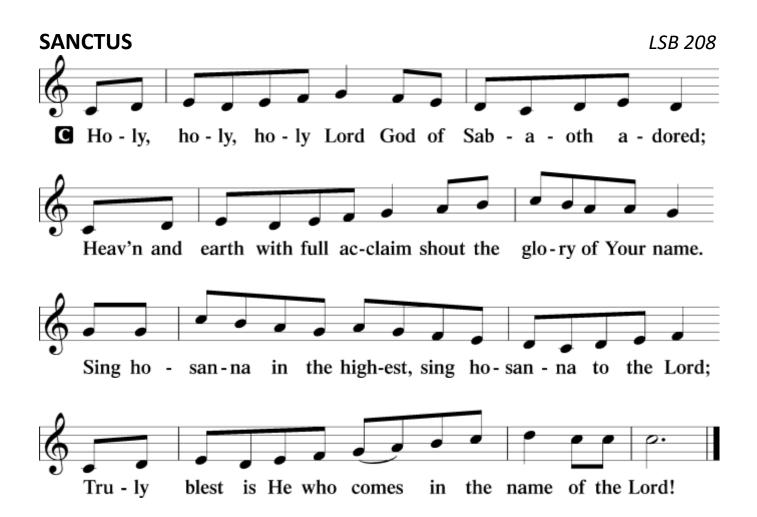
## **ASACRAMENTA**

PREFACE LSB 208

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## PROPER PREFACE

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

#### LORD'S PRAYER

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

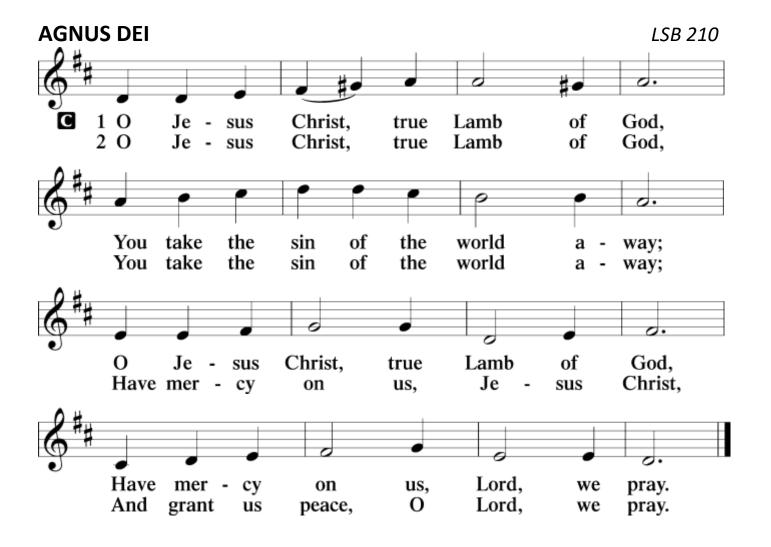
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My 

→ 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."

#### **PAX DOMINI**

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



## 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 HYMNS**

## **500 CREATOR SPIRIT, BY WHOSE AID**



Text: attr. Rabanus Maurus, 776–856; tr. John Dryden, 1631–1700, alt.

Tune: Gesangbuch . . . Psalmen, Geistliche Lieder, 1541, Strassburg, alt.

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#### 742 FOR ME TO LIVE IS JESUS



- 1 For me to live is Je sus, To die is gain for me;
- 2 For Christ, my Lord, my broth er, I leave this world so dim 3 My woes are near ly o ver, Though long and dark the road;
- 4 Lord, when my pow'rs are fail ing, My breath comes heav i ly,



So when my Sav - ior pleas - es, I meet death will - ing - ly. And glad - ly seek an - oth - er, Where I shall be with Him. My sin His mer - its cov - er, And I have peace with God. And words are un - a - vail - ing, O hear my sighs to Thee.

- 5 In my last hour, O grant me A slumber soft and still, No doubts to vex or haunt me, Safe anchored in Thy will;
- 6 And so to Thee still cleaving
  When death shall come to me,
  I fall asleep believing
  And wake in heav'n with Thee!

Text: Ein schön geistlich Gesangbuch, 1609, Jena; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.

Tune: Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570-1615

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## POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**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.

#### **BENEDICAMUS**

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

#### **BENEDICTION**

- 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 671 SING WITH ALL THE SAINTS IN GLORY

Tune: LSB 803 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

- Sing with all the saints in glory,
   Sing the resurrection song!
   Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
   To the former days belong.
   All around the clouds are breaking;
   Soon the storms of time shall cease;
   In God's likeness we awaken,
   Knowing everlasting peace.
- Oh, what glory, far exceeding
   All that eye has yet perceived!
   Holiest hearts for ages pleading
   Never that full joy conceived.
   God has promised, Christ prepares it;
   There on high our welcome waits.
   Ev'ry humble spirit shares it,
   Christ has passed the\_eternal gates.
- Jesus lives who once was dead.
  Shout with joy, O deathless voices!
  Child of God, lift up your head!
  Life eternal! Oh, what wonders
  Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
  When, amid earth's closing thunders,
  Saints shall stand before the throne!

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