



**St. Luke's  
Lutheran Church**



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

**Sunday, July 14, 2024 – 11:00 AM**

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**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**(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**

We are reminded in Romans 13:1, "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God." The governing authorities placed over us are intended for order for us as citizens and for the establishment of laws. Yet what happens when governing authorities do evil, rather than the will of God? In today's Gospel from Mark 6, we are reminded what evil governing can do, as Herod would behead John the Baptist. Though it was a time of sobering grief and shocking sorrow for the disciples and Christ Himself, Jesus would continue in His mission for the sins of the world. Herod's kingship would eventually come to an end. Christ's kingship would be established to rule eternally. May we obey the appropriate authorities placed over us, yet amid assured sinfulness in earthly governance, remain firm with our citizenship under the King and kingdom that has no end.

## **IMAGE ON THE COVER**

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.  
*Romans 13:1*

## **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 - "Your Everlasting Love"

- 1 Your everlasting love is higher, higher, higher than the sky  
Your everlasting love is higher, higher, higher than the sky  
Higher than the sky  
Oh, the wonder of Your everlasting love is higher than the sky
- 2 Your everlasting love is deeper, deeper, deeper than the sea  
Your everlasting love is deeper, deeper, deeper than the sea  
Deeper than the sea  
Oh, the wonder of Your everlasting love is deeper than the sea
- 3, 5, 6 Higher, than the heavens above is the glory of Your wonderful love  
I'm lost in the mystery of Your everlasting love, (3, 6- Your everlasting love)
- 4 Your everlasting love is reaching, reaching, reaching out to me  
Your everlasting love is reaching, reaching, reaching out to me  
Reaching out to me  
Oh, the wonder of Your everlasting love is reaching out to me  
(Bill Batstone 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.

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, amid earthly strife among nations, governments, and peoples within their own lands,

**C** remind us through Your Word and Spirit that Your kingdom is not of this world, that as we face troubles in this life, we trust in the truth that through Christ's death and resurrection You have overcome the world;

**P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**CATECHISM** *The Second Petition, Meaning, and Explanation: Question 257*

**P** In the second petition of the Lord’s Prayer, we pray:

**C** **Thy kingdom come.**

**P** What does this mean?

**C** **The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.**

**P** How does God’s kingdom come?

**C** **God’s kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.**

**P** What do we ask and seek from our Father in this petition?

**C** **We ask that the kingdom of God would come among us, and so we pray that God would give us His Spirit so that we may believe His Word and live “under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness”;**

**P** God’s Word would be proclaimed throughout the world—also by us—that His Spirit might bring others under His gracious reign;

**C** **Jesus would return soon and fully manifest His rule.**

*Sit*

## **OPENING SONG – “Holy Forever”**

- 1           A thousand generations  
Falling down in worship  
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb  
All who've gone before us  
And all who will believe  
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb
- 2, 7        Your name is the highest  
Your name is the greatest  
Your name stands above them all  
All thrones and dominions  
All powers and positions  
Your name stands above them all
- 3, 5, 8    And the angels cry, “Holy”  
All creation cries, “Holy”  
You are lifted high, holy  
Holy forever
- 4           If you've been forgiven  
And if you've been redeemed  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
If you walk in freedom  
And if you bear His name  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
We'll sing the song forever to the Lamb
- 6, 9        Hear Your people sing, “Holy”  
To the King of kings, holy  
You will always be holy  
Holy forever
- 10         You will always be holy  
Holy forever

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Amos 7:7-15

*(Amos's vision and prophecy to the people.)*

<sup>7</sup>This is what [the Lord God] showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"Behold, I am setting a plumb line  
in the midst of my people Israel;  
I will never again pass by them;

<sup>9</sup>the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,  
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,  
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

<sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said,

"Jeroboam shall die by the sword,  
and Israel must go into exile  
away from his land."

<sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

<sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. <sup>15</sup>But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM**

*Psalm 85:8-13; antiphon: v. 7*

**L** <sup>7</sup>Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,  
**C** and grant us your salvation.

**L** <sup>8</sup>Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,  
**C** for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;  
but let them not turn back to folly.

**L** <sup>9</sup>Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,  
**C** that glory may dwell in our land.

**L** <sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;  
**C** righteousness and peace kiss each other.

**L** <sup>11</sup>Faithfulness springs up from the ground,  
**C** and righteousness looks down from the sky.

**L** <sup>12</sup>Yes, the LORD will give what is good,  
**C** and our land will yield its increase.

**L** <sup>13</sup>Righteousness will go before him  
**C** and make his footsteps a way.

**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** <sup>7</sup>Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,  
**C** and grant us your salvation.



## EPISTLE

*Ephesians 1:3-14*

*(Spiritual blessings in Christ.)*

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup>which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

<sup>11</sup>In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup>so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*Matthew 5:10*

**P** Alleluia. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,

**C** **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6:14-29

*(The death of John the Baptist.)*

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

**G** **Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>14</sup>King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." <sup>17</sup>For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

<sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee.

<sup>22</sup>For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." <sup>23</sup>And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup>And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." <sup>25</sup>And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup>And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. <sup>27</sup>And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison <sup>28</sup>and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

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

**G** 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.

**G** 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: Amos 7:8 – “And the LORD said to me, ‘Amos, what do you see?’ And I said, ‘A plumb line.’ Then the Lord said, ‘Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them.’”** In the book of Amos, the Lord condemns the people for their lack of kindness, charity and generosity toward the weak and lowly. God takes great offense at this because His activity toward us is built on kindness, charity and generosity. He wants us to respond in kind.

## **OFFERTORY - "Lord, I'm in Your Hands" John 10:28**

- 1, 4, 7      Lord, I'm in Your hands, Lord, I'm in Your heart  
In Your thoughts, in Your plans  
Never on my own
- 2, 5      Lord, I'm in Your hands, Lord, I'm in Your heart  
In Your thoughts, in Your plans  
Never left alone
- 3, 6      And when the darkness closes in and fear begins to rise  
Help me to remember You're always by my side
- 8      In Your thoughts, in Your plans  
Never left alone  
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## **INSTALLATION OF CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS, CHAIRS, AND ELDERS**

### **Elected Officers**

Mark Hatesohl - President  
Dennis Tegtmeier – Vice President

### **Elected Chairs**

Chari Manry – Parish  
Communications  
Lori Uffman – Stewardship  
Walt Fick – Adult Ministry  
Natalie Winger – Youth Ministry  
Shane Rengstorf – Head Elder

### **Elected Elders**

Jay Peterson  
Andrew Hudson  
Vince Redding  
Shawn Thiele  
Shane Rengstorf

## **ADDRESS**

- P** Beloved in the Lord, Holy Scripture admonishes us that “all things should be done decently and in order.”

To that end, the constitution and bylaws of this congregation establish various offices and chairs to which men and women are elected and appointed to serve, and the position of elder to which men are elected and appointed to serve. In so doing, the Church follows the example of the Early Christian Church as described in Acts, chapter six:

The twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.”

The apostle Peter writes in his first epistle:

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

## **INTRODUCTION**

- P** You have been elected to serve in your various positions.

## QUESTIONING

**P** You have been chosen to fill specific offices and positions of responsibility at St. Luke's Lutheran Church here in Manhattan, KS. You are to work with me, the pastor, that our life together in Christ may be orderly and pleasing in His sight. You are to see that the services of God's house are held at the proper times, that the Word of God is purely preached and taught according to the Lutheran Confessions, that the Sacraments of Christ are administered according to His institution, that provision is made for the Christian instruction of young and old, that the erring are admonished, and that discipline is maintained. You are to see that the temporal affairs of the congregation are properly administered and that proper support is provided for the workers of this congregation. You are to assist in caring for the poor and the sick, in cultivating harmony among the members, in promoting the general welfare of the congregation, and in furthering the kingdom of Christ here and throughout the world.

While holiness of life and obedience to Christ are expected of all members of the congregation, it is especially important that you, as office-bearers in His Church, show yourselves, by word and example, to be faithful to Him in service and Christian devotion. In the presence of God and of this congregation, I therefore ask you: Do you accept the office(s) entrusted to you, and do you promise faithfully to carry out your duties, trusting in the Lord and conforming yourself to His Word in accordance with the faith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church? If so, then answer: I do.

**R** *I do.*

## ADDRESS TO THE CONGREGATION

**P** Beloved in the Lord, you have heard the promises of faithfulness spoken by these men and women whom you have selected to serve as officers, chairs, and elders of St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Do you promise to support them in their work, to remember them in your prayers, and to work with them to the best of the abilities that God has given you, so that He may be glorified and His work be done in our midst? If so, then answer: We do.

**C** We do.

## INSTALLATION

**P** Brothers and sisters in Christ, I install you as officers and chairs, and brothers I install you as elders of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** The almighty and most merciful God enlighten and strengthen you in your offices that you may be good and faithful stewards to the glory of His name and the good of His people.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

## PRAYER

**P** Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, we give thanks that You have raised up these servants for work among Your people. We humbly implore You to grant them, by Your Holy Spirit, those gifts needed for the faithful carrying out of their tasks, most especially wisdom, strength, and willing hearts. Let Your blessing rest on this congregation. Strengthen the faith, quicken the love, and enkindle the zeal of its members, that Your name may be glorified and that here and in all places under heaven the kingdom of Your Son may be advanced. We remember with thanksgiving those who have faithfully served Your people and have now completed their time of service. We pray that in the end of days we, with all Your faithful people, may hear the voice of Christ saying: “Come, you who are blessed by My Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world”; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## BLESSING

**P** Go in the name of the Lord. Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C** Amen.



## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Gracious Lord, we are citizens of the nations and places in which You have put us, with our citizenship in heaven assured. In our land, guide and direct the governing authorities over us that they may serve according to Your will. Impart in them Your truth and wisdom that life be treasured and protected, justice enacted, and order kept secure. Grant Your protection over those who serve in the military both here and abroad, and safety to all who keep roads and communities safe in their law enforcement vocation. Amid the conflicts and tribulations in any land, instill in us responsible citizenship as we await the eternal kingdom not of this world. Thy kingdom come,

**C** **Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**P** In these summer months grant favorable weather and safe travel for all who give thanks for Your creation. In each and every season, continue to pour out Your mercy and grace that we as Your people remain faithful and trusting in Your promises made, fulfilled, and yet to come. Thy kingdom come,

**C** **Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**P** For all who face troubles and trials in life, in mind, body, or soul, give Your peace and comfort in times of affliction, [*especially . . .*]. For those who have gone before us in the faith, we give You thanks for their witness of truth and hope. Comfort those who grieve, [*including . . .*]. In all things, grant us Your Spirit to sustain us in our earthly pilgrimage. Thy kingdom come,

**C** **Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**P** We lift up to You the authorities over us in our Synod, districts, and congregations. Grant wisdom and confidence for all who lead. Bless all churches and people of all ages that You gather together as Your own, that we may be courageous witnesses of Your grace and truth to our neighbors, communities, and beyond. Thy kingdom come,

**C** **Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**P** Your kingdom is not of this world, yet You come to us still in Your Word and Sacraments to strengthen us, nourish us, and forgive our sins. Bless our unity and fellowship at Your Table as we receive Jesus in His body and blood until the eternal feast You have prepared for those who keep faith in You. Thy kingdom come,

**C** **Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

*Additional petitions may be added.*

**P** Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**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 COLLECT

**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 - "Indescribable"**

- 1            From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea  
              Creation's revealing Your majesty  
              From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring  
              Every creature unique and the song that it sings  
              All exclaiming
- 2, 4, 5        Indescribable, uncontainable  
              You place the stars in the sky and You know them by name  
              You are amazing, God  
              All powerful, untamable  
              Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim  
              You are amazing, God
- 3            Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go  
              Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?  
              Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light?  
              Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night  
              None can fathom
- 6            Indescribable, uncontainable  
              You place the stars in the sky and You know them by name  
              You are amazing, God  
              Incomparable, unchangeable  
              You see the depths of my heart and You love me the same  
              You are amazing, God  
              You are amazing, God

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