



St. Luke's Lutheran Church



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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**SEVENTH 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, 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

What a joy it is to gather as God's people! In this collection of people we know as a congregation, we are called, gathered, and enlightened by the Holy Spirit. In this collection of people we call a church, we are reminded the one holy Christian Church will be and remain forever. This is "the congregation of saints . . . in which the Gospel is purely taught and the Sacraments are correctly administered" (Augsburg Confession, Article VII, paragraph 1). As we remain steadfast in our witness to our neighbors to also gather with us in the truth of God's Word centered on our Savior, Jesus Christ, we are reminded in the Gospel today there will always be those who despise the Word as even Jesus faced rejection in His own hometown. We continue to pray for softened hearts of others in this world, and we remain firm in the foundation of our faith served in both Word and Sacrament within this place.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness. 2
Corinthians 12:9

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 – “Patriotic Medley”-

“America the Beautiful”

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain
For purple mountains majesties above the fruited plain
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea

“Battle Hymn of the Republic”

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored
He has loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword
His truth is marching on

Glory, glory, hallelujah
Glory, glory, hallelujah
Glory, glory, hallelujah
His truth is marching on

“God Bless America”

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
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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.

PSALM

Psalm 123

- P** To You I lift up my eyes, O You who are enthroned in the heavens!
C Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till He has mercy upon us.
- P** Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.
C Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.

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.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 123; 124:8; 32:5; 123:4; Ezekiel 2:5; 2 Corinthians 12:9; Mark 6:12

- P** Echoing the words of the psalmist, we lift our eyes to You, O Lord, enthroned in the heavens. As we do, we seek Your mercy. Our help is in the name of the LORD,
C who made heaven and earth.
- P** I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

- P** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Though we lift up our eyes to You, our souls have had more than enough of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.

C As You claim us as Your own in Baptism through water and the Word, we struggle to live as Your children. As You call us in faith to trust in You, we face the contempt of others in the world around us. As You collect Your people together as Your church, we often fail to prioritize the work of Your kingdom and the mission You have set before us for the sake of others. We flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

P The Lord calls His people and sends them to proclaim His Word, even amid the scorn and contempt of the world. He sent Ezekiel, along with a promise:

C “Whether they hear or refuse to hear, . . . they will know that a prophet has been among them.”

P He sent the apostle Paul, along with a promise:

C “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.”

P He sent His own Son into the world, into our flesh, on our behalf. Though stricken, smitten, afflicted, and even rejected in His own hometown, the message of the Word made flesh continued to be proclaimed by the disciples:

C “So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent.”

P Gathered together as His church, be affirmed and assured that almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives the power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. All of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all.

C 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, though we are unworthy, You show mercy. Though we are underserving, You pour out Your grace. Though we fail, You grant us forgiveness.

- C** In our callings in faith and sent as Your people, sustain us through Your Spirit that we together as Your church may serve You in joy and gladness;

- 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 Third Article of the Apostles' Creed, It's Meaning, and Questions 212-215 (and Answers) in the Explanation*

- P** What is the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed?

- C** 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.

- P** What does this mean?

- C** I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

- P** What are the identifying characteristics of the Church? (*Question 212*)
- C** **The identifying marks that guarantee the presence of the Church are the pure proclamation of the Gospel and the right administration of the Sacraments. Where these are, the Spirit creates faith. God's Word of promise is sure and does what it says.**
- P** What are some other outward indications that the Church is present? (*Question 213*)
- C** **Such things as gatherings for prayer and worship, the fruits of faith, and suffering for Christ also serve as good outward indications that the Church is present without guaranteeing it. The Church also uses the Office of the Keys to rebuke and to forgive sins, as well as to consecrate ministers to preach and teach on behalf of all.**
- P** What is the mission of the Church on earth? (*Question 214*)
- C** **The Church's mission is to confess and proclaim the forgiveness of sins for Jesus' sake by preaching the Word, administering the Sacraments, sending missionaries, and establishing new congregations and by the daily witness of the baptized children of God, His royal priesthood.**
- P** What are some of the privileges and responsibilities of members of the Church? (*Question 215*)
- C** **We should regularly receive the Word and Sacraments within the community of believers.**

- P** We should belong to congregations that confess and teach the pure Word of God.
- C** **We should beware of and avoid false teachings, false teachers, and organizations that promote false teaching.**
- P** We should tell others about Jesus, participate in works of mercy and service, and support the ministry of the church with prayer and financial gifts.

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

Ezekiel 2:1-5

(Ezekiel's call.)

¹ He said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you."
²And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.' ⁵And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

Romans 11:33, 36

L Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

C How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!

L For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

C To Him be glory forever. Amen.

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

(Paul's vision and his thorn.)

¹I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— ⁴and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses.

⁶Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. ⁷So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated.

⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹But he said to me, *“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”* Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Mark 6:13

- P** Alleluia. They cast out many demons
C and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6:1-13

(Jesus rejected at Nazareth)

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



- C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴And Jesus said to them, *“A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.”*

⁵And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. ⁶And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching.

⁷And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— ⁹but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. ¹⁰And he said to them, *“Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there.*

¹¹And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. ¹³And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

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
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: 2 Corinthians 12:10 – “For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities.” Paul found contentment in Christ. To be content means to accept what the Lord gives us at any given time, knowing that it is from the hand of the Father who wants to bless us. Sometimes it’s hard to see how things like hardships, calamities and insults will turn out for a blessing; but since Paul found contentment in Christ, and not in his own wisdom, he could be content through all hardships and calamities.

OFFERTORY - “The Lord is my Light” Psalm 27:1

- 1, 3, 5 The Lord is my light and my salvation
The Lord is the strength of my life
The Lord is my light and my salvation
The Lord is the strength of my life
So I will not be afraid, no, I will not be afraid
Because the Lord is my light
The Lord is my light, the Lord is my light
- 2 In the day of trouble He will hide me
He will keep me safe, He will guide me through
- 4 In the darkest hour He will keep me
Evil has no power when He shelters me
- 6 Because the Lord is my light
The Lord is my light, the Lord is my light
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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

God of continued mercy, Your power is made perfect in weakness and Your grace is sufficient for us. As You called people of the past to proclaim the way of salvation, so also use us as Your instruments to proclaim the Gospel and to live as lights even among scorn and despising from a sinful world. Sustain Your church to remain strong in faith until the day You make all things new. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Sending Father, when Your Son was in this world, He was rejected in His hometown. Though despised, He continued on in the mission for our salvation and forgiveness of sins all the way to the cross. As disciples continued to proclaim a message of repentance, build us up as Your disciples within Your church to proclaim and receive the forgiveness of sins won for us through His death and resurrection. Raise up pastors, missionaries, teachers, and others in a churchly vocation to be sent by You to proclaim Your message of Law and Gospel. Strengthen laity to live as Your church each day among our neighbors, pointing to Your light and Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Compassionate Father, we face daily the trials of this world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh. Often a “thorn in the flesh” is a barrier to our faith and trust in You. Remind us Your grace is sufficient and Your power is made perfect in weakness. For those who are weak in body, mind, and spirit, grant Your continued presence. Heal according to Your will, and use us as Your church to encourage, support, and reflect Your grace to all who are in need, [*especially . . .*]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Sustaining Father, You gather us together as Your people to hear Your Word and to receive Your means of grace. As Your church, strengthen our fellowship as we receive the true body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Fed, nourished, and strengthened in faith, enable us to faithfully uphold Your calling to us as we are sent by You. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

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.**

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

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

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P 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."

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Sit

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.

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.

LAMB OF GOD

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“Come Holy Spirit” Colossians 1:9-12

- 1, 2, 3 Come Holy Spirit, fall afresh on me
Fill me with Your power, satisfy my needs
Only You can make me whole, give me strength to make me grow
Come Holy Spirit, fall afresh on me
- 4 Only You can make me whole, give me strength to make me grow
Come Holy Spirit, fall afresh on me
Fall afresh on me, fall afresh on me, fall afresh on me
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“The Lion and the Lamb”

- 1 Who is He? Who’s the mightiest of all?
Who is He? Creation trembles at His call
Who is He? The lowly sacrifice
Who paid a victim’s price?
His name is Jesus
- 2, 4, 6, 7 Jesus, from the Father’s own right hand
Jesus, Son of God and Son of Man
Jesus, who died and rose again
Jesus, He’s the Lion and the Lamb
- 3 Who is He, with the power none can tame?
Who is He, that every foe would fear His name?
Who is He, who was humbly led away?
To suffer that dark day
His name is Jesus
- 5 Who is He with the eyes that burn like fire?
Who is He? Oh, the wonder He inspires
Who is He who bore the guilt and shame
For those who’d gone astray
His name is Jesus
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Stand

CONCLUDING PRAYER

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.

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 – “The Battle Belongs to the Lord” | Samuel 17:47

- 1 In heavenly armor we'll enter the land
 The battle belongs to the Lord
 No weapon that's fashioned against us will stand
 The battle belongs to the Lord
- 2, 4 We sing glory, honor, power, and strength to the Lord
6, 7, 8 We sing glory, honor, power, and strength to the Lord
- 3 When the power of darkness comes in like a flood
 The battle belongs to the Lord
 He's raised up a standard, the power of His blood
 The battle belongs to the Lord
- 5 When your enemy presses in hard do not fear
 The battle belongs to the Lord
 Take courage, my friend, your redemption is near
 The battle belongs to the Lord
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