



St. Luke's Lutheran Church



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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**THIRTEENTH 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

Living in a world of empty promises and fake offers, we can easily become jaded to the things of God. In our skepticism, the temptation is to treat the invitation of God the same way we meet the scams that fill our emails and text messages. But the Lord does not speak empty words nor does He give promises He will not keep. Faith rejoices in Him who is genuine and who genuinely supplies what we need. Because of this, we build our lives upon the firm ground of this hope.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. *Ephesians 5:8b–10*

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 – “As We Gather” Matthew 18:20

1, 2, 3 As we gather may Your Spirit work within us
As we gather may we glorify Your name
Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship
We'll be blessed because we came
We'll be blessed because we came

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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.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints;
C those who seek the LORD lack no good thing. Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

Silence for self-examination.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
C I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given to us His only Son to suffer and die for our salvation. 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.

P He who began this good work in you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peace be with you.

C And also with you.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

P Lord, have mercy,

C Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You have revealed Your truth to all in the person of Your Son and have bound Yourself to what He accomplished upon the cross. Give to us faith to trust in Your mercy and confidence to walk in His way to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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.**

Sit

OPENING SONG – “Raise a Hallelujah”

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 9:1-10

("The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.")

- ¹Wisdom has built her house;
she has hewn her seven pillars.
- ²She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine;
she has also set her table.
- ³She has sent out her young women to call
from the highest places in the town,
- ⁴"Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!"
To him who lacks sense she says,
- ⁵"Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
- ⁶Leave your simple ways, and live,
and walk in the way of insight."
- ⁷Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse,
and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury.
- ⁸Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you;
reprove a wise man, and he will love you.
- ⁹Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser;
teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.
- ¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalms 34:9, 19, alt.

L Fear the Lord, you his saints,

C for those who fear him lack nothing!

L Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

C but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 5:6-21

(Walk not as the unwise but as the wise in faith.)

⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not associate with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, ²⁰giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

John 6:68

P Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

C You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:51-69

(*"You have the words of eternal life."*)

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

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

⁵¹[Jesus said:] *"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."*

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So Jesus said to them, *"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. ⁵⁹Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever."* ⁵⁹Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" ⁶¹But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, *"Do you take offense at this? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But there are some of you who do not believe."* (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) ⁶⁵And he said, *"This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father."*

⁶⁶After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus said to the Twelve, *"Do you want to go away as well?"* ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

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.

G Amen.

OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

1. Please **send** your offerings to
St. Luke's Lutheran Church
4801 Anderson Avenue
Manhattan, KS 66503
2. **Electronic Funds Transfer**
Sign up through the church office.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: Ephesians 5:6–7 – “Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not become partners with them.” The wrath of a God is a real thing, and we would do well to reflect on this. We want to stay away from anything that would take us away from the Lord. As Mary replied to the angel Gabriel, “I am the handmaiden of the Lord, may it be to me according to your word” (Luke 1:38). We are the Lord's servants; therefore we cling to His Word.

OFFERTORY – “Create in Me a Clean Heart” Psalm 51:10-12

1, 3 Create in me a clean heart, O God
 And renew a right spirit within me
 Create in me a clean heart, O God
 And renew a right spirit within me

2, 4, 5 Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord
 And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me
 Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation
 And renew a right spirit within me

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Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Father, we thank You that You have sent the great Good Shepherd who has compassion on His flock. In His name, we lift up our prayers for the family of God; for every nation, tribe, people and language; and for all those who hunger for the true bread of life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Grant us always, O God, to work for the food that endures to eternal life. Bless the ministry of this congregation in our community, that many may embrace Jesus as the Christ and believe that He is the true bread of God who has come from heaven. Grant that we would never hunger or thirst for anything but Christ and His righteousness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, our God, we pray for Your blessing upon all homes and schools, especially the schools, universities and seminaries of our church. Bless all places where Your people gather to teach and learn Your Word, and help us to remember that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, You place men in positions of authority for the sake of order. Grant wisdom to our president, our governor our judges; those in law enforcement; and all who hold offices of public trust in our land, that they might not act for selfish gain but serve according to Your will for the benefit of all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Bestow Your power of healing upon the sick, [*especially* _____,] that in accordance with Your will, they may give thanks to Your name. Give Your Spirit of hope to the depressed, the lonely and those who mourn the death of loved ones. Strengthen their faith and assure them of Your presence in all circumstances. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Holy Father, Your Son assures us that His flesh is true food and His blood true drink, and that those who feed on Him will live forever because of Him. By Your Spirit, prepare our hearts to welcome Him as He comes to us in this Holy Supper, that we may rejoice in His promises and depart in His peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together 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, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

“Remember Me”

- 1 Remember me in a Bible cracked and faded by the years
Remember me in a sanctuary filled with silent prayer
- 2, 4 And age to age and heart to heart, bound by grace and peace
6 Child of wonder, child of God I remembered you, remember me
- 3 Remember me when the color of a sunset fills the sky
Remember me when you pray and tears of joy fall from your eyes
- 5 Remember me when the children leave their Sunday school with smiles
Remember me when they're old enough to teach
Old enough to preach, old enough to leave
- 7 Age to age and heart to heart, child of wonder, child of God
Remember me
Age to age and heart to heart, child of wonder, child of God
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“Shout to the Lord” 2 Corinthians 1:3, Psalm 98

- 1, 4 My Jesus, my Savior
 Lord there is none like You
 All of my days I want to praise
 The wonders of Your mighty love
- 2, 5 My comfort, my shelter
 Tower of refuge and strength
 Let every breath, all that I am
 Never cease to worship You
- 3, 6, 7 Shout to the Lord all the earth, let us sing
 Power and majesty praise to the King
 Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
 At the sound of Your name
 I sing for joy at the work of Your hands
 Forever I'll love You forever I'll stand
 Nothing compares to the promise I have in You
- 8 Nothing compares to the promise I have
 Nothing compares to the promise I have in You
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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 – "Because I'm Forgiven"

- 1 There's a reason why I bring You this simple offering
 Pouring out my love to You
 Though my heart cannot express all this joy and gratefulness
 Still I sing this song of love and thanks and praise
- 2, 5, 8 It's because I'm forgiven
 It's because I am free
 It's because You've shown me mercy and You believed in me
- 3, 6, 7 It's because You are my Savior
 It's because You are my friend
 And Your love it lifts me higher than I've ever been
- 4 Oh the wonder of Your ways, oh the measure of Your grace
 Greater than my heart can know
 So how could I not celebrate, how could I not bless Your name
 Singing out a song of love and thanks and praise
- 9, 10 It's because I'm forgiven
 It's because I am free
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