



**St. Luke's
Lutheran Church**



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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FOURTEENTH 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

Tradition is a profound gift, but it can also be a problem. When the works of our hands are at odds with the faith of our hearts or when the faith of our hearts no longer shapes our lives, we are in trouble. Jesus calls out the empty tradition that begs for faith and the timid faith that fears bold confession. In so doing, our Lord rightly places the gift and blessing of tradition, not the dead faith of the living but the living faith of the dead, to encourage us in our own believing.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this

That caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul! *LSB 543:1*

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 SONG - "Hallelujah, Your Love is Amazing"

- 1 Your love is amazing, steady, and unchanging
Your love is a mountain firm beneath my feet
Your love is a mystery, how You gently lift me
When I am surrounded Your love carries me
- 2, 4 Your love is surprising; I can feel it rising
All the joy that's growing deep inside of me
Every time I see You all Your goodness shines through
I can feel this God-song rising up in me
- 3, 5, 6, 7 Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, Your love makes me sing
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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** The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."
C **They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none who does good.**

Silence for self-examination.

P Holy and gracious God,
C I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that my heart may know peace.

P By the mercy of God, we are redeemed by Jesus Christ and in Him we are forgiven. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I 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 within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord 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.

Merciful Father, You have given us a marvelous testament to Your mercy in the person of Your Son and in the Scriptures that testify to Him. Help us to keep in holy hearts and minds the rich heritage of tradition, and guard us against empty words and works that proceed from hearts empty of faith; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

P We confess our faith together, using the words of the Apostles' Creed,

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.**

Sit

OPENING SONG - "Jesus Paid it All"

- 1 I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small.
Child of weakness, watch and pray. Find in Me thine all in all."
- 2 Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe
4, 6 Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow
- 3 Lord, now indeed I find Thy power and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone
- 5 And when before the throne I stand in Him complete
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat
- 7 Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow
He washed it white as snow, He washed it white as snow
- 8, 9 O praise the One who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead
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And raised this life up from the dead

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 29:11-19

("I will again do wonderful things with this people.")

¹¹The vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed." ¹²And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read."

¹³And the Lord said:

"Because this people draw near with their mouth
and honor me with their lips,
while their hearts are far from me,
and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men,

¹⁴therefore, behold, I will again
do wonderful things with this people,
with wonder upon wonder;
and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish,
and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden.”

¹⁵Ah, you who hide deep from the LORD your counsel,
whose deeds are in the dark,
and who say, “Who sees us? Who knows us?”

¹⁶You turn things upside down!
Shall the potter be regarded as the clay,
that the thing made should say of its maker,
“He did not make me”;
or the thing formed say of him who formed it,
“He has no understanding”?

¹⁷Is it not yet a very little while
until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field,
and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?

¹⁸In that day the deaf shall hear
the words of a book,
and out of their gloom and darkness
the eyes of the blind shall see.

¹⁹The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD,
and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 14

- L** ¹The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.”
C **They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds,
there is none who does good.**
- L** ²The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man,
C **to see if there are any who understand,
who seek after God.**
- L** ³They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt;
C **there is none who does good,
not even one.**
- L** ⁴Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers
C **who eat up my people as they eat bread
and do not call upon the LORD?**
- L** ⁵There they are in great terror,
C **for God is with the generation of the righteous.**
- L** ⁶You would shame the plans of the poor,
C **but the LORD is his refuge.**
- L** ⁷Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!
C **When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,
let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.**
- 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**

EPISTLE

Ephesians 5:22-33

(Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.)

²²Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰because we are members of his body. ³¹“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” ³²This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Jeremiah 15:16a

P Alleluia. Your words were found, and I ate them,

C and Your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart.
Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-13

("This people honors Me with their lips but their heart is far from Me.")

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

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

¹When the Pharisees gathered to [Jesus], with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, ²they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³(For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders, ⁴and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) ⁵And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?"

⁶And he said to them, *"Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,*

*"This people honors me with their lips,
but their heart is far from me;*

⁷in vain do they worship me,

teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'

⁸*You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men."*

⁹And he said to them, *"You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! ¹⁰For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.'* ¹¹*But you say, 'If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban' (that is, given to God)— ¹²then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, ¹³thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do."*

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. 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: Mark 7:11 – “But you say, ‘if a man tells his father or his mother, “Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban”’ (that is, given to God).” Each one of our vocations, in the home, in the church and in society, has a claim on our resources. The Pharisees thought that they could use the kingdom of God as an excuse to shirk their duty to their parents. But they were wrong. Of course, doing it the other way around would also be wrong. God has called us to be supportive of our families, our churches and our communities each in the proper proportion.

OFFERTORY - "O Lord, Your Tenderness" Isaiah 61:3

- 1, 2 O Lord, Your tenderness, melting all my bitterness
 O Lord, I receive Your love
 O Lord, Your loveliness, changing my unworthiness
 O Lord, I receive Your love
 O Lord, I receive Your love
 O Lord, I receive Your love
- 3 O Lord, I receive Your love
 O Lord, I receive Your love

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Guard Your people, O Lord, let not our hearts be empty of faith nor our minds filled with pride. Give us a healthy respect for the things of old, which we have received from those who have gone before and give us a living faith that trusts not in works but in Christ alone. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Give grace to Your church, that she be built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets and Christ the chief cornerstone, but also that she faithfully pass on the Gospel to those to come. Bless all pastors and church workers in their vocations to serve us with Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Give grace to the leaders of this and every land, that every people may enjoy good government, peace among the nations, security in their homes, and reward for virtue. Bless us in our service to our neighbor and those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P Give grace to the catechumens and to the newly baptized, that they diligently seek the instruction of Your Word to grow in the knowledge of our Lord and so become steadfast and immovable in the face of challenge or temptation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give grace to those afflicted in body or mind that they may rest their cares upon You and be kept strong in the day of trouble, [*especially . . .*], and those we name in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Additional prayers and petitions may be added.

P Give grace so that we may be grateful for Your blessings new every morning and we may be generous in sharing from Your abundant gifts to those in need. Be with the unemployed and those just entering the workforce, that our labors may be fruitful for our benefit and for Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give grace that we may not disdain the living faith of the dead whose witness daily encourages our own faithfulness nor abandon the sacred tradition we have received but keep it with holy hearts and confess it with bold voices. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, both now and forever.

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 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 SONG - "Go Light Your World"

- 1 There is a candle in every soul
 Some brightly burning, some dark and cold
 There is a Spirit who brings fire
 Ignites a candle and makes His home
- 2, 7 Carry your candle, run to the darkness
 Seek out the hopeless, confused, and torn
 Hold out your candle for all to see it
 Take your candle, and go light your world
 Take your candle, and go light your world
- 3 Frustrated brother, see how he's tried to
 Light his own candle some other way
 See now your sister, she's been robbed and lied to
 Still holds a candle without a flame
- 4 Carry your candle, run to the darkness
 Seek out the lonely, the tired and worn
 Hold out your candle for all to see it
 Take your candle, and go light your world
 Take your candle, and go light your world
- 5 We are a family whose hearts are blazing
 So let's raise our candles and light up the sky
 Praying to our Father, in the name of Jesus
 Make us a beacon in darkest times
- 6 Carry your candle, run to the darkness
 Seek out the helpless, deceived and poor
 Hold out your candle for all to see it
 Take your candle, and go light your world

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