



## **St. Luke's Lutheran Church**



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

**Sunday, September 8, 2024 – 11:00 AM**

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**SIXTEENTH 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**

Since the fall and expulsion from Eden, the ramifications of sin have been quite evident. People do not have to be worse sinners than anyone else to become blind, deaf, lame, or mute. They need not sin more than other people to find themselves unfairly treated in court. How can those problems be reversed? It takes God's power. The Gospel tells of how Jesus cast out demons and healed the deaf. He seeks to make such great reversals today! Through the letter to James, we, God's faith-filled people, are encouraged to treat our neighbors as ourselves and do more than give them lip service. But the inability of the disciples to exorcize a demon is a startling reminder that all things are possible only for God, to whom we must entrust all our problems.

## **IMAGE ON THE COVER**

A woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of Him and came and fell down at His feet. . . . "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Mark 7:25, 28

## **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 - "This is the Day" Psalm 118:24

	<u>Praise &amp; Worship Team</u>	<u>Congregation</u>
1, 2, 3	This is the day That the Lord hath made We will rejoice And be glad in it	This is the day That the Lord hath made We will rejoice And be glad in it

All: This is the day that the Lord hath made  
We will rejoice and be glad in it

This is the day

This is the day

All: That the Lord hath made

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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.

## OPENING SENTENCES

*Psalm 146:7b–8; James 2:17–18*

**P** The LORD sets the prisoners free;

**C** the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

**P** The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

**C** the LORD loves the righteous.

**P** So also faith by itself,

**C** if it does not have works, is dead.

- P** But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.”
- C** **Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- 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.**

## **LORD, HAVE MERCY**

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

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- P** Let us pray.
- Grant us strength that comes from vibrant faith, O Lord.
- C** **By Your power and guidance, move us to show forth our faith with words and deeds of loving service;**
- 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.**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

- P** God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ.  
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
- 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*

## THE PRESENTATION OF 3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE BIBLES

**P** In Holy Baptism God the Father made us members of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. We continue to grow in our faith by the power of the Spirit working through the Word.

*(Pastor hands out Bibles to parents).*

**P** Because the Word of God is a means of grace by which the Holy Spirit works in our lives, today we place this Word of God into your hands so that you in turn will place this Word of God into the hands of your children.

**P** Do you believe the Bible is the Word of God? If so, then say: I believe.

**R** I believe.

**P** Do you believe that the Holy Spirit will work through the Word of God to help your child grow in faith toward God and in fervent love toward others? If so, then say: I believe.

**R** I believe.

**P** Do you believe that the Word of God is a treasure from God that is to be passed on from one generation to the next? If so, then say: I believe.

**R** I believe.

**P** Then place the Holy Scriptures into the hands of your child.

*(Parent or Guardian hands Bible to their child at this time).*

**P** Will you help your child to read the Holy Scriptures and to grow in faith and love so that through the power of the Holy Spirit the Scriptures may be blessing to your child? If so, then say: I will, with the help of God.

**R** I will, with the help of God.

**P** Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, in Holy Baptism You began Your good work in these children. Continue to bless them with Your Holy Spirit that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of Your Word. Increase in them their love toward you and one another. Enable them to resist all evil and to live a godly life. We pray that they would remain faithful to You and finally come to life everlasting; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

**C** Amen.

**P** Go in peace dedicated to grow in the knowledge of God through His Word.

*(Families may return to their seats)*

### **OPENING SONG** – “Glorious Day”

1 One day when heaven was filled with His praises  
One day when sin was as black as could be  
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin  
Dwelt among men, my example is He  
Word became flesh and the Light shined among us  
His glory revealed

2, 4, 6, 8 Living, He loved me  
Dying, He saved me  
Buried, He carried my sins far away  
Rising, He justified freely forever  
One day He’s coming  
Oh glorious day, oh glorious day

- 3 One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain  
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree  
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected  
Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He  
Hands that healed nations stretched out on a tree  
And took the nails for me
- 5 One day the grave could conceal Him no longer  
One day the stone rolled away from the door  
Then He arose, over death He had conquered  
Now He's ascended, my Lord evermore  
Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him  
From rising again
- 7 One day the trumpet will sound for His coming  
One day the skies with His glories will shine  
Wonderful day, my Beloved One, bringing  
My Savior, Jesus, is mine

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## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Isaiah 35:4-7a*

*(God will come; His people will be saved.)*

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart,

“Be strong; fear not!

Behold, your God

will come with vengeance,  
with the recompense of God.

He will come and save you.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;

<sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water.



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

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

## PSALM

*Psalm 146; antiphon: v.2*

**L** <sup>2</sup>I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

**C** **I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

**L** <sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

**C** **Praise the LORD, O my soul!**

**L** <sup>2</sup>I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

**C** **I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

**L** <sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in princes,

**C** **in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.**

**L** <sup>4</sup>When his breath departs he returns to the earth;

**C** **on that very day his plans perish.**

**L** <sup>5</sup>Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

**C** **whose hope is in the LORD his God,**

**L** <sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them,

**C** **who keeps faith forever;**

**L** <sup>7</sup>who executes justice for the oppressed,

**C** **who gives food to the hungry.**

**The LORD sets the prisoners free;**

**L** <sup>8</sup>the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

**C** **The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.**

**L** <sup>9</sup>The LORD watches over the sojourners;  
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,  
**C** **but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

**L** <sup>10</sup>The LORD will reign forever,  
**C** **your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!**

**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>2</sup>I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
**C** **I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

## **EPISTLE**

*James 2:1-10, 14-18*

*(Love your neighbor as yourself. Faith without works is dead.)*

<sup>1</sup>My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. <sup>2</sup>For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," <sup>4</sup>have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

<sup>8</sup>If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

<sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. . . .

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? <sup>17</sup>So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

<sup>18</sup>But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*Psalm 147:2-3*

**P** Alleluia. The Lord builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel.

**C** He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Mark 7:24-37*

*(Jesus exorcises a demon and heals a blind man.)*

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord

<sup>24</sup>From there [Jesus] arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. <sup>25</sup>But immediately a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.

<sup>27</sup>And he said to her, *“Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.”* <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, “Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.”

<sup>29</sup>And he said to her, *“For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter.”* <sup>30</sup>And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, *“Ephphatha,”* that is, *“Be opened.”* <sup>35</sup>And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

**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:** James 2:2 – “For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in ...” God shows no partiality: rich and poor alike are called into the kingdom. And both rich and poor alike have something to contribute to the kingdom in accordance with the callings God has given them in their lives. This is why both the Old and New Testaments talk about proportional giving — that is, giving a proportion of our income to the Lord's work. This makes it possible for rich and poor alike to have the honor of supporting God's work.

## OFFERTORY - “Seek Ye First” Matthew 6:33

- 1, 4 Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness  
And all these things shall be added unto you  
Allelu, alleluia
- 2 Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word  
That proceeds from the mouth of God  
Allelu, alleluia
- 3 Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you  
Allelu, alleluia

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## INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS, BASIC TEACHERS, AND ELC TEACHERS

### ADDRESS *(The pastor addresses those to be installed)*

**P** Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, you are to be installed as Sunday School Teachers, BASIC Teachers, and ELC Teachers, a work in which our Father in heaven has great joy.

Hear the Word of the Lord:

<sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. ***Colossians 3:15-17***

**P** Beloved in the Lord, You are to assist me, the minister of Word and Sacrament, in the instruction of God's people according to His holy Word. You are to prepare yourselves for this work by your individual and corporate study of the Word of God and the faith drawn from it as it has been delivered to us in the Small Catechism.

While holiness of life and obedience to Christ are expected of all members of the congregation, it is especially important that you 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 position 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** *(The pastor addresses to the congregation)*

**P** Beloved in the Lord, you have heard the promises of faithfulness spoken by these individuals. 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 Sunday School Teachers, BASIC Teachers, and ELC Teachers at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## **BLESSING**

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

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

## **PRAYER**

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, grant to these Your people the gifts of wisdom and discretion, kindness and faithfulness, so that they may effectively teach and guide, and grant to all Your people a ready willingness to learn. Let the knowledge of Your Word be preserved and extended among us so that all may know and praise You now and forever; 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.

*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

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**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.

We pray for Your guidance and impetus to use our gifts and even ourselves in service to the needs of those around us and people in other parts of the world. Use us to meet the physical and spiritual needs of these people, for whom You offered Yourself as sacrifice for sin. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer**

**P** We pray for Your healing, comfort, freedom, and sustenance to each person in need of compassionate care and basic necessities. We especially include those near and dear to us, [*including . . .*]. Use us as part of Your answer to prayer. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We pray for Your protection and opportunity for ourselves here and for the church around the world as we bring the Gospel to bear on many circumstances. We ask You to be with all who work with us, protecting them and our nation, offering goods and services from our bounty, and attracting many to hear about, believe in, and grow closer to our Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

**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** - "This is Our God"

1 Remember those walls that we called sin and shame  
They were like prisons that we couldn't escape  
But He came and He died and He rose  
Those walls are rubble now  
Remember those giants we called death and grave  
They were like mountains that stood in our way  
But He came and He died and He rose  
Those giants are dead now

2, 4, 8 This is our God, this is who He is  
He loves us  
This is our God, this is what He does  
He saves us  
He bore the cross, beat the grave  
Let heaven and earth proclaim  
This is our God, King Jesus

3 Remember that fear that took our breath away  
Faith so weak that we could barely pray  
But He heard every word, every whisper  
Now those altars in the wilderness  
Tell the story of His faithfulness  
Never once did He fail and He never will

5, 6 Who pulled me out of that pit?  
He did, He did  
Who paid for all of our sin?  
Nobody but Jesus

- 7           Who rescued me from that grave?  
              Yahweh Yahweh  
              Who gets the glory and praise  
              Nobody but Jesus  
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- 9           He bore the cross, beat the grave  
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