



St. Luke's Lutheran Church



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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**EIGHTEENTH 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

Jeremiah didn't have it easy, confronting enemies of himself and of God. Even his friends have betrayed him! So the prophet relies on God's faithful promises, just as David had to do as he wrote today's Psalm, which announces, "God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life." We need not quarrel and become angry with the world around us, James writes in the Epistle. God responds better to those who have "the meekness of wisdom." Our Lord was faithful in His earthly ministry despite betrayal from one of the His followers. In today's Gospel He teaches the Twelve about true greatness even when they cannot understand His coming execution and resurrection. It is His faithfulness for us that buoys us up in the face of the conflicts around us. And that's what we celebrate today.

IMAGE

[The disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. And [Jesus] did not want anyone to know, for He was teaching His disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And when He is killed, after three days He will rise." *Mark 9:30–31*

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 – “He is Exalted” Psalm 99:9

1, 2 He is exalted, the King is exalted on high, I will praise Him
 He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise His name
 He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign
 Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name
 He is exalted, the King is exalted on high

3 He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign
 Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name
 He is exalted, the King is exalted on high
 He is exalted, the King is exalted on high

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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 54:1-2

P O God, save me, by Your name,

C and vindicate me by Your might.

P O God, hear my prayer;

C give ear to the words of my mouth.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Let us confess our sins to our heavenly Father.

C **Almighty God, I confess all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. I have relied on my own strength to endure during temptation and persecution rather than Your faithful protection. I am sorry for these my faults and ask Your forgiveness and pardon that I may return Your faithfulness with ongoing reliance of faith.**

P In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. God grant deliverance from every trouble and set your feet to walk in His ways now and always.

C **Amen.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

P Lord, have mercy,

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C Our heavenly Father, who has ordered all things in heaven and earth,
grant us, Your servants, such faith that nothing will separate us from our trust in Your gracious deliverance;

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

OPENING SONG – “Great I Am”

- 1 I want to be close, close to Your side
So Heaven is real and death is a lie
I want to hear voices of angels above singing as one
- 2, 4 Hallelujah, holy, holy
6, 7 God Almighty, the great I Am
Who is worthy, none beside Thee
God Almighty, the great I Am
- 3 I want to be near, near to Your heart
Loving the world and hating the dark
I want to see dry bones living again singing as one
- 5 The mountains shake before You, the demons run in fear
At the mention of the name King of Majesty
There is no power in hell or any who can stand
Before the power and the presence of the great I Am
Great I Am, great I Am

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 11:18-20

(The prophet asks God's help in defending him against a plot.)

¹⁸The LORD made it known to me and I knew;
then you showed me their deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

I did not know it was against me
they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
that his name be remembered no more.”

²⁰But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously,
who tests the heart and the mind,
let me see your vengeance upon them,
for to you have I committed my cause.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 54; antiphon: v. 4

L ⁴Behold, God is my helper;

C **the Lord is the upholder of my life.**

L ¹O God, save me, by your name,

C **and vindicate me by your might.**

L ²O God, hear my prayer;

C **give ear to the words of my mouth.**

L ³For strangers have risen against me;
ruthless men seek my life;

C **they do not set God before themselves.**

L ⁴Behold, God is my helper;
C **the Lord is the upholder of my life.**

L ⁵He will return the evil to my enemies;
C **in your faithfulness put an end to them.**

L ⁶With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you;
C **I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

L ⁷For he has delivered me from every trouble,
C **and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.**

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 ⁴Behold, God is my helper;
C **the Lord is the upholder of my life.**

EPISTLE

James 3:13-4:10

(James teaches that submission to God means opposition to worldly ways.)

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

¹What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you?

²You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁴You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

⁵Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? ⁶But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Mark 9:35b

P Alleluia. If anyone would be first,

C he must be last of all and servant of all. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

(Jesus tells the Twelve about His coming crucifixion and then uses a child to teach about true greatness.)

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

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

³⁰[The disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. And [Jesus] did not want anyone to know, ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, *“The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.”* ³²But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

³³And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, *“What were you discussing on the way?”* ³⁴But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest.

³⁵And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, *“If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.”* ³⁶And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷*“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”*

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
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4801 Anderson Avenue
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2. **Electronic Funds Transfer**
Sign up through the church office.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: Mark 9:32 – “But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.” The disciples really do hold up a mirror to our faces and force us to see ourselves: misunderstanding, afraid, confused. But the Word of God is clear if only we will listen with open ears. What was blocking the disciples' ears? The Gospels tell us time and again: they did not expect a suffering Christ, and so when Jesus spoke of suffering, they plugged their ears and didn't listen, so they ended up confused and scared. What about us? What's in the Word of God that we find hard to hear and contrary to our desires and expectations? That might just be exactly what we need to hear!

OFFERTORY - “Only by Grace” Hebrews 4:16

- 1, 4, 7 Only by grace can we enter, only by grace can we stand
Not by our human endeavor, but by the blood of the Lamb
Into Your presence You draw us, You call us to come
Into Your presence You draw us and now by Your grace we come
Now by Your grace we come
- 2, 3, 5, 6 Lord, if You mark our transgressions who would stand?
Thanks to Your grace we are cleansed by the blood of the Lamb
- 8, 9 Now by Your grace we come
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RECEIVE INTO MEMBERSHIP

Preston, Sarah, Jack, and Graham Schotte

P Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: “Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.” Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

R *Yes, I do.*

P Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?

R *Yes, I believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from them and confessed in the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

R *I do.*

P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord’s Supper faithfully?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you desire to become a member of this congregation?

R *I do.*

P Will you support the work our gracious Lord has given this congregation with your prayers and the gifts God has given you?

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

P Upon this your confession of faith, I acknowledge publicly that you are [a member/members] of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation. Receive the Lord's Supper and participate with us in all the blessings of salvation that our Lord has given to His Church, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Stand

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that by Your Word and Spirit they may continue steadfast in the one true faith in the fellowship of this congregation as together we await the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P The grace of our ✠ Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

C Amen.

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. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, You have taken us from all nations and united us in the Body of Your Son. Send Your Holy Spirit to rid Your children of all bitter jealousy, boasting and selfish ambition. Fill the baptized with Your wisdom, that we may lead peaceable lives with sincerity and love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord of hosts, give our Synod's leaders and all pastors the wisdom that comes down from above, that they may be peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial, and sincere. Let them sow among us in peace, and grant a harvest of righteousness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Uphold this world in Your order. Preserve the Church and the preaching of Your Word against all enemies. Bless our homes, that parents and children may serve one another faithfully and grow in instruction and faith until life's end. Give health and wisdom to all who serve in public office, that their authority may be exercised for the benefit of our people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Lord, in Your lovingkindness You do not abandon Your children to suffer alone but promise to care for all who call upon Your name. Bless the homebound, the lonely, the depressed and anxious, those preparing for surgery, the ill and the dying [*and especially those who desire our prayers: _____*]. Comfort them in their distress, heal all their ills of body and soul, and grant them Your peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Father, grant that what we ask from You may not be squandered after our passions but sought rightly in faith, that we may receive them and put them into service for You and our neighbors. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Into Your hands, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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 PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; 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 – “Beautiful One”

1 Wonderful, so wonderful is Your unfailing love
Your cross is spoken mercy over me
No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no heart can fully know
How glorious, how beautiful You are

2, 4, 5 Beautiful One I love
8, 9, 10 Beautiful One I adore
Beautiful One, my soul must sing

3 Powerful, so powerful Your glory fills the skies
Your mighty works displayed for all to see
The beauty of Your majesty awakes my heart to sing
How marvelous, how wonderful You are

6, 7 You opened my eyes to Your wonders anew
You captured my heart with this love
‘Cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as You
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