

# St. Luke's Lutheran Church



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

## Saturday, September 21, 2024 – 6:00 рм Sunday, September 22, 2024 – 8:30 AM

Rev. Michael J. Schmidt, Sr. Pastor William Prann, Director of Christian Education Gretchen Hartsook, Director of Music

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#### 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, <u>office@stlukesmanhattan.org</u>, 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**

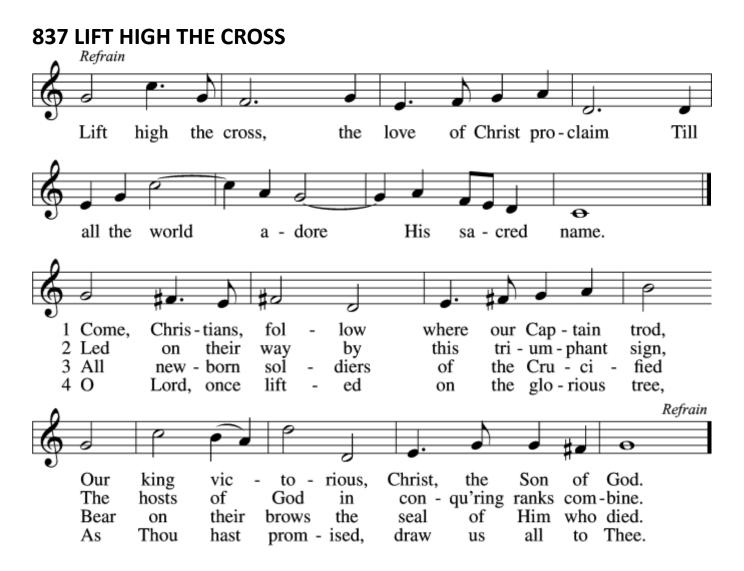
Jeremiah didn't have it easy, confronting enemies of himself and of God. Even his friends have betrayed him! So the prophet relies on God's faithful promises, just as David had to do as he wrote today's Psalm, which announces, "God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life." We need not quarrel 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

#### WELCOME

## **₩PREPARATION**



5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell

Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain

 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain
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#### Stand

The sign of the cross 🕂 may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

### INVOCATION

■ In the name of the Father and of the 🕂 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

#### **EXHORTATION**

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

#### (Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

#### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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.

#### ABSOLUTION

- 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.

**P** 

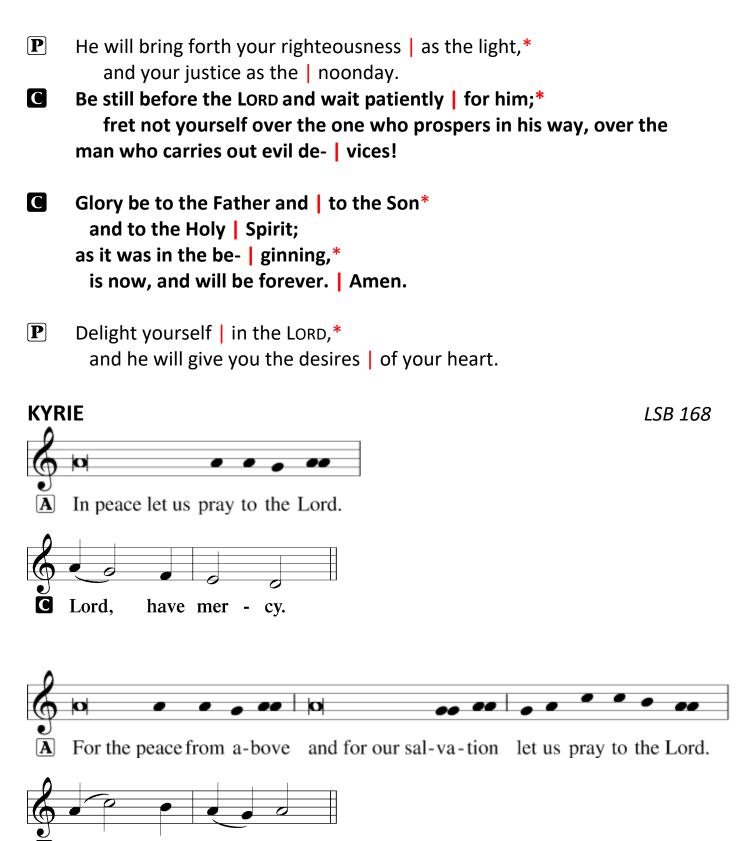
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- Delight yourself | in the LORD,\* and he will give you the desires | of your heart.
- C Commit your way | to the LORD;\* trust in him, and | he will act.

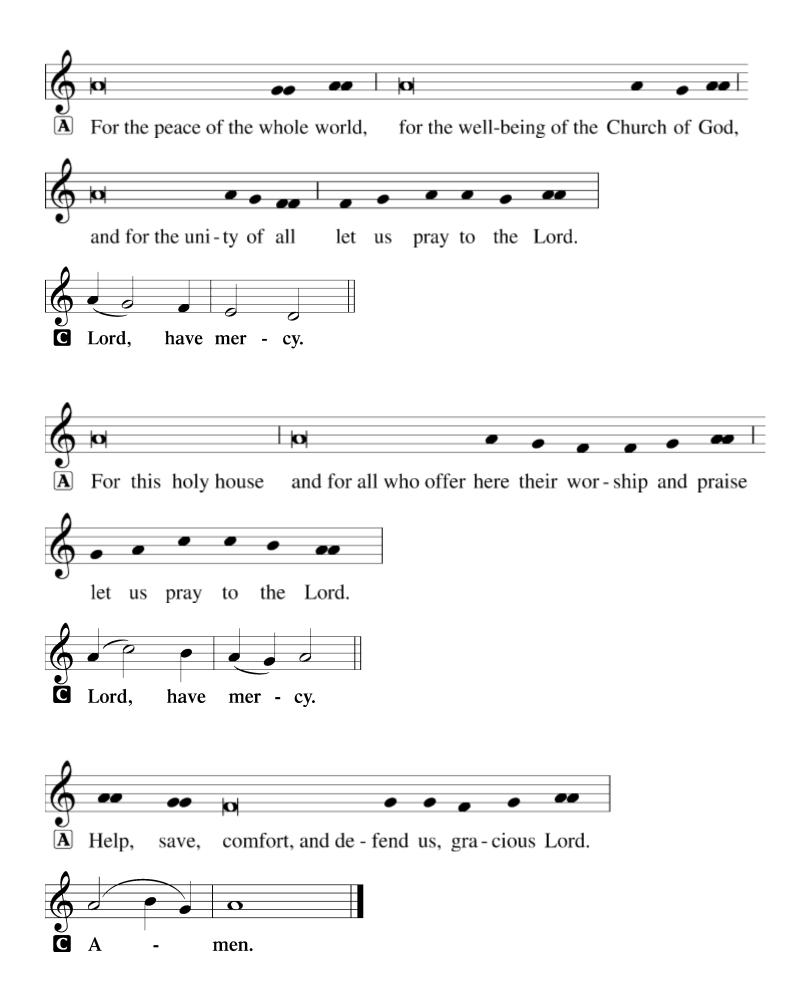
## ₩WORD ₩

Psalm 145:1-3, 6-7; antiphon: v. 5

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**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



947 ALL GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH



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#### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.



**P** Let us pray.

Our heavenly Father, who has ordered all things in heaven and earth,

**G** 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.



Sit

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

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

<sup>18</sup>The LORD made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds.
<sup>19</sup>But 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."
<sup>20</sup>But, 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

- **L** <sup>4</sup>Behold, God is my helper;
- **C** the Lord is the upholder of my life.
- L <sup>1</sup>O God, save me, by your name,
- **C** and vindicate me by your might.
- $\mathbf{L}$  <sup>2</sup>O God, hear my prayer;
- **C** give ear to the words of my mouth.
- L <sup>3</sup>For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men seek my life;
- **C** they do not set God before themselves.
- **L** <sup>4</sup>Behold, God is my helper;
- **C** the Lord is the upholder of my life.

Psalm 54; antiphon: v. 4

L	<sup>5</sup> He will return the evil to my enemies;
C	in your faithfulness put an end to them.
L	<sup>6</sup> With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you;
C	I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.
L	<sup>7</sup> For 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	<sup>4</sup> Behold, God is my helper;
С	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.)

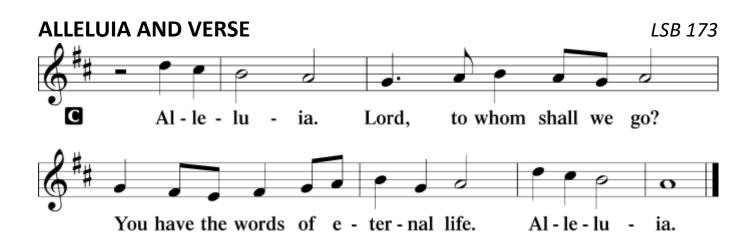
<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>This is not the wisdom that comes down from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

<sup>1</sup>What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and guarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. <sup>4</sup>You 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.

<sup>5</sup>Or 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"? <sup>6</sup>But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup>Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup>Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

#### Stand



#### HOLY GOSPEL

#### Mark 9:30-37

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



<sup>30</sup>[The disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. And [Jesus] did not want anyone to know, <sup>31</sup>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."* <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" <sup>34</sup>But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>And 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." <sup>36</sup>And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."



## **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

#### LAMB'S MESSAGE

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#### SERMON

#### VOTUM

- The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C Amen.

### OFFERING

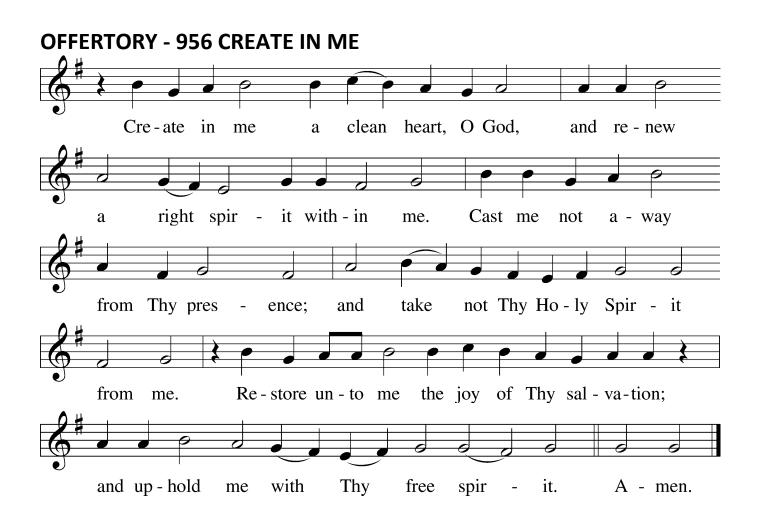
There are several ways to give.

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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!



#### Stand

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

- 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.
- 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,
   hear our prayer.

- 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.

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.
- 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

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**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

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.



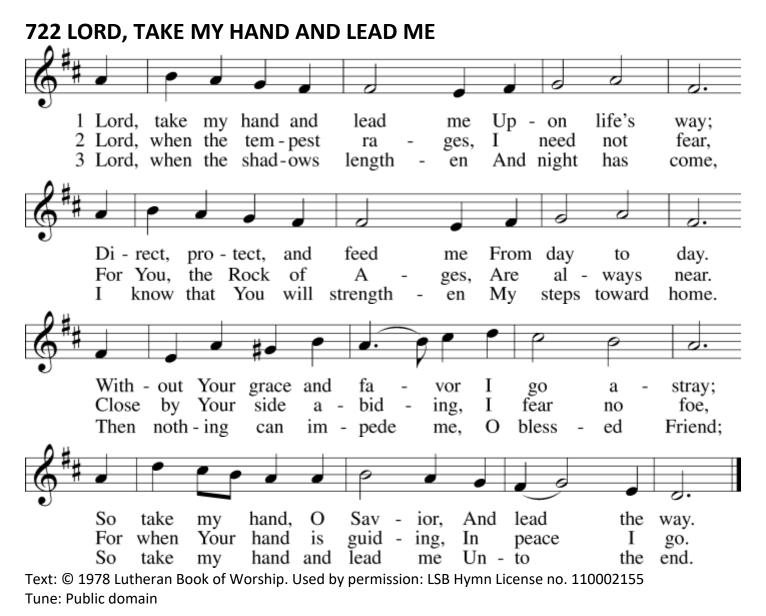
#### BENEDICTION

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 H give you peace.



#### **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".



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