



**St. Luke's  
Lutheran Church**



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

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**ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS**

**(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**

The curiosity we have about angels sometimes displaces the comfort God intends. Just as Satan is real, working against God and His people, so also the power of God is real and greater than Satan and all his minions. Furthermore, God has given to angels the responsibility for protecting those whom Christ has redeemed with His blood. The victory of the angels in banishing Satan and those allied with him from heaven portends the greater victory of Jesus over Satan, once for all, bringing heaven's victory to you and to me.

## **IMAGE ON THE COVER**

See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. For the Son of Man came to save the lost. *Matthew 18:10–11*

## **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** – Special Music

A Joyful Sound

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

*Stand*

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

## **BAPTISM SERVICE**

*The candidate, sponsors, and family gather with the pastor at the font.*

*When candidate is unable to speak for themselves, the sponsors answer the questions on their behalf.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 28:19) In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” (Mark 16:16a) And the apostle Peter has written, “Baptism now saves you.” (1 Peter 3:21)

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, (1 John 2:2) that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16).

*The pastor addresses each candidate:*

**P** How are you named?

**R** Ethan Spencer Willsey

*The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of each candidate while saying:*

**P** Ethan Spencer Willsey, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✠ forehead and upon your ✠ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all (1 Peter 3:20). You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism (Ex. 15:4; 1 Cor. 10:2). Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Ethan Spencer Willsey according to Your boundless mercy and bless him with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in him, which has been inherited from Adam and which he himself has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that he be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, he would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

*The pastor addresses the sponsor.*

**P** Is it your intention to serve Ethan Spencer Willsey as a sponsor in the Christian faith?

**R** *Yes, with the help of God.*

**P** God enable you to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, *“Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.”* And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them (Mark 10:13-16).

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

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

## LORD'S PRAYER

**P** We pray the Lord's Prayer together.

**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.

**P** The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time  
forth and even † forevermore.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

*The pastor addresses the candidate and asks the following questions:*

**P** Ethan Spencer Willsey, do you renounce the devil?

**R** *Yes, I renounce him.*

**P** Do you renounce all his works?

**R** *Yes, I renounce them.*

**P** Do you renounce all his ways?

**R** *Yes, I renounce them.*

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Do you believe 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?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Do you 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?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Ethan Spencer Willsey, do you desire to be baptized?

**R** *Yes, I do.*

*The pastor pours water three times on the head of each candidate while saying:*

**P** Ethan Spencer Willsey, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

*The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized while saying:*

**P** The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** The white garment that you wear today symbolizes that you have been clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness (Is. 61:10; Rev. 7:13, 14; 19:13; 22:14) that covers all your sin. So shall you stand without fear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you from the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1:4).

**P** The burning light(s) show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world (John 8:12). Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb (Rev. 19:9) in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

**P** In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir (Romans 8:17) with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brother in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9).

**C** **Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.**

*Stand*

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Ethan Spencer Willsey the new birth in Holy Baptism and made him a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom (Romans 8:17). We humbly implore You that, as he has now become Your child, You would keep him in his baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure he may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Peace ☩ be with you.

**C** **Amen.**

*All return to their places.*



## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Matthew 22:37, 39; Philipians 1:6*

**P** Let us pray.

O Merciful Lord whose love invites us, though our hearts and hands are unclean, cleanse and renew us by Your grace, for You are the God of our salvation and it is Your joy and gift to grant us forgiveness and new life: through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ said, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind” and “Love your neighbor as yourself.” This is both what the Law demands and what our Christian lives seek. Consider now how your lives have reflected these commands.

### *Silence for meditation and reflection*

**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. 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.

**P** May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in 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.

God of power and might, St. Michael and all Your angels did Your bidding and won the heavenly battle until Your Son, Jesus Christ, ended the reign of Satan and gave victory to those whom He has redeemed with His blood. Guard us by the watchful care of Your holy angels now that we may be protected from the assault of the evil one and defended by Your grace to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

*Sit*

## **OPENING SONG – “The Hurt and the Healer”**

- 1        Why? The question that is never far away  
          But healing doesn't come from the explained  
          Jesus please don't let this go in vain  
          You're all I have, all that remains
- 2, 5     So here I am, what's left of me  
          Where glory meets my suffering
- 3, 6, 8 I'm alive  
          Even though a part of me has died  
          You take my heart and breathe it back to life  
          I fall into Your arms open wide  
          When the hurt and the healer collide
- 4        Breathe, sometimes I feel it's all that I can do  
          Pain so deep that I can hardly move  
          Just keep my eyes completely fixed on You  
          Lord take hold and pull me through
- 7        It's the moment when humanity  
          Is overcome by majesty  
          When grace is ushered in for good  
          And all the scars are understood  
          When mercy takes its rightful place  
          And all these questions fade away  
          When out of the weakness we must bow  
          And hear You say "It's over now"
- 9, 10    Jesus come and break my fear  
          Awake my heart and take my tears  
          Find Your glory even here  
          When the hurt and the healer collide

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Daniel 10:10-14, 12:1-3*

*(The promise of God to send St. Michael the archangel to have charge over god's people.)*

<sup>10</sup>And behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. <sup>11</sup>And he said to me, "O Daniel, man greatly loved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you." And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling. <sup>12</sup>Then he said to me, "Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. <sup>13</sup>The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia, <sup>14</sup>and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come. . . ."

<sup>1</sup>"At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. <sup>2</sup>And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

PSALM

- L** <sup>1</sup>He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
**C** **will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.**
- L** <sup>2</sup>I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress,  
**C** **my God, in whom I trust.”**
- L** <sup>3</sup>For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler  
**C** **and from the deadly pestilence.**
- L** <sup>4</sup>He will cover you with his pinions,  
and under his wings you will find refuge;  
**C** **his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**
- L** <sup>5</sup>You will not fear the terror of the night,  
**C** **nor the arrow that flies by day,**
- L** <sup>6</sup>nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,  
**C** **nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.**
- L** <sup>7</sup>A thousand may fall at your side,  
ten thousand at your right hand,  
**C** **but it will not come near you.**
- L** <sup>8</sup>You will only look with your eyes  
**C** **and see the recompense of the wicked.**
- L** <sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—  
**C** **the Most High, who is my refuge—**
- L** <sup>10</sup>no evil shall be allowed to befall you,  
**C** **no plague come near your tent.**
- L** <sup>11</sup>For he will command his angels concerning you  
**C** **to guard you in all your ways.**

**L** <sup>12</sup>On their hands they will bear you up,  
**C** lest you strike your foot against a stone.

**L** <sup>13</sup>You will tread on the lion and the adder;  
**C** the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

**L** <sup>14</sup>“Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him;  
**C** I will protect him, because he knows my name.

**L** <sup>15</sup>When he calls to me, I will answer him;  
I will be with him in trouble;  
**C** I will rescue him and honor him.

**L** <sup>16</sup>With long life I will satisfy him  
**C** and show him my salvation.”

**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

*Revelation 12:7-12*

*(“Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come.”)*

<sup>7</sup>Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, <sup>8</sup>but he was defeated and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. <sup>9</sup>And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. <sup>10</sup>And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. <sup>11</sup>And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. <sup>12</sup>Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Revelation 12:11

- P** Alleluia. They have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony,  
**C** for they loved not their lives even unto death. Alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:1-11

*(Do not despise the little ones for their angels always see the face of the Father in heaven.)*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.  
**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" <sup>2</sup>And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them <sup>3</sup>and said, *"Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.*

*<sup>5</sup>"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, <sup>6</sup>but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.*

*<sup>7</sup>"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! <sup>8</sup>And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. <sup>9</sup>And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.*

*<sup>10</sup>"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>11</sup>For the Son of Man came to save the lost."*

- 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:** Mark 9:45 – “And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell.” So what is causing us to sin? Lust? Greed? Fear? Better to cut it off! We need the Lord's help to do this — and you are in the right place this Lord's Day to receive that help through Word and Sacrament!

## OFFERTORY - "You're Always There"

1 Lord, God, You are so wondrous  
Gently shaping every mountainside  
Giving life to creatures great and small  
Sharing a yearning that can't be denied

2, 5 On the road, along the way  
Through the trials of each day  
We're reaching out to You  
And You are always there for us

3, 6 You're always there  
Always there when we are hurting  
Always there when things go wrong  
You always care  
For the weary and the burdened  
In our weakness You're so strong  
(3 You're always there)

4 Lord, God, You are our strength within  
You are the pillars guarding over us  
You're the doorway where our love begins  
You are the Father in whose arms we trust

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*Stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** God of power and might, as once You sent Your angels under Michael's command to banish Satan from heaven, so now through Your holy angels protect us from the devil and all his works and all his ways. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Deliver Your people, O Lord, from their fears, and give them courage in time of threat, boldness to give witness to Christ, and peace amid all troubles. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Guard and guide Your church, O Lord, established by the blood of Christ and kept by Your promise, that there may be ministers who speak Your name and teach Your Word and willing ears and hearts to receive this instruction. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Confound and foil the purposes of evil in our world and give to those who lead us wisdom and discernment from Your Word and Spirit that they may govern according to Your will and for our best interest. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Give aid and comfort to those afflicted in any way that they may have healing according to Your will and patience to endure the day of trouble, [*especially . . .*]. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** To the grieving, give Your peace that those who grieve may not sorrow as a people without hope but with the comfort of Your promise as their consolation, [*especially . . .*]. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Deliver us from the days of our trouble, keep us in perfect peace, and grant us strength to endure to the day of Christ's coming, when at last we shall be one people before our one God, and the enemies of Christ and of His people shall trouble us no more. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Remembering Your grace and having confidence in Your mercy, we plead the merits and mercies of Christ alone and pray You to teach our hearts to be content with the answer Your fatherly wisdom will grant us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

### **CONCLUDING COLLECT**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, in Your steadfast love and mercy You have granted us the gift of Your Son that by His victory on the cross, we may belong to You forever. We give You thanks for also surrounding us with St. Michael and all angels, that we may not be alone in the face of temptation and trial but, by Your grace, endure to the end and be saved, enjoying the ministrations of Your messengers until we rest in Your eternal presence; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**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 – “This Is Amazing Grace”**

1      Who breaks the power of sin and darkness  
          Whose love is mighty and so much stronger  
          The King of Glory, the King above all kings  
          Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder  
          Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder  
          The King of Glory, the King above all kings

2, 4, 6 This is amazing grace  
          This is unfailing love  
          That You would take my place  
          That You would bear my cross  
          You laid down Your life  
          That I would be set free  
          Oh, Jesus I sing for  
          All that You've done for me

3      Who brings our chaos back into order  
          Who makes the orphan a son and daughter  
          The King of Glory, the King above all kings  
          Who rules the nations with truth and justice  
          Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance  
          The King of Glory, the King above all kings

5      Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
          Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
          Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
          Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
          Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
          Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
          Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
          Worthy, worthy, worthy oh

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