

READY TO *serve*

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St. Luke's Lutheran Church



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

Sunday, October 6, 2024 – 11:00 AM

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LWML SUNDAY

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

This year's Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday theme is "Ready to Serve" based on Luke 1:38. As redeemed children of God, Lutheran Women in Mission give thanks for the opportunity to serve others as we have been served, to proclaim that Jesus is our Lord and that He came for all nations, and to respond with our mite offerings to support God's mission. Our example has been the widow and her mites. The offering she made was observed by our Lord leading Him to share that her copper coins, her mites, were "everything she had, all she had to live on" (Mark 12:43). May our mite offerings be blessed for our Lord's kingdom.

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 – “Let All the World Sing Praises” Luke 19:40

1 If we keep silent the rocks will cry out
 Blessed be the King
 And if we don't praise Him the earth will shout
 Blessed be the King

2, 3 Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah
5, 6, 7 Let all the world sing praises to the King

4 We call Him Father, we trust in Him
 Blessed be the King
 We are His children, we worship Him
 Blessed be the King

8 Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah
 Let all the world sing praises
 Let all the world sing praises
 Let all the world sing praises to the King
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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

Philippians 1:6

P Let us 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.**

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 **An also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You announce Your will for us in mysterious and troubling ways. We pray that, as Mary once heard and accepted the angel's message of Your will, we too many hear Your call and respond with full faith and willingness to serve; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

NICENE CREEED

**☩ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both
the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

OPENING SONG – “For This One Reason”

- 1 If we will call the Lord will answer
He will forgive and draw us near
And when we bow in repentance He will lift us up again
- 2, 4 For this one reason, for this one cause
6, 7 We stand together in the calling of our God
To lift our voices, to lift our hands
And pray to heaven for a healing in this land
- 3 If we will ask He'll show us mercy
If we bow down and humbly pray
Joining our hands, turning our hearts to Him He will hear us once again
- 5 Standing together, praying together
Doing all we can we'll stand

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Samuel 3:1-10

The LORD Calls Samuel

¹The young man Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. ³The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

⁴Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, “Here I am!” ⁵and ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down.

⁶And the LORD called again, “Samuel!” and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.”

⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the young man. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

Psalm 45:6-7

L Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.

C **The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;**

L you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

C **Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness.**

EPISTLE

Philippians 2:5-11

Becoming obedient

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Luke 1:38

- P** Alleluia. ³⁸And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord;
C let it be to me according to your word.” Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:26-38

Birth of Jesus Foretold

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

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin’s name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” ²⁹But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

³⁴And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

³⁵And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God.” ³⁸And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

- 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
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2. **Electronic Funds Transfer**/Sign up through the church office.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: Mark 10:6 – “But from the beginning of creation ...”

In recent years our country, along with most (formerly) Christian nations of Europe, have lost their way when it comes to marriage. We have ignored the fact that it is God who created us. We always go off-the-tracks when we forget that He made us and that everything good in this world comes from His hand. In big things and in small things, in the life of a nation or the life of an individual, things go dreadfully wrong when we ignore the Creator's instructions for life.

OFFERTORY – “He is Able” Ephesians 3:20

1, 2 He is able, more than able to accomplish what concerns me today
He is able, more than able to handle anything that comes my way
He is able, more than able to do much more than I could ever dream
He is able, more than able to make me what He wants me to be

3 He is able, more than able to do much more than I could ever dream
He is able, more than able to make me what He wants me to be
To make me what He wants me to be
To make me what He wants me to be

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Stand

LWML PLEDGE

P We speak the LWML Pledge together,

C In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P And the angel said to her (Mary),

C *“Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus”* (Luke 1:30–31).

P Mary’s response to this call was very simple:

C *“Behold, I am the servant of the Lord”* (Luke 1:38a).

P LWML Sunday calls us again to honor our God,

C *to Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!”* (Psalm 96:3) and to *Serve our LORD with gladness!* (Psalm 100:2 & LWML Motto) as Mary did.

P “In fervent gratitude for the Savior’s dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption

C **we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have.”** (LWML Pledge)

P As redeemed children of God, Lutheran Women in Mission, as we all do, give thanks for the opportunity to serve others as we have been served, to proclaim that Jesus is our Lord and that He came for all nations and the chance to respond with our mite offerings to support God’s mission.

C **Our example has been the widow and her mite.**

P The offering she made was observed by our Lord leading Him to share that her copper coins, her mites, were *“everything she had, all she had to live on”* (Mark 12:43).

C **May our mite offering be blessed for our Lord’s kingdom.**

P O Lord,

C **have mercy.**

P O Christ,

C **have mercy.**

P O Lord,
C have mercy.

P Mary was chosen to be the mother of a child to be named Jesus, who would save all people from their sins. *“Mary, for you have found favor with God ... you shall call his name Jesus.”* (Luke 1:30–31)

C We thank You, Lord.

P Mary’s response of willingness to serve was a response of faith and trust. *“Behold, I am the servant of the Lord.”* (Luke 1:38)

C We thank You, Lord.

P The Psalmist proclaimed that we are to *Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples* (Psalm 96:3). Help us O Lord to proclaim Your glory and to proclaim that You are the Christ.

C Help us, good Lord.

P Jesus said to His disciples: *“Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation”* (Mark 16:15). Help us to encourage our mission efforts and missionaries with our prayers and our mite offerings.

C Help us, good Lord.

P The writer of Hebrews stated: *Now may the God of peace ... equip you with everything good that you may do his will* (Hebrews 13:20–21). Help us, dear Lord, and equip all of us, women, men and children to engage in Your mission and our congregation’s work.

C Help us, good Lord.

P *As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,* (1 Peter 4:10a). Help us to remember our church workers in their ministry and also the service that is given through our Lutheran Women of Mission.

C Help us, good Lord.

P *Serve the LORD with gladness!”* (Psalm 100:2). Help our response to be one of joy and love as Jesus loved us and came to serve us.

C Help us, good Lord.

P Gabriel reminded Mary, *“For nothing will be impossible with God.”* (Luke 1:37). Help us in our faith believe that all things are possible because our Lord is God.

C **Help us, good Lord.**

P Mary was ready to serve her Lord. May we be ready and willing to serve our Lord with gladness.

C **Help us, good Lord.**

P May our good Lord guide and direct us.

C **Help us, good Lord.**

P O Lord,

C **have mercy.**

P O Christ,

C **have mercy.**

P O Lord,

C **have mercy. Amen.**

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an elder. For further study, see Matt. 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first. They then distribute the body and blood of Christ to those in the pews who are unable to come forward, and then finally to those who come forward.

Distribution and dismissal will be done by half tables.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

"You Gave"

1, 3 Lord, I want to be pleasing to you
In everything I do
And I want to love you more
More than yesterday
More than words can say

2, 5 'Cause you gave your life
You lived and died for me, for me
You paid the price
You sacrificed for me, for me
Now the least that I can do
Is live my life for you

4 'Cause you gave your life
You lived and died for me, for me
You paid the price
You sacrificed for me, for me

"Come as You Are" John 7:37

1, 2 Come as you are, come and drink from the living water
That flowed from His hands, flowed from His side
Come as you are, come and bathe in the healing water
Cleansing from sin, releasing new life
Draw near to Him and He'll draw near to you
He's been waiting for you to call on His name
So come, come as you are

3, 4 Draw near to Him and He'll draw near to you
He's been waiting for you to call on His name
So come, come as you are

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Stand

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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 upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you 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 - "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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