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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
(Series C)**

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

What were you looking for a few days ago when we joined the crowds gathered for the annual celebration of Christmas? If you knew what you were looking for, did you find it? Of course, Christmas is all about the arrival of the Savior of the world, our Savior from sin and death. In His human birth, Jesus took on our flesh to provide the only sufficient atoning sacrifice for sin. By His holiness, His sacrifice was sufficient for the whole world of sin of all time, including your own. Did you find this forgiveness for all your sins and answers to all your troubles when you sang the Christmas songs? Or are you still searching? That's okay, because for one more of the twelve days, it is still Christmas. It is not too late. In Joseph and Mary's anxiety over their three-day search for their missing child, they couldn't find Him in the crowds or among their relatives and friends. It was only as they returned to the temple, the place of God the Father's promised earthly presence, that their worry was solved. You have come to the right place, the place of God's promised presence for you—here, where His Word is faithfully preached, His Sacraments rightly administered, and His grace, love, and forgiveness are given and applied to you. So do not be anxious about your life. You are seeking the answers in the right place, in the kingdom of God and in His righteousness given to you this day in His mighty, saving Word.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

And when His parents saw Him, they were astonished. And His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You treated us so? Behold, Your father and I have been searching for You in great distress." And He said to them, "Why were you looking for Me? Did you not know that I must be in My Father's house?"
Luke 2:48–49

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 – “O Come, All Ye Faithful” Matthew 2: 2

- 1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels

- 2, 4 O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him
6 O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord

- 3 Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above
Glory to God, glory in the highest

- 5 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing
(Latin Hymn, Music by John Francis Wade arr. ©1997 Maranatha Music! CCLI #288089)

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

- P** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,
- C** **to the praise of His glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved.**
- P** In Him we have redemption through His blood,
- C** **the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** God the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. And He who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. This is the promised place of God's dwelling. Therefore let us seek the Lord while He may be found and call upon Him while He is near.
- C** **Blessed Lord God, apart from You there is no god. Apart from You there is no hope or forgiveness. We confess our sin amid the fears and anxieties of daily life. We have gone our own way, lost in our sin and faithlessness. Therefore, we return to You here, remembering Your promise, "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you." Deliver us from all anxiety, forgive our sins, speak Your comforting Word of hope, and lead us in the way of Your righteousness and peace.**
- P** The Lord is your strength and your stronghold, your refuge in the day of trouble. Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word made flesh, announce the grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I 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.

Merciful God, as from His youthful beginning, Your Son attended to Your Word in Your holy temple, so is He Your Word come to seek and save the lost. Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

NICENE CREED

C 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.**

Sit

OPENING SONG – “We Are the Reason”

- 1 As little children we would dream of Christmas morn
 And all the gifts and toys we knew we'd find
 But we never realized a baby born one blessed night
 Gave us the greatest gift of our lives
- 2, 4, 6 We are the reason that He gave His life
 We are the reason that He suffered and died
 To a world that was lost He gave all He could give
 To show us a reason to live
- 3 As the years went by we learned more about gifts
 And giving of ourselves and what that means
 On a dark and cloudy day a man hung crying in the rain
 Because of love, because of love
- 5 I finally found a reason for living
 It's in giving every part of my heart to Him
 In all that I do, every word that I say
 I'll be giving my heart just for Him, for Him
- 7 He is my reason to live

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Kings 3:4-15

(King Solomon's prayer for wisdom.)

⁴ The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude.

⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?"

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

¹⁵And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 119:97-104; antiphon: v. 99

L ⁹⁹I have more understanding than all my teachers,
C **for your testimonies are my meditation.**

L ⁹⁷Oh how I love your law!
C **It is my meditation all the day.**

L ⁹⁸Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,
C **for it is ever with me.**

L ⁹⁹I have more understanding than all my teachers,
C **for your testimonies are my meditation.**

L ¹⁰⁰I understand more than the aged,
C **for I keep your precepts.**

L ¹⁰¹I hold back my feet from every evil way,
C **in order to keep your word.**

L ¹⁰²I do not turn aside from your just decrees,
C **for you have taught me.**

L ¹⁰³How sweet are your words to my taste,
C **sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

L ¹⁰⁴Through your precepts I get understanding;
C **therefore I hate every false way.**

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 ⁹⁹I have more understanding than all my teachers,
C **for your testimonies are my meditation.**

EPISTLE

Ephesians 1:3-14

(Spiritual blessings in Christ.)

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,

⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Luke 2:40

P Alleluia. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom.

C And the favor of God was upon Him. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:40-52

(The boy Jesus at Passover in the Jerusalem temple.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

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

⁴⁰The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him.

⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." ⁴⁹And he said to them, "*Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?*" ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

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: Luke 2:40 – “And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.” At Christmas God became man. And as a man, Jesus grew up and increased in strength and wisdom. We are called to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, to grow in His image. The power for this growth comes from receiving the grace of Jesus in His Word and Sacraments. How is the Lord calling you to grow this year?

OFFERTORY – “We Three Kings”

- 1 We three kings of Orient are
 Bearing gifts we traverse afar
 Field and fountain, moor and mountain
 Following yonder star
- 2, 4, 6 O star of wonder, star of night
 Star with royal beauty bright
 Westward leading, still proceeding
 Guide us to Thy perfect Light
- 3 Born a king on Bethlehem's plain
 Gold I bring to crown Him again
 King forever, ceasing never
 Over us all to reign
- 5 Glorious now behold Him arise
 King and God and Sacrifice
 Alleluia, alleluia
 Heaven to earth replies

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, we give You thanks for hearing our prayers and praises during this blessed Christmas season, and especially for Your Holy Word and Sacraments that we may have confidence in Your mercy and gracious will, enlightening us with the wisdom of Your salvation in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Help us to always remain steadfast in Your Word, spirit, and truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Guide and bless Your whole church, making Your people perfect in love and in all good works. Grant Your wisdom to all pastors and servants in Your church, that many may come to the knowledge of Your saving truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Guide our nation in the ways of justice, honor, and peace. Grant that all in public service lead their people according to Your holy will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P By Your Word and Spirit, comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Defend all who suffer persecution for the faith, and have mercy on those to whom death draws near. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P As we remember those who have loved and served You in this life, who now rest from their labors, keep us in that larger fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

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 unto 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 PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Sit

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.

LAMB OF GOD SONG

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

“I Love You, Lord” Psalm 35:9

1, 2, 3 I love You, Lord and I lift my voice
To worship You, O my soul rejoice
Take joy, my King, in what You hear
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear

4 May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear
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“Draw Me Close”

1, 3 Draw me close to You
Never let me go
I lay it all down again
To hear You say that I’m Your friend
You are my desire
No one else will do
‘Cause no one else can take the place
To fill the warmth of Your embrace
Help me find a way to bring me back to You

2, 4, 5 You’re all I want
You’re all I’ve ever needed
You’re all I want
Help me know You are near

6 Help me know You are near
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Stand

CONCLUDING 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 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 – “The Millennium Prayer”

1, 2 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 our sins, O Lord
As we forgive each one of those
Who against us have sinned
And lead us not to time of trial
But deliver us from harm
For Thine is the kingdom
The power and the glory

3 Let all the people sing amen
In every tribe and tongue
Let every heart's desire be joined
To see the kingdom come
Let every hope and every dream
Be born in love again
Let all the world sing with one voice
Let the people say amen

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