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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

(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

The mystery of the body analogy is not that there are different parts but that all the different parts work together for one purpose. In other words, unity is what is most impressive about how the body works and how the Body of Christ, the church, works. Though it may seem an odd arrangement, the church as the Body of Christ is exactly what God intended it to be. Within the Body of Christ, there are no important parts or unimportant parts. Every part is essential, and when every part is working toward the same goal, it is a wonder of God's grace and design. It is given to us not to figure it out but to treasure the Body of Christ according to God's working and to learn how to work together toward a goal bigger than any part.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. *Psalm 19:14*

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 – “Open The Eyes of My Heart”

1, 2, 4, 5 Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
 Open the eyes of my heart
 I want to see You
 I want to see You

3, 6, 7 To see You high and lifted up
 Shining in the light of Your glory
 Pour out Your power and love
 As we sing holy, holy, holy

8, 9 Holy, holy, holy
 Holy, holy, holy
 Holy, holy, holy
 I want to see you

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

P The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

C **the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;**

P the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the just decrees of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

C **Moreover, by them is Your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.**

P Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

C **Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Silence is kept for meditation and reflection.

P Let us confess our sin to God our Father.

C **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Jesus Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord 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.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; 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 - "Lord, I Need You"

- 1 Lord, I come, I confess
 Bowing here I find my rest
 Without You I fall apart
 You're the one that guides my heart
- 2, 4, 6 Lord, I need You, oh I need You
 Every hour I need You
 My one defense, my righteousness
 Oh God, how I need You
- 3 When sin runs deep Your grace is more
 Where grace is found is where You are
 Where You are, Lord, I am free
 Holiness is Christ in me
- 5 Teach my song to rise to You
 When temptation comes my way
 When I can not stand I'll fall on You
 Jesus You're my hope and stay
- 7, 8 You're my one defense, my righteousness
 Oh God, how I need You

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

(They taught the Word of the Lord clearly so that the people might understand.)

¹ All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. ² So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. ³ And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. . . .

⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. ⁶ And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. . . .

⁸ They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 19:7-14; antiphon: v. 14

L ¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,

C **O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

L ⁷The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;

C **the testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the simple;**

L ⁸the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;

C **the commandment of the LORD is pure,
enlightening the eyes;**

L ⁹the fear of the LORD is clean,
enduring forever;

C **the just decrees of the LORD are true,
and righteous altogether.**

L ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;

C **sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.**

L ¹¹Moreover, by them is your servant warned;

C **in keeping them there is great reward.**

L ¹²Who can discern his errors?

C **Declare me innocent from hidden faults.**

L ¹³Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;
let them not have dominion over me!

C **Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.**

- L** ¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
C **O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

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** ¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
C **O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

(Though individually members, we are all one Body in Christ.)

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it,

²⁵that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Luke 4:18a

P Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

C because He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 4:16-30

(Jesus opens a scroll to read and fulfills its words in His person and work.)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁶[Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read.

¹⁷And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

¹⁸*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,*

because he has anointed me

to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives

and recovering of sight to the blind,

to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

¹⁹*to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."*

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹And he began to say to them, *“Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”* ²²And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³And he said to them, *“Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Physician, heal yourself.’ What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.”* ²⁴And he said, *“Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown.”* ²⁵*But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land,* ²⁶*and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.* ²⁷*And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.”* ²⁸When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. ³⁰But passing through their midst, he went away.

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: 1 Cor. 12:16 – “And if the ear should say, ‘Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,’ that would not make it any less a part of the body.” The Lord has called each of us individually and given each of us unique gifts. He has made our whole lives holy in our Baptism and has called us to a life together in the church, His body. You are a part of that body, and that body needs you and the gifts the Lord has given you. This is your holy calling from the Lord.

OFFERTORY – “Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord” James 4:10

- 1, 2, 3 Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord
 Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord
 And He shall lift you up higher and higher, and He shall lift you up
 (Bob Hudson ©1978, arr. ©1997 Maranatha! Music CCLI #288089)

A WORD ABOUT PAUL, TIMOTHY, & TITUS

P On our Liturgical Church Calendar, January 24 is St. Timothy Day, January 25 is the Conversion of St. Paul Day, and January 26 is St. Titus Day. Paul was God's “chosen instrument” to take the Gospel to the Gentiles (Acts 9:15). Both Timothy and Titus were trained by Paul. They carried out the ministry and then, in turn, trained others to do the same. Paul writes to Timothy, “what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.” (2 Timothy 2:2) We sing the following hymn to remember these pillars of the faith.

517 BY ALL YOUR SAINTS IN WARFARE

sts. 1, 12, 11, 3

1 By all Your saints in warfare,
For all Your saints at rest,
Your holy name, O Jesus,
Forevermore be blest!
For You have won the battle
That they might wear the crown;
And now they shine in glory
Reflected from Your throne.

12 The Conversion of St. Paul (January
25)
Praise for the light from heaven
And for the voice of awe;
Praise for the glorious vision
The persecutor saw.
O Lord, for Paul's conversion,
We bless Your name today;
Come shine within our darkness,
And guide us on our way.

11 St. Timothy (January 24) and St.
Titus (January 26), Pastors and
Confessors
All praise for faithful pastors,
Who preached and taught Your
Word;
For Timothy and Titus,
True servants of their Lord.
Lord, help Your pastors nourish
The souls within their care,
So that Your Church may flourish
And all Your blessings share.

△3 Then let us praise the Father
And worship God the Son
And sing to God the Spirit,
Eternal Three in One,
Till all the ransomed number
Fall down before the throne,
Ascribing pow'r and glory
And praise to God alone.

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Please Remain Standing

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for to the Lord for His church, for all Christians, and for everyone as they have need.

Silence for prayer and meditation.

God of mercy, You have made known to us Your Word, and from that Word we have come to know Jesus. Guard our unity in Christ, and give us the Holy Spirit, that we may work together in peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Send down upon Your church, Your Body, the grace of Your Holy Spirit that we may be united in faith and in the confession of Your name. Keep us from thinking too highly of ourselves than we ought. Give strength, wisdom, and understanding to those who confess your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Hear the prayers of those who cry out to You in any need or want and daily and richly supply Your people with all they need for this body and life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give ear to Your people and to those who govern in every place, that we may enjoy the blessing of good government and good leaders and so reflect this gift by faithful stewardship of Your gifts and good citizenship wherever we live. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lift up those who have been brought low by illness, affliction, a troubled heart or mind, or grief over the loss of those whom they love, that Your grace may support, defend, and heal them in the day of trouble. [*Hear us especially for . . .*] Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Though we have every treasure of this moment, without Your grace we live in poverty of life and spirit. Grant to us eyes to see, ears to hear, and a grateful heart to give thanks to You for all Your kindness to us, and inspire us to be faithful in tithes and offerings and generous to those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

Additional petitions may be inserted here.

- P** As You are one, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, make us one people on earth, united in the confession of Your name, until that day when every barrier and division shall be overcome and Your church on earth and Your church in heaven shall be one forevermore; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.
- 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 – “My Life is in You, Lord” Deuteronomy 6:5

1, 2, 4 My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord
6, 7 My hope is in You, Lord, in You, it’s in You
 My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord
 My hope is in You Lord, in You, it’s in You

3, 5 I will praise You with all of my life
 I will praise You with all of my strength
 With all of my life, with all of my strength
 All of my hope is in You

8 In You, it’s in You
 In You, it’s in You
 In You

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