



**St. Luke's
Lutheran Church**



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY,
SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE,
And
RETIREMENT OF DEBT
(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

In the order for marriage, we affirm that marriage on earth is the picture of the union between Christ, the bridegroom, and the church, His Bride. Nowhere is this made plainer than in the place Jesus chose to perform His first miracle, changing water into wine. This shows the delight of the Lord, not simply for a wedding reception or even one couple who begins their life together, but also to marry us with His grace. The Lord rejoices to clothe His church with the perfect white robes of righteousness and to present her pure and spotless. We are no more forgotten or forsaken; the Lord has made us radiant in the beauty of His holiness. This is the context for a seemingly hidden miracle in Cana of Galilee.

IMAGE

As the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.
Isaiah 62:5b

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 - "Come, Now is the Time for Worship"

1, 3, 5 Come, now is the time for worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God
Come

2, 4 One day every tongue will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose You now

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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

P Great is His steadfast love toward us,

C **and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

P How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!

C **The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.**

P Bidden by His steadfast love, let us take refuge in the mercy of God,
confessing our sins and rejoicing in His gift of forgiveness through Jesus
Christ, our Lord.

Silence for meditation

P Let us then 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 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 Father, everlasting God, who has made radiant in the beauty of holiness Your church, which was bespoiled by sin, we give You thanks for sending forth Your own Son to rescue His Bride by the riches of His mercy and for restoring Your church that we may rejoice and be glad all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with the Father and the Spirit are one God, one Lord, now and to the end of the ages.

C **Amen.**

NICENE CREED

**☩ 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 – “Who You Say I Am”

1 Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?
I was lost, but He brought me in
Oh His love for me, oh His love for me

2, 4, 8, 11 Who the Son sets free
Oh, is free indeed
I'm a child of God, yes, I am

3 Free at last, He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin Jesus died for me
Yes, He died for me

5, 9, 12 In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God, yes, I am

6 I am chosen, not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me
I am who You say I am

7, 10 I am chosen, not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me
I am who You say I am
I am who You say I am

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 62:1-5

("As the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you ".)

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,
and her salvation as a burning torch.

²The nations shall see your righteousness,
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.

⁵For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your sons marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8

L Praise the LORD, all nations!

C Extol him, all peoples!

L For great is his steadfast love toward us,

C and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

L Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

C bring an offering, and come into his courts!

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

(The Spirit bestows many gifts but for one purpose—that God may be glorified and His church edified.)

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 2:11

P Alleluia. This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory.

C And his disciples believed in him. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 2:1-11

(The first miracle of Jesus at Cana of Galilee, where He turned water into wine.)

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

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

¹On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "*Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.*" ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to the servants, "*Fill the jars with water.*" And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸And he said to them, "*Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.*" So they took it. ⁹When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **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: John 2:3 – “When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, ‘They have no wine.’” Behold the faith of Mary: she sees a problem and simply lays it before her Son and Lord: “They have no wine.” She does not offer a proposed solution, she does not demand, she simply states her need and waits for the Lord’s response. She trusts that the Lord is a giver, and she knows that He always provides. May such a faith be ours!

OFFORTORY - “Glorify Thy Name” Psalm 86:12

- 1 Father, we love You, we worship and adore You
Glorify Thy name in all the earth
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name in all the earth
- 2 Jesus, we love You, we worship and adore You
Glorify Thy name in all the earth
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name in all the earth
- 3 Spirit, we love You, we worship and adore You
Glorify Thy name in all the earth
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name in all the earth
- 4 Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name in all the earth
Glorify Thy name in all the earth

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✠RETIREMENT OF DEBT✠

(A representative of the congregation steps forward and presents a completed debt agreement to the Pastor.)

P Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, it is with joy and gratitude that we announce the retirement of the debt for St. Luke's Lutheran Church.

(A copy of the mortgage will be burned while the Pastor says the following:)

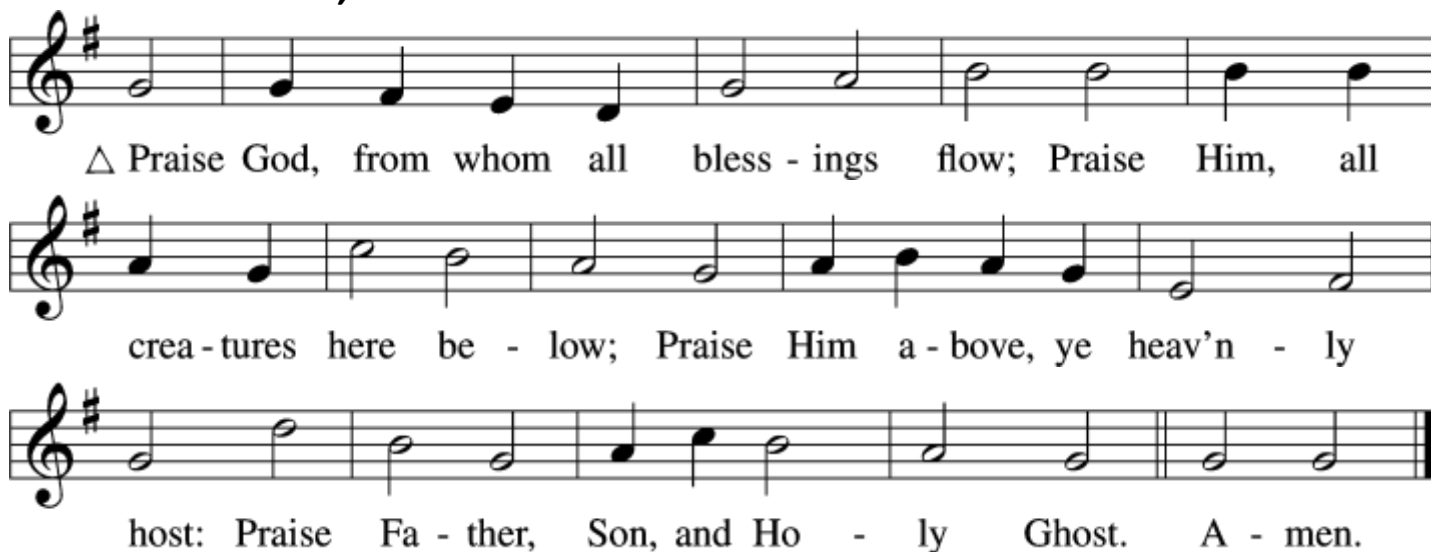
P In thanksgiving to God, we now burn this mortgage in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

(While the mortgage is being burned, the congregation may join in the singing of the Common Doxology.)

805 PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW



△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711

Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois

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P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we give thanks that You have guided us in wisdom and given us the courage and resources for fulfilling mortgage for the new building. With gratitude we remember our years of planning and work. Continue to grant us unity of counsel, purity of intention, and the holy purpose to nurture Your people by Word and Sacrament and to extend Your Church for the salvation of the world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

All return to their places

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Silence for prayer and meditation

P Merciful Father, You have richly restored Your people, stained by sin and marked by death. Fill us with Your grace that we may rejoice in the mercy You have shown to us and be kept holy and blameless in Christ all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Blessed Lord Jesus, in Your compassion, You visited a wedding in Cana of Galilee and placed Your blessing upon every Christian home and family. Uplift us by Your Spirit that our homes may be places of blessing and peace where forgiveness is asked and granted without limit. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Holy Lord, You have established Your church as Christ's Bride and clothed her in His own righteousness. Give to us faithful pastors and church workers who

will proclaim Your goodness and lead us to sing Your praises within Your church and to give faithful witness before the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Mighty Father, You have ordered all things by Your grace. Continue to bless us and our land with an abundance of resources, generous hearts, and faithful leaders, that Your name may be preserved and we may be governed according to Your Word and will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, You make glad the hearts of men with the choicest of wine. Keep us always from turning Your gifts into burdens or using them in ways that would harm us and our life together. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Compassionate Father, You bear our burdens and have saved us by Your grace. Help the afflicted to bear in faith the burdens of their illnesses, and grant them healing and comfort according to Your will. [*Especially do we name before You . . .*]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Blessed Lord, You bore the weakness of our human flesh even to death and the grave so that we might be raised in You, never to die again. Deliver the grieving from their sorrows and restore us who live in the shadow of death with the promise of life everlasting. [*Hear us especially for the family of . . .*]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of love, You daily and richly supply us with more than we deserve or dare ask. Grant to us a grateful heart and a generous spirit, that we may sacrificially support the work of the Kingdom here and throughout the world, and give assistance to the poor and needy. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We praise You, O Lord, for giving us Your Son, Jesus Christ, and for His own gift of this bread of His body and this cup of His blood. Bless our communion

at this altar, and bring us at last into the fullness of the wedding feast of the Lamb in His kingdom without end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C 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

LSB 179

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

LSB 197

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.

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.

LAMB OF GOD SONG

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G 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.

G 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 - “How Can I Keep From Singing”

- 1 There is an endless song echoes in my soul
 I hear the music ring
 And though the storms may come I am holding on
 To the rock I cling
- 2, 4, 6 How can I keep from singing Your praise
 How can I ever say enough, how amazing is Your love
 How can I keep from shouting Your name
 I know I am loved by the King and it makes my heart want to sing
- 3 I will lift my eyes in the darkest night
 For I know my Savior lives
 And I will walk with You knowing You’ll see me through
 And sing the songs You give
- 5 I can sing in the troubled times, sing when I win
 I can sing when I lose my step and I fall down again
 I can sing ‘cause You pick me up, sing ‘cause You’re there
 I can sing ‘cause You hear me Lord when I call on You in prayer
 I can sing with my last breath, sing for I know
 That I’ll sing with the angels and the saints around the throne
- 7 I am loved by the King and it makes my heart
 I am loved by the King and it makes my heart want to sing
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