



St. Luke's Lutheran Church



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

Sunday, February 9, 2025 – 11:00 AM

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**FIFTH 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

Today we hear of Isaiah, who calls himself “a man of unclean lips.” We read as Paul asks the rhetorical question, “What am I to do?” And we identify with Peter, who confesses, “I am a sinful man, O Lord.” In short, we recognize that these people are just like us! But like all three, we have already been caught by our gracious God. Isaiah was called to write for God, Paul’s pen brought the Gospel to the early church, and Peter led the disciples in spite of himself. With them, we have been caught in the “net,” the good news of God’s love and forgiveness. Today our worship is designed to move us outward, to fish for people who feel unclean, don’t know what to do, and are leaderless; people who have not yet realized God’s gracious love. Ready to go fishing?

IMAGE ON THE COVER

Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him. *Luke 5:10b–11*

PRELUDE

(Please use this time to prayerfully prepare your hearts to enter into the presence of Jesus.)

✠A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE✠

PRESERVICE SONG – JuBellation Handbell Choir

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

Psalm 71:12, 17–18

P O God, be not far from me;

C O my God, make haste to help me!

P O God, from my youth You have taught me,

C and I still proclaim Your wondrous deeds.

P So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me,

C until I proclaim Your might to another generation, Your power to all those to come.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Seeing Jesus' power, Peter blurted out, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord."

C Heavenly Father, we confess that we have failed in thoughts, words, and deeds; we are sinful people.

P Paul lamented, "If I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful."

C We confess, Holy Spirit, that we have been content to find peace only for ourselves; we are sinful in our very being.

- P** Isaiah cried, “I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips.”
- C** **We confess, Lord Jesus, that we have sinned even in our speaking and doing; we deserve to have You depart from us.**

- P** Despite their failures, Isaiah and Paul were inspired to write parts of the Bible and Peter led the disciples. By the grace of God, Jesus died and rose for you. As the angel told Isaiah, “Your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.” As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen. Help us, Lord Jesus, to follow, calm and fearless, till our rest is won.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.
- Heavenly Father, You have given us Your Son to die and rise for us and our salvation.
- C** **Grant us such strong faith in Him that we may follow wherever He leads;**
- P** through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

- P** Lord, have mercy,
- C** **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy.

APOSTLES' CREED

P We confess our faith together, using the words of the Apostles' Creed,

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 – “Be Lifted High”

- 1 Sin and its ways grow old
All of my heart turns to stone
And I’m left with no strength to arise
How You need to be lifted high
- 2 Sin and its ways lead to pain
Left here with hurt and with shame
So no longer will I leave Your side
Jesus, You be lifted high
- 3, 6, 7 You be lifted high, You be lifted high
You be lifted high in my life, oh God
And I fall to my knees so it’s You that they see not I
Jesus, You be lifted high
- 4 Even now that I’m inside Your hands
Help me not to grow prideful again
Don’t let me forsake sacrifice
Jesus, You be lifted high
- 5 If I’m blessed with the riches of kings
How could I ever think that it was me
For you brought me from darkness to light
Jesus, You be lifted high

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 6:1-8

(God calls Isaiah to be a prophet.)

¹In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

⁸And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 138; antiphon: v. 5

L ⁵and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,

C for great is the glory of the LORD.

L ¹I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;

C before the gods I sing your praise;

L ²I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your
faithfulness,

C **for you have exalted above all things
your name and your word.**

L ³On the day I called, you answered me;

C **my strength of soul you increased.**

L ⁴All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,

C **for they have heard the words of your mouth,**

L ⁵and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,

C **for great is the glory of the LORD.**

L ⁶For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,

C **but the haughty he knows from afar.**

L ⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life;

C **you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,
and your right hand delivers me.**

L ⁸The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;

C **your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.**

Do not forsake the work of your hands.

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 ⁵and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,

C **for great is the glory of the LORD.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 14:12b-20

(Our words must not be for ourselves alone, but for the building up of the church.)

Since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church.

¹³Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray for the power to interpret. ¹⁴For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful.

¹⁵What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also.

¹⁶Otherwise, if you give thanks with your spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say “Amen” to your thanksgiving when he does not know what you are saying? ¹⁷For you may be giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up. ¹⁸I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. ¹⁹Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

²⁰Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Luke 5:10b

P Alleluia. Do not be afraid;

C from now on you will be catching men. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 5:1-11

(Jesus calls Peter to fish for men.)

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

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

¹On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on [Jesus] to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ²and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, *"Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."* ⁵And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." ⁶And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." ⁹For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, *"Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."* ¹¹And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

SPECIAL MUSIC – ELC Children's Choir

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: Luke 5:5 – “And Simon answered, ‘Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.’” In Peter's words there is both exasperation and trust. He's tired. He tried his best and failed. But he is still ready to trust the Lord's Word and act on it. Our stewardship is also a matter of trusting the Lord's Word and acting on it.

OFFERTORY - "Holy Love, Holy Light"

1, 4 Holy love, holy light
 Holy fire burning bright
 You came to earth to live and die
 That we might be forgiven

2 Holy love, holy light
 Holy lamb crucified
 You welcome sinners to Your side
 That we might be forgiven

3, 5 Holy love, holy light, holy One
 We'll sing Your praise forever
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Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Father of all joy, You have taught us to believe in Your righteous acts and deeds of salvation from our youth. Teach us now to proclaim Your might to the next generation, that they, too, may rejoice in You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God of hosts, sustain those called to be fishers of men in Christ's Church. Grant that they would not be discouraged when they toil all night and take nothing, but continue to let down their nets at His Word according to that calling. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, give us faith to let down the nets of Your Word in our daily vocations and to trust Your Son to do His gracious work through poor sinners like us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful God, build up Your Church and manifest Your Spirit among us with wisdom and knowledge. Let our words be measured and intelligible to our fellow Christians and to those outside Your Church, that we may utter our “Amens” confidently in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O God, be not far from us. As You have worked deeds of salvation in Christ Jesus, so make haste to help us now in every trouble. Give healing to the sick, strength to the weak and comfort to the afflicted [*especially* _____]. Do not forsake us nor the generations to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, never depart from us. Though we are unworthy of You and Your bounty, You are pleased to receive our meager thanks and reluctant obedience for the sake of Christ’s perfect obedience. Let Your Word rule us and Your Spirit revive us to leave behind pride and anxiety alike, that we may follow You in all we do; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.

CLOSING 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, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and in the confession of Your name may abide to 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 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 What I Believe" John 11: 27

1 I believe in God the Father, Maker of heaven and earth
And in Jesus, His only Son, born of a virgin birth
On a cross He was crucified; He descended into hell
But the third day Jesus rose again, He's alive, and all is well

2, 4, 5 This is what I believe, it is written on my heart
This is what I believe, every promise, every part
This is what I believe

3 I believe the Lord's in heaven, worshiped in majesty there
I believe He'll come again and meet us in the air
I believe He is in the church to keep us on the way
Leading onward in the truth to that great eternal day

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