



**St. Luke's  
Lutheran Church**



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*Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.*

**Sunday, February 23, 2025 – 11:00 AM**

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**SEVENTH 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](mailto: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**

Forgiving is not beyond the realm of possibility for us. Although, as children of Adam, we are part of the earthly world, by the grace of God we are also His children, in the family through Baptism. We can extend God's love and forgiveness to those who hate us, take from us, and are our enemies. Anyone who is in Christ, while still dealing with this Adamic world, can expect undeserved favor—grace—from our heavenly Father for Jesus' sake. Today our worship helps to strengthen us for the task. Fear not! Those who oppose us are part of this fallen world; Christ has destroyed even death for us. And we are in Christ.

## **IMAGE ON THE COVER**

Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven. *Luke 6:37*

## **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 - "Shine Down on Me" Psalm 31:16**

1 From every mountain and over the sea  
I shout out Your name, Lord, and You're here with me  
When Your Spirit falls it sets me free  
When I let, let Your love shine down on me

2, 4, 6, 7 Shine down on me, shine down on me  
Let the light of Your love shine down on me

3 When burdens are heavy I give them all to You  
It's Your peace that guides me, that pulls me through  
When Your Spirit falls it sets me free  
When I let, let Your love shine down on me

5 When your Spirit falls it sets me free  
When I let, let Your love shine down on me

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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.

## **OPENING SENTENCES**

*1 Corinthians 15:21-22, 42*

**P** As by a man came death,

**C** by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

**P** As in Adam all die,

**C** so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

**P** What is sown is perishable;

**C** what is raised is imperishable.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**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.**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

**P** Lord, have mercy,

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Lord God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, we pray Your protection and guidance.

**C** **Be a ready source of strength so that the world around us will not deceive us and lead us from Your guidance and forgiveness;**

**P** 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** 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 - "Safe"

- 1 To the one who's dreams are falling all apart  
And all you're left with is a tired and broken heart  
I can tell by your eyes you think you're on your own  
But you're not alone  
Have you heard of the One who can calm the raging seas  
Give sight to the blind, pull the lame up to their feet  
With a love so strong and never let you go  
No, you're not alone
- 2, 4, 6 You will be safe in His arms, you will be safe in His arms  
The hands that hold the world are holding your heart  
This is the promise He made, He will be with you always  
When everything is falling apart you will be safe in His arms
- 3 Did you know that the voice that brings the dead to life  
Is the very same voice that calls you now to rise  
So hear Him now, He's calling you home  
You will never be alone
- 5 These are the hands that built the mountains  
The hands that calm the seas  
These are the arms that hold the heavens  
They are holding you and me  
These are the hands that healed the leper  
Pulled the lame up to their feet  
These are the arms that were nailed to a cross  
To break our chains and set us free
- 7 Safe in His arms, safe in His arms  
Safe in His arms  
When everything is falling apart you will be safe in His arms

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## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 45:3-15

*(Joseph explains to his brothers that God is really in control of all things, including their selling him into slavery.)*

<sup>3</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

<sup>4</sup>So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” And they came near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry.

<sup>10</sup>You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup>There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.’ <sup>12</sup>And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. <sup>13</sup>You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” <sup>14</sup>Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. <sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

*Psalm 103:1-13; antiphon: v. 8*

**L** <sup>8</sup>The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
**C**     **slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

**L** <sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
**C**     **and all that is within me,**  
      **bless his holy name!**

**L** <sup>2</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
**C**     **and forget not all his benefits,**

**L** <sup>3</sup>who forgives all your iniquity,  
**C**     **who heals all your diseases,**

**L** <sup>4</sup>who redeems your life from the pit,  
**C**     **who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

**L** <sup>5</sup>who satisfies you with good  
**C**     **so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

**L** <sup>6</sup>The LORD works righteousness  
**C**     **and justice for all who are oppressed.**

**L** <sup>7</sup>He made known his ways to Moses,  
**C**     **his acts to the people of Israel.**

**L** <sup>8</sup>The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
**C**     **slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

**L** <sup>9</sup>He will not always chide,  
**C**     **nor will he keep his anger forever.**

**L** <sup>10</sup>He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
**C**     **nor repay us according to our iniquities.**



**L** <sup>11</sup>For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
**C** so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

**L** <sup>12</sup>as far as the east is from the west,  
**C** so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

**L** <sup>13</sup>As a father shows compassion to his children,  
**C** so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

**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** <sup>8</sup>The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
**C** slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

## EPISTLE

*1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42*

*("What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.")*

**L** For as by a man came death,  
**C** by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

**L** For as in Adam all die,  
**C** so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

**L** But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits,  
**C** then at His coming those who belong to Christ.

**L** Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father  
after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For He must  
reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.  
**C** The last enemy to be destroyed is death. . . .

**L** Why am I in danger every hour? I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.” Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.” Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame. But someone will ask,

**C** **“How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?”**

**L** You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as He has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory. So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable;

**C** **what is raised is imperishable.**

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

*Luke 6:36*

**P** Alleluia. Be merciful,

**C** **even as your Father is merciful. Alleluia.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

*(Jesus preaches about loving our enemies, beggars we meet, and others.)*

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

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

*<sup>27</sup>[Jesus said:] “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. <sup>31</sup>And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.*

*<sup>32</sup>“If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup>And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.*

*<sup>37</sup>“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”*

**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  
Manhattan, KS 66503
2. **Electronic Funds Transfer**  
Sign up through the church office.

**STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE:** Luke 6:30–31 – “Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.” Is it really possible to live like this? Would it really work to be so open-handed and generous? Our conscience often reminds us of our failures, and the Lord knows our frailty, that’s for sure! But a life of faith is a life lived in imitation of Jesus — and every follower of Jesus knows that yes, indeed, it is better to give than to receive.

## OFFERTORY - "Everlasting"

1 Everlasting, never changing  
Always knowing, knowing all  
You are Lord; You are God most high

2, 3 Everlasting, never changing  
Always knowing, knowing all  
You are Lord, You are God most high  
You are Lord, You are God most high  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
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## BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

**P** Lord, we seek your Blessings on these Quilts as they are distributed to people less fortunate than we are and those in need of comfort. May each recipient realize that someone cares for them. We thank you for the ladies that have contributed to these projects with ingredients, the sewing, the tying, and the finishing. Now we ask that you protect and guide those who will deliver them to the people that need them most.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray for ourselves, our friends and family, the nations of the world, and our enemies.

For the church, people gathered around Word and Sacrament, those who serve professionally that they reflect the Gospel they proclaim, and those who serve their family and friends quietly, that God remind them that they are indeed His children, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, hear our prayer.

**P** For the nations of this world and their leaders, that God use them for the good of all and that they serve both the influencers and those who have been forgotten by society, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**P** For artists and craftspeople, musicians and actors, that they use their gifts to the glory of God, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**P** For troops deployed and police at home, for first responders and health professionals and volunteers that their efforts bring about healing and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**P** For those near and dear to us, [*including . . .*], that God give them health and healing, recovery and remission, solace and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**P** For ourselves and our congregation, that God refresh and renew our resolve to spread the Gospel, love the people around us, and serve Him with all the resources He provides, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**P** Into Your hands, gracious Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, grace, and compassion, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**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 COLLECT

**P** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**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 - "Love the Lord"**

1, 2, 4      Love the Lord your God with all your heart  
                 With all your soul, with all your mind  
                 And with all your strength

3              With all your heart, with all your soul  
                 With all your mind, with all your strength

5, 6, 8      I will serve the Lord with all my heart  
                 With all my soul, with all my mind  
                 And with all my strength

7, 9, 10     With all my heart, with all my soul  
                 With all my mind, with all my strength

11, 12, 15 I will love You Lord with all my heart  
                 With all my soul, with all my mind  
                 And with all my strength

13, 14      I will love You  
                 I will serve You  
                 I will praise You for all my days

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