



## **St. Luke's Lutheran Church**



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

**March 9, 2025 – 11:00 AM**

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**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

**(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**

“Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness” (1 Timothy 3:16). As we have now entered the forty-day pilgrimage of Lent, we approach the most climactic event of our Lord’s earthly ministry, the one that confused and frightened the first followers of Jesus and perhaps even some to this day. The expectation of the establishment of the kingdom of God with Jesus, the Son of God, seated on a royal throne as ruler was demolished as they witnessed their Rabbi, Master, and Lord taken captive, convicted, tortured, and executed on that Passover in Jerusalem.

The cross has always been an offense. To this day, the same mystery stands: His royal throne is but a frightful cross of crucifixion—His kingdom hidden to the eyes. When confronted with the facts of God’s Word, many cannot see past this mystery. Yet it is the power of God’s Word that gives people the gift of faith and new eyes to see what was incomprehensible and secret now revealed by the Spirit of God. God’s truth is that in the death of Christ, redemption and forgiveness of sin now avails for the entire world. Sinners are delivered, justified before God by faith in the blood of Jesus shed on the cross and given the ability to repent and believe and become children of God for eternity. For sinful mankind, this life-giving truth is impossible to believe or understand. Only because of the mighty Word of God proclaimed to the world by His church and by the power of the Spirit is that otherwise mysterious Word actually easy and powerful to understand and to believe.

## IMAGE ON THE COVER

And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, He was hungry. *Luke 4:1–2*

## 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 - "All Because of Jesus"

- 1, 3      Giver of every breath I breathe  
            Author of all eternity  
            Giver of every perfect thing  
            To You be the glory  
            Maker of heaven and of Earth  
            No one can comprehend Your worth  
            King over all the universe  
            To You be the glory  
            I'm alive because I'm alive in You
- 2, 4, 6, 7    It's all because of Jesus I'm alive  
                  It's all because the blood of Jesus Christ  
                  Covers me and raised this dead man's life  
                  It's all because of Jesus I'm alive
- 5            Every sunrise sings Your praise  
                  The universe cries out Your praise  
                  I'm singing freedom all my days  
                  Now that I'm alive

(Casting Crowns CCLI #288089)

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## INVOCATION

*LSB 151*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES

*Psalm 124:8; Romans 10:13, 10*

**P** Our help is in the name of the LORD,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

**C** For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Psalm 91:9*

**P** Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith and confess our sins unto God our Father, that we may receive His forgiveness.

**C** O God, we believe Your Word is true for it reveals our sin for which we deserve Your rebuke and judgment. Yet even more, we believe in Your promise of mercy and forgiveness for the sake of Christ. We therefore confess to You all our sins. We plead the suffering and sacrifice of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, as the all-sufficient price of our redemption, and beg Your grace and forgiveness for the sake of faith in our Savior alone. Hear us in Your mercy and according to Your promise in Christ, our Lord.

**P** “Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge,” upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and 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.

Almighty God, You sent Your Son to be tempted by the devil, and by the power of Your Holy Word alone He defeated the old, evil foe for us. Increase our faith and confidence in Your mighty Word to be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, that we may endure all temptation and remain true to Your call as members of Your family and the household of faith; 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 - “Revelation Song”**

- 1, 2      Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Holy, holy is He  
Sing a new song to Him who sits on  
Heaven's mercy seat
- 3, 5, 8, 9      Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was, and is, and is to come  
With all creation I sing: praise to the King of Kings  
You are my everything, and I will adore You
- 4      Clothed in rainbows of living color  
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder  
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be  
To You the only wise King
- 6, 10      Holy, holy  
You are holy
- 7      Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder  
At the mention of Your name  
Jesus, Your name is power, breath, and living water  
Such a marvelous mystery

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## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Deuteronomy 26:1-11*

*(Moses prepares Israel for entrance into the Promised Land.)*

<sup>1</sup>“When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. <sup>3</sup>And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’ <sup>4</sup>Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

<sup>5</sup>“And you shall make response before the LORD your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. <sup>6</sup>And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. <sup>7</sup>Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. <sup>9</sup>And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

*Psalm 91:1-13; antiphon: v. 1*

- L** <sup>1</sup>He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
**C** **will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.**
- L** <sup>2</sup>I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress,  
**C** **my God, in whom I trust.”**
- L** <sup>3</sup>For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler  
**C** **and from the deadly pestilence.**
- L** <sup>4</sup>He will cover you with his pinions,  
and under his wings you will find refuge;  
**C** **his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**
- L** <sup>5</sup>You will not fear the terror of the night,  
**C** **nor the arrow that flies by day,**
- L** <sup>6</sup>nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,  
**C** **nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.**
- L** <sup>7</sup>A thousand may fall at your side,  
ten thousand at your right hand,  
**C** **but it will not come near you.**
- L** <sup>8</sup>You will only look with your eyes  
**C** **and see the recompense of the wicked.**
- L** <sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—  
**C** **the Most High, who is my refuge—**
- L** <sup>10</sup>no evil shall be allowed to befall you,  
**C** **no plague come near your tent.**



**L** <sup>11</sup>For he will command his angels concerning you  
**C** to guard you in all your ways.

**L** <sup>12</sup>On their hands they will bear you up,  
**C** lest you strike your foot against a stone.

**L** <sup>13</sup>You will tread on the lion and the adder;  
**C** the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

**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>1</sup>He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
**C** will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

## **EPISTLE**

*Romans 10:8b-13*

*(The message of salvation to all.)*

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup>For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## VERSE

*Ephesians 6:11*

- P** Put on the whole armor of God,  
**C** that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 4:1-13*

*(The temptation of Jesus.)*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.  
**C** Glory to You, O Lord

<sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness <sup>2</sup>for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." <sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered him, "*It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'*" <sup>5</sup>And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, <sup>6</sup>and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup>And Jesus answered him, "*It is written,*

*"'You shall worship the Lord your God,  
and him only shall you serve.'"*

<sup>9</sup>And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written,

*"'He will command his angels concerning you,  
to guard you,'"*

<sup>11</sup>and

*"'On their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.'"*

<sup>12</sup>And Jesus answered him, "*It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'*" <sup>13</sup>And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

**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 4:8 – “And Jesus answered him, ‘It is written ...’” Isn’t it interesting that Jesus does not defeat Satan with His power as God, but rather by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity? Jesus defeats Satan not by miracles, but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to it. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, because we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, because here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory: on the Word of God alone. Let us build our lives on the sure rock of this Word!.

## OFFERTORY - "Everything to You" 1 Chronicles 29:24-28

- 1 Who am I? Nothing but a shadow  
Cast by Your loving light, pure white  
Search my heart, find the truth within me  
All that I have I give to You for Your holy purpose
- 2, 4 I give everything to You, Lord, all I have  
When I am empty how You fill me up  
I give everything to You, Lord, all I am  
With a joyful heart I give my life to You
- 3 Touch my soul, Spirit, live within me  
Let my one desire be You, Lord, You  
From Your hand, Father, You have given  
All that I am I give to You, forever Your servant

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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.

Lord Most High, You are the dwelling place of Your people. Be our refuge for the sake of Christ, who suffered temptation and death for our redemption. Preserve us from every evil and plague, and strengthen us in faith, that we may be satisfied with Your salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** God of all nations, You make no distinction between Jew and Greek, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Protect and provide for the missionaries of Your Church as they proclaim the Word of faith and bring it near to all who will hear, so that more would confess with their mouths that Jesus is Lord and believe in their hearts that You raised Him from the dead. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord of all, You bestow Your riches on all who call upon You. Bless parents with all wisdom as they teach their children Your ways, that all in the household may confess with their mouths that Jesus is Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty God, govern the kingdoms of this world according to Your holy and gracious will. Protect authorities from every temptation of the devil, who falsely claims sovereignty over them. Equip them to curb what is evil and promote what is good. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** God of all mercy, You answer those who call upon You. Hear our prayers for all people in need of healing and restoration [especially \_\_\_\_\_]. Be with them in their trouble, and rescue them according to Your gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God, as You brought Your people to the Promised Land and gave them an inheritance of abundance, so You give us all that we have. Preserve us from greed, and grant us thankful hearts to declare Your goodness and gladly support what You will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, see how the adversary continually afflicts us and walks about as a roaring lion seeking to devour us. We implore You for the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, to help us by the grace of the Holy Spirit and strengthen our hearts by Your Word, that our enemy would not prevail over us, but instead that we may abide evermore in Your grace and be preserved to life everlasting; 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'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** Let us pray.

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 - "Send Me"

1      Let me sow the seeds of life to a parched and dying land  
Watering with Your words of love so that they will understand  
That the love that God has shed upon us  
Is a love that will never fade away  
Let me share it with the world  
I'll go, I'll be the one to go

2, 4, 6 Here am I, send me. Here am I, send me  
Until every nation knows the power of Your love  
Give me a hunger to know where it is You want me to go  
Father I'm saying here am I, send me

3      There's a need we cannot see 'cause we're blinded by our own  
Help us sense the suffering that they carry all alone  
Let me be the voice that's giving answers to their need  
That Jesus is the truth, the life  
He's the way, He is the only way

5      I will go where there's a need  
I will go, Lord send me  
I will go, where you lead  
Even to the ends of the earth

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