



**St. Luke's  
Lutheran Church**



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

**March 16, 2025 – 11:00 AM**

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**SECOND 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**

How's your faith? Is it firm, steadfast, and strong? Or do you find that it seems to be growing weak, uncertain, or even in danger of disappearing at times? As we follow our Lord in this Lenten season, leading up to the distressing events of Holy Week, we are warned today that the same opposition, rejection, and betrayal faced by prophets like Jeremiah, and even Jesus, will also face us as His followers. What did He mean when He said, "You will be hated by all for My name's sake"? (Luke 21:17). But rather than a dire prediction, Jesus said, "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you" (Matthew 5:11–12). When challenges arise and temptations overwhelm, we are reminded to remember and observe examples of faith, such as the apostle Paul in his many struggles and even our Lord Himself whose faith and confidence in His Father's gracious design made Him endure "the cross, despising the shame" with the prospect of His certain victory and eternal placement at the right hand of the throne of God (Hebrews 12:2). That certainty is ours. Faith hangs on to the promise "I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown" (Revelation 3:11). Or as Paul says, "Therefore, my brothers, . . .my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord" (Philippians 4:1).

## **IMAGE**

Stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved. *Philippians 4:1*

## **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 - "Holy is the Lord"

1, 3        We stand and lift up our hands  
              For the joy of the Lord is our strength  
              We bow down and worship Him now  
              How great, how awesome is He  
              And together we sing *(3- everyone sing)*

2, 4, 6     Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
              The earth is filled with His glory  
              Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
              The earth is filled with His glory  
              The earth is filled with His glory

5            It's rising up, all around  
              It's the anthem of the Lord's renown  
              It's rising up, all around  
              It's the anthem of the Lord's renown  
              Together we sing, everyone sing

7            The earth is filled with his glory

8, 9, 10    Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty  
              Holy, holy

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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

*Psalm 4:1, 3*

- P** Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!  
**C** **Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!**
- P** Know that the LORD has set apart the godly for Himself;  
**C** **the LORD hears when I call to Him.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** As we eagerly await our final transformation as citizens of heaven on the day of resurrection, let us above all pursue steadfastness of faith, relying on the power and promises of God our heavenly Father.
- C** **O almighty God, our Father in heaven, we come to You in our weakness seeking and imploring the strength of Your grace and blessing. Our sins wear us down. Make us desire all that You promise and to firmly believe in Your forgiveness and help now and for all our days. We ask this solely for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Good Shepherd.**
- P** Even amid the challenges and hardships of life in faith in this world, as citizens of the kingdom of God we have the assurance of grace abounding throughout our days. Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto 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, as false prophets and teachers have arisen among Your people in all ages, give us such devotion to the truth of Your Word that we may stand firm in steadfast faith all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **NICENE CREED**

**C** 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 – “Voice of Truth”**

- 1            Oh, what I would do to have  
              The kind of faith it takes to climb out of this boat I'm in  
              Onto the crashing waves  
              To step out of my comfort zone  
              Into the realm of the unknown where Jesus is  
              And He's holding out His hand
- 2            But the waves are calling out my name and they laugh at me  
              Reminding me of all the times I've tried before and failed  
              The waves they keep on telling me time and time again  
              Oh, you'll never win, you'll never win
- 3, 6        But the voice of truth tells me a different story  
              The voice of truth says, “Do not be afraid!”  
              And the voice of truth says, “This is for my glory”  
              Out of all the voices calling out to me  
              I will choose to listen and believe the voice of truth

- 4 Oh, what I would do to have  
The kind of strength it takes to stand before a giant  
With just a sling and a stone  
Surrounded by the sound of a thousand warriors  
Shaking in their armor  
Wishing they'd have had the strength to stand
- 5 But the giant's calling out my name and he laughs at me  
Reminding me of all the times I've tried before and failed  
The giant keeps on telling me time and time again  
"Oh, you'll never win, You'll never win"
- 7 But the stone was just the right size  
To put the giant on the ground  
And the waves they don't seem so high  
From on top of them looking down  
I will soar with wings of eagles  
When I stop and listen to the sound of Jesus singing over me
- 8 But the voice of truth tells me a different story  
The voice of truth says, "Do not be afraid!"  
And the voice of truth says, "This is for my glory"  
Out of all the voices calling out to me  
I will choose to listen and believe  
I will choose to listen and believe the voice of truth  
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## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Jeremiah 26:8-15*

*(Jeremiah threatened with death.)*

<sup>8</sup>When Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die! <sup>9</sup>Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?’” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

<sup>10</sup>When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. <sup>11</sup>Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.”

<sup>12</sup>Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard.

<sup>13</sup>Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. <sup>14</sup>But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. <sup>15</sup>Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

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

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

## GRADUAL

*Hebrews 12:2*

**L** O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

**C** **the founder and perfecter of our faith**

**L** who for the joy that was set before Him  
endured the cross, despising the shame,

**C** **and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**



## EPISTLE

*Philippians 3:17-4:1*

*(Our citizenship is in heaven.)*

<sup>17</sup>Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## VERSE OF THE DAY

*Luke 13:35*

**P** Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see Me until you say,

**C** “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!”

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:31-35

*(Lament over Jerusalem.)*

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

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

<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." <sup>32</sup>And he said to them, *"Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. <sup>33</sup>Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.'* <sup>34</sup>O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! <sup>35</sup>Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

**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: Philippians 3:19 – “Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.”** St. Paul does not want us to set our minds on earthly things, for they are passing away. This is similar to what Jesus says about storing up treasures on earth rather than storing them in heaven. Our heart tends to go where we put our treasure. This is why God commands us to live generously: not to spoil our fun, but to help train us in keeping our priorities straight and our minds off earthly things.

## OFFERTORY - “Open Our Eyes, Lord” Matthew 5:8

- 1, 2, 3      Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus  
                 To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him  
                 Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen  
                 Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus
- 4              Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus  
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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.

Remember the congregations of Your Church, O Lord, which You have purchased with the holy blood of Your Son. Strengthen and defend all pastors and church workers, giving them every good gift as they attend to Your people. Cause us rightly to fear Your anger and rejoice in Your redemption. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Remember us in a world convulsed by the wages of sin. As we watch nations falter, remind us that our eternal citizenship is in heaven with our Lord Jesus Christ, who will subject all things to Himself. As we watch our own bodies fail, remind us that Christ will transform our lowly bodies to be like His glorious body. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Remember the households of this congregation, O Lord. Provide help and companionship to those who live alone, and foster love between husbands and wives, parents and children, that our homes would not be places to worship our bellies, glory in shame or set our minds on earthly things, but a refuge while here and a foretaste of our heavenly home. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Remember our nation and those You have placed in authority, O Lord. Give them wisdom and integrity, and grant that neither they nor the citizens of our land would hinder Your Church or despise Your call to repentance. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Remember the sick and afflicted, O Lord [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Deliver them for the sake of Christ, who cast out demons and performed cures on His way to the cross. Strengthen their faith to hold fast to Him, who rose again to raise them also. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Remember this household of faith, O Lord, and gather us together at Your altar as a hen gathers her brood under her wings. Unite us in true confession of Your Word, sincere repentance for our sins, and joyful confidence in Your Son's body and blood for our forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Remember us, O Lord, for the sake of Your Son, who suffered the reproach of mankind as He bore our sins to the cross. Strengthen us gladly to bear reproach in Your name and declare Your salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

**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

### “Heart of Worship”

- 1 When the music fades, all is stripped away  
And I simply come  
Longing just to bring something that’s of worth  
That will bless Your heart
  
- 2, 4 I’ll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself  
Is not what You have required  
You search much deeper within  
Through the way things appear; You’re looking into my heart  
I’m coming back to the heart of worship  
And it’s all about You, all about You, Jesus  
I’m sorry, Lord, for the thing I’ve made it  
When it’s all about You, all about You Jesus
  
- 3 King of endless worth, no one could express  
How much You deserve  
Though I’m weak and poor, all I have is Yours  
Every single breath

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### “My Jesus I Love Thee” 1 John 4:19

- 1 My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine  
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now
  
- 2 I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary’s tree  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now

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*Stand*

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, for sending Your Son, our Lord, to be both a sacrifice for our sin and a model of the godly life. By His body and blood, strengthen our faith to stand steadfast as inheritors of Your heavenly kingdom; 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** - "Lion of Judah" Revelation 5:5

- 1      You're the Lion of Judah the Lamb who was slain  
You ascended to heaven and evermore will reign  
At the end of the age when the earth You reclaim  
You will gather the nations before You  
And the eyes of all men will be fixed on the Lamb who was crucified  
With wisdom and mercy and justice You'll reign at Your Father's side
- 2, 4    And the angels will cry, "Hail the Lamb  
Who was slain for the world to rule in power!"  
And the earth will reply, "You shall reign  
As the King of all kings and the Lord of all lords!"
- 3      There's a shield in our hand and a sword at our side  
There's a fire in our spirits that cannot be denied  
'Cause the Father has told us for these You have died  
For the nations that gather before You  
And the ears of all men need to hear of the Lamb who was crucified  
Who descended to hell yet was raised up to reign at His Father's side

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