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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(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

It is almost the end of the Easter Season, and we would like it to continue. The non-festival half of the Church Year doesn't seem as, well, festive. But listen to the Readings! There are people, like Paul in the Reading from Acts, who need support today. And Lydia is an example of a new Christian, ready to help. The vision in Revelation showed John's readers the perfect city, ready to welcome all whose names are in the Book of Life (that's us)! We can hardly wait to get there.

Having been shown the perfect new Jerusalem, we can help people around us who have no idea what awaits people of faith. That means not only telling them but also healing and helping in Jesus' name. He is with us right now!

IMAGE ON THE COVER

Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. . . . Jesus said to him, "Get up, take up your bed, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. *John 5:2–5, 8–9*

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 - "We Bow Down" Psalm 95:6-7

- 1 You are Lord of creation and Lord of my life
 Lord of the land and the sea
 You were Lord of the heavens before there was time
 And Lord of all lords You will be
- 2, 3 We bow down and we worship You, Lord
 We bow down and we worship You, Lord
 We bow down and we worship You, Lord
 Lord of all lords You will be
- 4 You are King of creation and King of my life
 King of the land and the sea
 You were King of the heavens before there was time
 And King of all kings You will be
- 5, 6, 7 We bow down and we crown You the King
 We bow down and we crown You the King
 We bow down and we crown You the King
 King of all kings You will be

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Stand

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

BAPTISM SERVICE

The candidate, sponsors, and family gather with the pastor at the font.

When candidate is unable to speak for themselves, the sponsors answer the questions on their behalf.

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

C Amen.

P Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 28:19) In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” (Mark 16:16a) And the apostle Peter has written, “Baptism now saves you.” (1 Peter 3:21)

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, (1 John 2:2) that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16).

The pastor addresses each candidate:

P How are you named?

R James Luther Hartsook

The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of each candidate while saying:

P James Luther Hartsook, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✠ forehead and upon your ✠ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all (1 Peter 3:20). You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism (Ex. 15:4; 1 Cor. 10:2). Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold James Luther Hartsook according to Your boundless mercy and bless him with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in him, which has been inherited from Adam and which he himself has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that he be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, he would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

The pastor addresses the sponsor.

P Is it your intention to serve James Luther Hartsook as a sponsor in the Christian faith?

R *Yes, with the help of God.*

P God enable to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

C **Amen.**

P Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, *"Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it."* And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them (Mark 10:13-16).

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P We pray the Lord's Prayer together.

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.

P The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even ✠ forevermore.

C Amen.

Sit

The pastor addresses the candidate and asks the following questions:

P James Luther Hartsook, do you renounce the devil?

R *Yes, I renounce him.*

P Do you renounce all his works?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you believe 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?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you 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?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P James Luther Hartsook, do you desire to be baptized?

R *Yes, I do.*

The pastor pours water three times on the head of each candidate while saying:

P James Luther Hartsook, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized while saying:

P The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ✠ everlasting.

C **Amen.**

- P** The white garment that you wear today symbolizes that you have been clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness (Is. 61:10; Rev. 7:13, 14; 19:13; 22:14) that covers all your sin. So shall you stand without fear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you from the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1:4).
- P** The burning light(s) show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world (John 8:12). Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb (Rev. 19:9) in His kingdom, which shall have no end.
- P** In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir (Romans 8:17) with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brother in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9).
- C** **Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.**

Stand

- P** Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted James Luther Hartsook the new birth in Holy Baptism and made him a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom (Romans 8:17). We humbly implore You that, as he has now become Your child, You would keep him in his baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure he may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- C** **Amen.**

P Peace ✝ be with you.

C Amen.

All return to their places.

OPENING SENTENCES

Revelation 21:9-10, 23; John 16:24

P Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.

C He showed me the holy city Jerusalem.

P The city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it,

C for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

P Ask, and you will receive,

C that your joy may be full.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

John 16:33

P Let us ask God for forgiveness and guidance.

C At times, O Lord, it feels like You have left us and gone into heaven, leaving us to fend for ourselves. We confess that we fail to remember Your word of promise about Your presence with us and Your love for us. We fear what might happen, and we regularly face our own desires and temptations. We forget that You “have overcome the world.” Forgive us and renew in us strong faith in Your presence and protection.

P God has not left us alone. Christ is with us, and He has broken every barrier between us and the promised Jerusalem awaiting us. 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.

Heavenly Father, our Lord Jesus has returned to You, but He promised us to live with Him in the new Jerusalem.

- C** **Grant us, by Your Spirit, steadfastness of faith, so that we never doubt but will live each day in joyful expectation of seeing Him again;**

- 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.**

Sit

OPENING SONG - "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell

When you heard the wonder of the word I was there to cheer you on
You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'til rising sun

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold

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FIRST READING

Acts 16:9-15

(Paul goes to Macedonia and baptizes Lydia.)

⁹A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

¹¹So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. ¹³And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 67; antiphon: v. 3

L ³Let the peoples praise you, O God;
C let all the peoples praise you!

L ¹May God be gracious to us and bless us
C and make his face to shine upon us,

L ²that your way may be known on earth,
C your saving power among all nations.

L ³Let the peoples praise you, O God;
C let all the peoples praise you!

L ⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
C for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

L ⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God;
C let all the peoples praise you!

L ⁶The earth has yielded its increase;
C God, our God, shall bless us.

L ⁷God shall bless us;
C let all the ends of the earth 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 ³Let the peoples praise you, O God;
C let all the peoples praise you!

EPISTLE

Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27

(John sees the heavenly Jerusalem.)

⁹Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” ¹⁰And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹²It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— ¹³on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. . . .

²¹And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.

²²And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Romans 6:9; John 16:33b

P Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

C death no longer has dominion over him.

P In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart;

C I have overcome the world. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 16:23-33

(Jesus prepares the disciples for His leaving them.)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord

²³[Jesus said:] *“In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.*

²⁵*“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”*

²⁹His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.”

³¹Jesus answered them, *“Do you now believe? ³²Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. ³³I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”*

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: Acts 16:9 – “And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.’” God does all the saving of the Macedonians, but He does it through the ministry of St. Paul who was called to go and help them out. How is the Lord calling you to use your gifts for His work?

OFFERTORY - "More Love, More Power" 2 Timothy 1:7

1, 3 More love, more power, more of You in my life
More love, more power, more of You in my life

2, 4, 5 And I will worship You with all of my heart
And I will worship You with all of my mind
And I will worship You with all of my strength
For You are my Lord
You are my Lord

6 You are my Lord, You are my Lord
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Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for all people, for the church, and for ourselves.

Hear our prayer, heavenly Father, for we ask this in Jesus' name: Visit and relieve those many people who are denied what they need in food, clothing, or shelter. Grant relief to those languishing because of injustice or oppression. Surround the poor, sick, and dying with people to care for their various needs. Open doors of opportunity for faith-filled brothers and sisters in Christ that they may care for the physical, social, and spiritual needs of people around them with Your protection and guidance. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Hear our prayer, heavenly Father, for we are as children, only asking for what You deem best. Listen to our deep longings, our unspoken yearning, and the circumstances of our own lives. In Your mercy and love, assure us of Your presence despite whatever ills we might have. Be with those near and dear to us who call out for healing, strength, and comfort, [*especially . . .*]. Assure them of Your presence even now. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We give thanks, heavenly Father, for the faith Your Holy Spirit has placed within us. We know the promise of heaven and long for the new Jerusalem. We, like John, look forward to that new Jerusalem, and like Lydia, have heard the Good News of our Savior and rejoice. We are confident that Your ears are open to our requests for ourselves, our circle of friends and family, and all the faithful who gather with us. Answer our prayers as fits Your plans for us, the church around the world, and all people in their various circumstances. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C **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 - "God Bless America"

1 God bless America
 Land that I love
 Stand beside her and guide her
 Through the night with a light from above
 From the mountains to the prairies
 To the oceans white with foam
 God bless America
 My home sweet home
 God bless America
 My home sweet home

2 From the mountains to the prairies
 To the oceans white with foam
 God bless America
 My home sweet home
 God bless America
 My home sweet home

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