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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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**FIFTH 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

The Fifth Sunday of Easter bears the traditional name of Cantate, from the Introit's "Oh sing to the LORD a new song." Not only people but all creation is urged to break out in song. Throughout our worship today we will do just that, for the resurrection news cannot be left to quiet contemplation. Though it was difficult for Peter to convince the others, when they realized Gentiles had received the Spirit, they rejoiced. The vision of heaven in Revelation has no more pain or sorrow; what can be left but joyful singing?

Jesus' telling the disciples to love one another seems an impossible command, but He was reminding them how greatly God has loved them. That realization can only call for singing! So much of today's worship includes familiar hymn stanzas to share the joy inside.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things! *Psalms 98:1*

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 - "O Praise Him"

- 1 Turn your ear to heaven and hear
 The noise inside
 The sound of angels' awe
 The sound of angels' songs
 And all this for a King
 We could join and sing
 All to Christ the King
 How constant, how divine
 This song of ours will rise
 O, how constant, how divine
 This love of ours will rise, will rise
- 2, 4, 5, 9 O praise Him, O praise Him
 He is Holy, He is Holy
- 3 Turn your gaze to heaven and raise
 A joyful noise
 The sound of salvation come
 The sound of rescued ones
 And all this for a King
 Angels join to sing
 All for Christ our King
- 6, 7, 8 Oh la, la, la, la, la, la
- 10 How infinite and sweet
 This love so rescuing
 O, how infinitely sweet
 This great love that has redeemed
 As one we sing
- 11, 12 Alleluia, alleluia
 He is Holy, He is Holy

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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 98:1-2, 4

- P** Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things!
C His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.
- P** The LORD has made known His salvation;
C He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- P** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
C break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** We have come together to praise and thank God for His overwhelming grace and mercy. Singing and rejoicing are natural for us, but we cannot come to God with our sins and failures. Let us therefore confess our sins and ask for mercy for the sake of Christ.
- C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P** God has called you to life, He has given His Son to pay for your sins, and He has given you and all believers in Christ the faith to trust all His promises. 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.

SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, Your love for us is boundless!

- C** As we have received such love, grant us grace to speak about it in all those circumstances You arrange for us, that many may come to love You as well;

- 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.

NICENE CREED

☩ 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 – “Blessed Assurance” Hebrews 10:19

- 1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine
 O what a foretaste of glory divine
 Heir of salvation, purchase of God
 Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood
- 2, 4, 6 This is my story, this is my song
 Praising my Savior all the day long
 This is my story, this is my song
 Praising my Savior all the day long
- 3 Perfect submission, perfect delight
 Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
 Angels descending bring from above
 Echoes of mercy, whispers of love
- 5 Perfect submission all is at rest
 I in my Savior am happy and blest
 Watching and waiting, looking above
 Filled with His goodness, lost in His love

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FIRST READING

Acts 11:1-18

(The apostles rejoice that the Spirit has been given to Gentiles.)

¹Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, ³“You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” ⁴But Peter began and explained it to them in order: ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. ⁶Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. ⁷And I heard a voice saying to me, *‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’* ⁸But I said, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹But the voice answered a second time from heaven, *‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’* ¹⁰This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. ¹¹And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. ¹²And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’ ¹⁵As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, *‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’* ¹⁷If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?” ¹⁸When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

P Christ has risen from the dead.

C [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.

P He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

C he has put all things under his feet.

EPISTLE

Revelation 21:1-7

(God and His people will live together in the new Jerusalem.)

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

⁵And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Romans 6:9; John 14:23

- P** Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.
- C** If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

(When the disciples see Jesus again, their joy will be full.)

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

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, *“Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³²If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. ³³Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’ ³⁴A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”*

- 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
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2. **Electronic Funds Transfer**

Sign up through the church office.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: Revelation 21:1 – “Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.” The things of this world are passing away. We are waiting for a new heaven and a new earth, which have been promised to us in Christ. This knowledge is foundational for our stewardship of what God has put into our hands. What is truly important? What is worthy of our support? How has God called us to use “unrighteous mammon” for the good of our neighbor and His kingdom?

OFFERTORY - “We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise” Leviticus 7:22

- 1, 2, 3 We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord
We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord
And we offer up to You the sacrifices of thanksgiving
And we offer up to You the sacrifices of joy

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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 of heaven and earth, in the glorious resurrection of Your Son, You have given the promise of our own resurrection. As we await the Last Day, calm our hearts and strengthen our faith through our sorrows. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, You have promised us the gift of the Holy Spirit who makes known to us all truth and keeps us in Your Word. Grant to us, O Lord, faithful pastors who will teach us Your Word and devoted church workers who will serve us in Your name. Bless those preparing for church work vocations, and inspire many to follow Your call. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, You bless the anguish of childbirth with new life according to Your good and gracious will. Sustain all mothers with child and those with young children. Bless Your Church, the mother of all Your faithful children. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, You hold all people accountable for the responsibilities You have given them. Bless our president, our governor, the Congress and legislature, and all judges and magistrates. Guide them to serve according to Your will and for the common good of all. Raise up those with heroic virtue who will defend our liberty. Protect those who defend us in the armed forces, even as You give peace to the nations. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Alpha and Omega, You pledge to bring all things to their perfect consummation. You will bring heaven to earth and banish sorrow, sin and death. Sustain [and all] those now in tribulation. By the comfort of Your Holy Word, increase their faith and see them through their trials. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Holy Lord, You have given us both bread for the body and Christ, the bread of life. Prepare us now to receive with faith and thanksgiving His flesh for the life of the world and His blood that cleanses us from all sin. Unite us that we may believe and confess one faith, and bring us to that day when we shall be one people together at the table of our Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

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 unto the Lord, our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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.”

Sit

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.

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.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“Sweetly Broken”

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| 1 | To the cross I look, to the cross I cling
Of its suffering I do drink
Of its work I do sing
On it my Savior, both bruised and crushed
Showed that God is love
And God is just |
| 2, 4, 5
7, 8 | At the cross You beckon me
Draw me gently to my knees
And I am lost for words
So lost in love I'm
Sweetly broken, wholly surrendered |
| 3 | What a priceless gift, undeserved life
Have I been given
Through Christ crucified
You called me out of death, You've called me into life
I was under Your wrath
Now through the cross I'm reconciled |
| 6 | In awe of the cross I must confess
How wondrous Your redeeming love
And how great is Your faithfulness |

“You are My King (Amazing Love)”

1, 3, 8 I’m forgiven because You were forsaken
I’m accepted, You were condemned
I’m alive and well, Your Spirit is within me
Because you died and rose again

2, 4, 6 Amazing love, how can it be
That You, my King, would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it’s true
It’s my joy to honor You

5 In all I do I honor you
You are my King
You are my King
Jesus, You are my King
Jesus, You are my King

7 In all I do I honor you

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Stand

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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

Please Greet One Another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you", or "The peace of the Lord be with you" or "The Lord be with you".

CLOSING SONG - "United States Armed Forces Medley"

Coast Guard

We're always ready for the call, we place our trust in Thee
Through surf and storm and howling gale high shall our purpose be
"Semper Paratus" is our guide, our fame, our glory, too
To fight to save or fight and die. Aye, Coast Guard, we are for you

Air Force

Off we go into the wild blue yonder
Climbing high into the sun
Here they come zooming to meet our thunder
At 'em boys, give 'er the gun
Down we dive, spouting our flame from under
Off with one helluva a roar
We live in fame or go down in flame
Hey, nothing'll stop the U.S. Air Force

Navy

Anchors aweigh my boys, anchors aweigh
Farewell to foreign shores, we sail at break of day
O'er our last night ashore, hail to the foam
Until we meet once more
Here's wishing you a happy voyage home

Marines

From the Halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli
We fight our country's battles in the air, on land, and sea
First to fight for right and freedom and to keep our honor clean
We are proud to claim the title of United States Marine

Army

First to fight for the right and to build the nation's might
And the Army goes rolling along
Proud of all we have done, fighting till the battle's won
And the Army goes rolling along
Then it's hi, hi, hey, the Army's on its way
Count off the cadence loud and strong
For where e'er we go you will always know
That the Army goes rolling along

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