



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

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

**Sunday, May 11, 2025 – 11:00 AM**

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**FOURTH 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](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**

Even as we celebrate Jesus as our Good Shepherd, we also acknowledge that His shepherding love and care continues through the undershepherds whom He sends to protect, preserve, and provide for His sheep. The pastors do not replace Jesus, our Good Shepherd, but are the means by which our Lord continues His work among us through His Word and Sacraments. His Word and promise continue and He is among us just as He has said, still leading us to the still quiet waters, the rich green pastures, and the safe refuge so familiar to us in the words of Psalm 23.

## **IMAGE ON THE COVER**

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. *Isaiah 53:6*

## **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 – “Come Into His Presence” Psalm 95:3**

1, 2      Come into His presence with thanksgiving in your heart  
            And give Him praise, and give Him praise  
            Come into His presence with thanksgiving in your heart  
            Your voices raise, your voices raise  
            Give glory and honor and power unto Him  
            Jesus, the name above all names

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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.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*Isaiah 53:6; 1 Peter 2:24*

**P**      All we like sheep have gone astray;

**C**      **we have turned every one to his own way;**

**P**      and the LORD has laid on Jesus the iniquity of us all. He Himself bore our  
            sins in His body on the cross

**C**      **that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.**

*Silence for reflection and examination.*

**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.**

**P** He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C** **Amen.**

## **LORD, HAVE MERCY**

**P** Lord, have mercy,

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

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray.

O Merciful God, You have provided for us Your own Son to be our Good Shepherd and, through Him, pastors to serve as undershepherds for Your people. Continue to work in us through Your Son, Jesus Christ, that we may be kept safe from harm and led to everlasting life through Your Word and Sacraments; through Jesus Christ, 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 – “Sweetly Broken”

- 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        At the cross You beckon me  
5, 7, 8     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

## FIRST READING

Acts 20:17-35

*("Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock.")*

<sup>17</sup>Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. <sup>18</sup>And when they came to him, he said to them:

"You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, <sup>19</sup>serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; <sup>20</sup>how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, <sup>21</sup>testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup>And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, <sup>23</sup>except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. <sup>24</sup>But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. <sup>25</sup>And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. <sup>26</sup>Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, <sup>27</sup>for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. <sup>28</sup>Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. <sup>29</sup>I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; <sup>30</sup>and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. <sup>31</sup>Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. <sup>32</sup>And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. <sup>33</sup>I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. <sup>34</sup>You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. <sup>35</sup>In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, *'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'*"

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

*Psalm 23; antiphon: v. 4*

**L** <sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;  
**C**       **your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

**L** <sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;  
**C**       **I shall not want**

**L** <sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
**C**       **He leads me beside still waters.**

**L** <sup>3</sup>He restores my soul.  
**C**       **He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

**L** <sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;  
**C**       **your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

**L** <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
**C**       **you anoint my head with oil;**  
          **my cup overflows.**

**L** <sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
**C**       **and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

**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>4</sup>Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;  
**C**       **your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**



## EPISTLE

Revelation 7:9-17

*(The Lamb who sits on the throne shall be their Shepherd.)*

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>"Therefore they are before the throne of God,  
and serve him day and night in his temple;  
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

<sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;  
the sun shall not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup>For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of living water,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLILUIA AND VERSE

*Romans 6:9; John 10:14*

- L** Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;  
**C** death no longer has dominion over Him.

- L** I am the good shepherd.  
**C** I know My own and My own know Me. Alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 10:22-30*

*(No one can snatch the sheep out of the Shepherd's hand.)*

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

<sup>22</sup>At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter,  
<sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered them, *"I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>I and the Father are one."*

- 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: John 10:27 – “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.”** On their own sheep are in great danger. They need a shepherd to guide them. The sheep know the Shepherd's voice, and we delight to go where He leads. Of course, the world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh want to pull us in another direction. Namely, they want to pull us in the direction of death. But following the Shepherd means life. So, no matter how difficult the path is, let us follow the Shepherd!

## OFFERTORY – “God Will Make a Way” Isaiah 43:9

- 1, 2, 4, 6    God will make a way where there seems to be no way  
He works in ways we cannot see, He will make a way for me  
He will be my guide, hold me closely to His side  
With love and strength for each new day  
He will make a way, He will make a way
- 3, 5        By the roadway in the wilderness He'll lead me  
And rivers in the desert will I see  
Heaven and earth will fade  
But His Word will still remain  
He will do something new today

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## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Father, You have shown Your goodness and mercy in providing for us Your own Son to be our Good Shepherd and to lay down His life for His sheep. Grant us Your grace that we may hear the voice of our Good Shepherd, follow where He leads, and live in peace and quietness all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Father, Your Son has raised up undershepherds through whom He provides His care and protection, guarding us by His Word and nurturing our faith by His Sacraments. Make us attentive to their voice that we may be kept from danger and secured in the truth so that nothing can snatch us from Your hand. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Father, we have seen Your goodness in the still quiet waters and rich green pastures You daily and richly provide. Give us wise and grateful hearts that we may receive Your grace with thanksgiving and treasure them in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Father, Your watchful care is supplied for us in the governments and leaders of our land. Give to us wise and faithful leaders who will govern us according to Your Word and will work for peace and justice for all. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Father, shepherd the sick and suffering to healing and relief that they may know Your presence in trouble and Your peace in trial. Hear us especially for [*names*, and] all who stand in need of Your grace, and keep them to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Father, give comfort and hope to those who are bereaved, that we may be consoled with the knowledge that those who die in Christ live forevermore. [Hear us especially for *names*, that they may be sustained in their hour of grief by the hope of the resurrection and the life everlasting.] Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Father, deliver us from distraction and complacency, lest we wander from the arms of Your mercy and lose the blessing of Your shepherding care. Bring us at last with all Your sheep that we may be one flock under the one Good Shepherd, united in doctrine and in faith in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

*Additional petitions may be inserted here.*

**P** Into Your hands, O loving and gentle Shepherd, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through 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.

## **COLLECT FOR GRACE**

**P** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; 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 – “Forever”

- 1                    Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King  
                      His love endures forever  
                      For He is good, He is above all things  
                      His love endures forever  
                      Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise
- 2                    With a mighty hand, and an outstretched arm  
                      His love endures forever  
                      For the life that’s been reborn  
                      His love endures forever  
                      Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise
- 3, 4, 6            Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong  
7, 11, 12        Forever God is with us, forever
- 5                    From the rising to the setting sun  
                      His love endures forever  
                      By the grace of God we will carry on  
                      His love endures forever  
                      Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise
- 8, 9, 10          His love endures forever  
                      His love endures forever  
                      His love endures forever, forever  
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