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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
(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 season of Pentecost has arrived! With the arrival of the Holy Spirit, this season of the Church Year is marked by growth. We see evidence of the growth the Spirit is seeking in this week's Readings. The Lord and giver of life seeks to see His people grow faithful hearts through faithful worship, resulting in faithful service. When the way ahead isn't as clear or as comfortable as we would like, we rely on the Lord's wisdom, leading us back to His faithful servant, Jesus Christ, who clears the obstacles of our sinfulness and comforts us with His Word and sacramental gifts.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him. *Luke 8:39*

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 – “You are God Alone”

- 1, 2 You are not a god, created by human hands
You are not a god, dependent on any mortal man
You are not a god, in need of anything we can give
By Your plan, that’s just the way it is
- 3, 5 You are God alone, from before time began
8 You were on Your throne, You are God alone
And right now, in the good times and bad
You are on Your throne, You are God alone
- 4 You’re the only God whose power none can contend
You’re the only God whose name and praise will never end
You’re the only God who’s worthy of everything we can give
You are God and that’s just the way it is
- 6, 7 Unchangeable, unshakeable, unstoppable
9 That’s what you are
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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

Isaiah 52:10; 48:17; 55:6

- P** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
C and kindle in them the fire of Your love.
- P** The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,
C and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.
- P** Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel:
C “I am the LORD your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you in the way you should go.”
- P** Seek the LORD while He may be found;
C call upon Him while He is near.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Seeking our Lord, His wisdom, and His grace, we confess:
C Almighty and all-merciful God, in wisdom You have created all things, and in grace, You seek the lost and erring. Yet, through our selfish choices and sinful nature, we ignore Your wisdom and refuse Your grace. We prefer our own way, resisting the Holy Spirit and His work of bringing forth the fruits of faithfulness. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, console and correct us, that we might forsake our wicked ways and unrighteous thoughts and turn to You, the God who has compassion and abundant pardon.
- P** The Lord is gracious, for He declares, “Listen to Me, you stubborn of heart, you who are far from righteousness: I bring near My righteousness; it is not far off, and My salvation will not delay.” The Lord has brought His righteousness in giving His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for you. Through Him, and Him alone, you have forgiveness, life, and salvation. In the stead and by the command of 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.

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.

All-present, eternal Holy Spirit, who sustains Your church through trial, safeguards her against temptation, and secures her in the triumph of our Savior, Jesus Christ, produce in Your people the fruits of faithfulness, kept in true worship and service through the One who is the way, the truth, and the life, namely Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

- P** We confess our faith together, using the words of the Apostles' Creed,
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 – “Good, Good Father”

- 1 Oh, I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night
And You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone
- 2, 4 You're a good, good Father
8 It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are
10 And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am
- 3 Oh, I've seen many searching for answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers only You provide
'Cause You know just what we need before we say a word
- 5, 6 'Cause You are perfect in all of Your ways
9 You're are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us
- 7 Oh, it's love so undeniable that I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable that I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still, as You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still into love, love, love

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 65:1-9

(The Lord who redeems declares to the nations, "Here am I!" seeking their hearts and their faithfulness.)

¹I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me;
I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here am I, here am I,"
to a nation that was not called by my name.

²I spread out my hands all the day
to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good,
following their own devices;

³a people who provoke me
to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens
and making offerings on bricks;

⁴who sit in tombs,
and spend the night in secret places;
who eat pig's flesh,
and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels;

⁵who say, "Keep to yourself,
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."
These are a smoke in my nostrils,
a fire that burns all the day.

⁶Behold, it is written before me:
"I will not keep silent, but I will repay;
I will indeed repay into their bosom

⁷both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities together,
says the LORD;
because they made offerings on the mountains
and insulted me on the hills,
I will measure into their bosom
payment for their former deeds."

⁸Thus says the LORD:

“As the new wine is found in the cluster,
and they say, ‘Do not destroy it,
for there is a blessing in it,’
so I will do for my servants’ sake,
and not destroy them all.

⁹I will bring forth offspring from Jacob,
and from Judah possessors of my mountains;
my chosen shall possess it,
and my servants shall dwell there.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 3: antiphon: v. 8

L ⁸Salvation belongs to the LORD;

C your blessing be on your people!

L ¹O LORD, how many are my foes!

C Many are rising against me;

L ²many are saying of my soul,

C there is no salvation for him in God.

L ³But you, O LORD, are a shield about me,

C my glory, and the lifter of my head.

L ⁴I cried aloud to the LORD,

C and he answered me from his holy hill.

L ⁵I lay down and slept;

C I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.

L ⁶I will not be afraid of many thousands of people

C who have set themselves against me all around.

L ⁷Arise, O LORD!

C **Save me, O my God!**

L For you strike all my enemies on the cheek;

C **you break the teeth of the wicked.**

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 ⁸Salvation belongs to the LORD;

C **your blessing be on your people!**

EPISTLE

Galatians 3:23-4:7

(The baptized have put on Christ, becoming sons and heirs, with hearts that are home to the Holy Spirit.)

²³Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

¹I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ²but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Luke 8:39a

P Alleluia. Return to your home,

C and declare how much God has done for you. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 8:26-39

(Jesus travels beyond Galilee to break the bonds of darkness, transforming a demoniac into a missionary.)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁶Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me.” ²⁹For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, “*What is your name?*” And he said, “Legion,” for many demons had entered him. ³¹And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. ³²Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission.

³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

³⁴When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. ³⁶And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹*“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.”* And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

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 8:37 – “Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So He got into the boat and returned.”

The Gerasenes are upset with Jesus because His ministry led to the loss of their pig herd — their wealth. They want Jesus to go away before He does any more damage to their bottom line. Their priorities are clear. What about our priorities? Is the work and ministry of Jesus worthy of our support and the sacrifice of some of our wealth?

OFFERTORY - “Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

1, 2 Jesus lover of my soul
 Jesus I will never let You go
 You've taken me from the miry clay
 You set my feet upon the rock and now I know
 I love You, I need You
 Though my world may fall I'll never let You go
 My Savior, my closest friend
 I will worship You until the very end

3 I love You, I need You
 Though my world may fall I'll never let You go
 My Savior, my closest friend
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Stand

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.

For the faithful of every nation, that they be so called by the Gospel and equipped to declare to their communities how much God has done for them, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For Your one holy Christian and apostolic church, that believers might be united in sound teaching and a clear confession of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those in the grip of darkness, ruled by the demons of grief, addiction, anxiety, and chronic disease, awaiting Your deliverance, and those hurting among us, [*including . . .*], let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those growing in their faith, especially those preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, or training for the ministry, that they be encouraged in the way and defended from evil, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our homes, that parents and caregivers be guided by Your wisdom to lovingly serve their neighbors and all in their care, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the fruit of the Spirit to blossom in the lives of all believers, to the glory of God the Father, and pointing hearts to Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all this, and whatever more Your fatherly mercy would grant to us, we pray in the name of 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 Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.

CLOSING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and in the confession of Your name may abide to the end; 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 upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you 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 - "Great and Mighty is He" Psalm 48:1

(x denotes clap)

- 1, 3, 5 Great and mighty is He (xxx) Great and mighty is He (xxx)
Clothed in glory, arrayed in splendor, great and mighty is He (xxx)
Great and mighty is He (xxx) Great and mighty is He (xxx)
Clothed in glory, arrayed in splendor, great and mighty is He (xxx)
- 2, 4 Let us lift His name up high, celebrate His grace
For He has redeemed our lives and He reigns on high
- 6 Great and mighty is He (xxx) Great and mighty is He (xxx)
Clothed in glory, arrayed in splendor
Great and mighty is, great and mighty is, great and mighty is He
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