

St. Luke's Lutheran Church



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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THE HOLY TRINITY

(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

Old Testament wisdom reveals, prophesies, and confirms the eternal presence of Jesus Christ, before the foundations of the world. Wisdom allows us to peer through the lens of Old Testament patriarchs, prophets, and judges, and believe in Jesus. Wisdom allows us to peer through the lens of the New Testament and believe in the sustainable eternity Christ secures through His life, death, and resurrection. This wisdom, personified and proclaimed, provides reliable truths that eclipse the distortions of the world, captivated by sin and sorrow. Trinitarian truths are indelible and deeply rooted in the Holy Scriptures. These truths accompany our tenuous lives, providing substance, solace, and promised salvation!

IMAGE ON THE COVER

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Invocation

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 - "Isn't He Good" Psalm 34:8

- The view is clear from where I stand I can see the imprints of God's hand From who I was to who I'll be His love and grace has delivered me Guiding me, guarding me Leading me, loving me
- 2, 4, 5 Isn't He good, isn't He good
 Hasn't He done all He said He would
 All that we have, all that we are
 Comes from above
 Isn't He good, isn't He good
 He met the need like only He could
 Faithful and true to me and you
 Isn't He good
- The smallest voice, the biggest fear
 The loving heart of the Father hears
 And answers each and any prayer
 Of every child who's within His care
 Blessing us, building us
 Feeding us, filling us
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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.

- P God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit possess all wisdom before the very work of creation.
- **C** Praise be to the Holy Trinity.
- Wisdom, begotten of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, reveals the incarnate Christ—the appointed Messiah, working out our salvation's story.
- Praise be to the Holy Trinity.
- **P** Eternal wisdom delights, rejoices, and is the workman of all things created and redeemed.
- Praise be to the Holy Trinity. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

- 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

- P Lord, have mercy,
- Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

ATHANASIAN CREED PART 1

- P Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.
- Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.
- **P** And the catholic faith is this,
- that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.
- **P** For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
- But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.
- P Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
- the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;
- P the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
- the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.
- P And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
- just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.

- In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
- and yet there are not three Almighties, but one Almighty.
- P So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
- and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.
- P So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
- and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

OPENING SONG – "East to West"

Here I am Lord and I'm drowning
In Your sea of forgetfulness
The chains of yesterday surround me
I yearn for peace and rest
I don't want to end up where You found me
And it echoes in my mind
Keeps me awake tonight

- 2 I know You've cast my sin as far
 As the east is from the west
 And I stand before You now
 As though I've never sinned
 But today I feel like I'm just one mistake away
 From You leaving me this way
- 3, 5 Jesus, can You show me just how far the east is from the west?

 'Cause I can't bear to see the man I've been

 Come rising up in me again

 In the arms of Your mercy I find rest

 You know just how far the east is from the west

 From one scarred hand to the other
- I start the day, the war begins endless reminding of my sin
 And time and time again your truth is drowned out by the storm I'm in
 Today I feel like I'm just one mistake away
 From you leaving me this way
- I know you've washed me white
 Turned my darkness into light
 I need your peace to get me through
 To get me through this night
 I can't live by what I feel
 About the truth your word reveals
 I'm not holding onto you
 But you're holding onto me
 You're holding onto me
- Jesus, You know just how far the east is from the west I don't have to see the man I've been Come rising up in me again In the arms of Your mercy I find rest 'Cause You know just how far the east is from the west From one scarred hand to the other Just how far, the east is from the west, just how far From one scarred hand to the other Just how far, the east is from the west, just how far From one scarred hand to the other

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

(Wisdom, personified, reveals the presence and work of Jesus even before the creation of the world.)

- ¹Does not wisdom call? Does not understanding raise her voice? ²On the heights beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; ³beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud: ⁴"To you, O men, I call, and my cry is to the children of man. . . . ²²"The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old. ²³Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. ²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. ²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, ²⁶before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world. ²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸when he made firm the skies above. when he established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, ³⁰then I was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, ³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man."
- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL based on Psalm 8

- L O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.
- O Lord, we praise Your name.
- L O Lord, we magnify Your name:
- Prince of Peace, Mighty God, O Lord God Almighty.

SECOND READING

Acts 2:14a, 22-36

(God richly supplies Jesus with the credentials to accomplish all divine works, wonders, and signs.)

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . .

²²"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— ²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

"'I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;

²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹"Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

"'The Lord said to my Lord,
Sit at my right hand,

³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.'

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

- This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Isaiah 6:3b

- P Alleluia. Praise to the Holy Trinity:
- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL John 8:48-59

(Jesus reveals His eternal identity with God the Father before the time of Abraham.)

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

⁴⁸The Jews answered [Jesus], "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" ⁴⁹Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." ⁵²The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.' ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" ⁵⁴Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' ⁵⁵But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word.

⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad."

⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

ATHANASIAN CREED PART 2

- Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.
- The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.
- P The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.
- The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.
- Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
- And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;
- but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.
- Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.

Sit

LAMB'S MESSAGE

SERMON

VOTUM

- 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 Manhattan, KS 66503
- 2. **Electronic Funds Transfer/**Sign up through the church office.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: From the *LSB* Service of the Sacrament – "Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored." Three times the angels cry out: "Holy, holy, holy!" It is an indication of the three-ness in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is the Name into which we are baptized. We have been made a part of God's family and are now called to live lives that are in harmony with this new family. We are to be godly and live in God's image. As God is loving, kind and generous, so also are we called to be.

OFFERTORY – "Great are You Lord"

- 1, 2, 3 Holy Lord, most holy Lord, You alone are worthy of my praise O holy Lord, most holy Lord, with all of my heart I sing Great are You, Lord, worthy of praise, holy and true Great are You, Lord, most holy Lord
- Great are You, Lord, worthy of praise, holy and true
 Great are You, Lord, most holy Lord
 Lord, most holy Lord
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ATHANASIAN CREED PART 3

- P But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.
- P He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:
- perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;
- equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
- Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:
- one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;
- one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.
- P For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
- who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,
- ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.
- P And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.
- This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P Blessed Father, from You comes all that is, and we are forever indebted to Your grace for the gift of life. Receive this day our special thanks for the redemption You have provided in Jesus Christ, Your Son, and for the work of the Spirit in bringing us to know You by faith and to be adopted as Your children by Baptism into the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- P Blessed Father, Your Son was the voice that spoke all things into existence, and Your grace still preserves all that You have made. You did not abandon Your people, but have delivered us by the blood of Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may know Your Word and keep it in faith through all the days of our earthly pilgrimage until we are joined with faithful Abraham, with patriarch, prophet, apostle and evangelist, in Your presence forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- P Blessed Father, You have established marriage and sanctified the home to be a place of blessing and love. Give to parent and child the courage to love as You have loved us. Unite them in their common life by Your Spirit to know Jesus and serve Him. Bless the single with chastity, comfort the widowed, protect the orphan and defend the helpless. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Blessed Father, you give all authority to Your Son, Jesus Christ, yet You call us to honor our worldly rulers. Give wisdom to Your people to render rulers their due, always under Christ, by whom all kings reign. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Blessed Father, grant healing and patience in every affliction to the ailing, the dying and those in need [especially_________]. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

- P Blessed Father, You give us Your Son's body and blood, that we may taste and see that You are good. Grant that we may use Your gifts faithfully and frequently draw near to Your table in true repentance. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- P Blessed Father, reform and renew us by Your Word and Spirit. Where we lack love, build us up in Christ, and where we are distracted, give us a single focus upon our Lord Jesus, that at last we may be found faithful, be reunited with those who have gone before us to Your nearer presence, and enjoy the marriage supper of the Lamb in His kingdom without end. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Heavenly Father, from whom all fatherhood is named, we give You thanks for earthly fathers. Give them confidence in their station and zeal for their task to care for their families faithfully. Make them examples to their children of godly life and love of Your Word. Bless their work of bringing up children in the fear and instruction of the Lord, and give them the comfort of Your absolution over all their shortcomings. Gather us together with all our fathers to Your eternal household; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and 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.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

LORD'S PRAYER

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- **P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
 - 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."

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

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

"Amazing Grace" Ephesians 2:4

- 1, 5 Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see
- 2 `Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed
- Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come

 `Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home
- When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun (John Newton & John P. Rees, traditional melody, arr. ©1997 Maranatha! Music, CCLI #288089)

"Draw Me Into Your Presence" Psalm 16:11

- 1, 3, 5 Draw me into Your presence, draw me into Your presence
 Draw me into Your presence, I want to know You
 For there's life in Your presence, yes, there's life in Your presence
 There is life in Your presence, I want to know You
- 2, 4 Where else can I go? Where else can I hide? Only in Your presence, Lord, can I find peace of mind (Teresa Muller ©1991, arr. ©1997 Maranatha! Music CCLI #288089)

Stand

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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

- 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 - "You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)"

- 1, 5
 You are Holy (You are Holy)
 You are mighty (You are mighty)
 You are worthy (You are worthy)
 Worthy of praise (Worthy of praise)
 I will follow (I will follow)
 I will listen (I will listen)
 I will love You (I will love You)
 All of my days (All of my days)
- 2, 3, 7 I will sing to and worship the King who is worthy I will love and adore Him, I will bow down before Him
- 4 You're my Prince of Peace and I will live my life for You
- You're the Lord of Lords, You're the King of Kings
 You are mighty God, Lord of everything
 You're Emmanuel, You're the great I Am
 You're the Prince of Peace, who is the Lamb
 You're the living God, You're my saving grace
 You will reign forever, You are Ancient of Days
 You're the Alpha, Omega, beginning and end
 You're my Savior, Messiah, Redeemer, and Friend
 You're my Prince of Peace and I will live my life for you

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 You're the Alpha, Omega, beginning and end
 You're my Savior, Messiah, Redeemer, and Friend
 You're my Prince of Peace and I will live my life for you
- 9, 10 You're my Prince of Peace and I will live my life for You

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