



St. Luke's Lutheran Church



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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ST. PETER & ST. PAUL, APOSTLES DAY

(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

As we gather to celebrate St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles Day, we honor how the Lord worked through these individuals. St. Peter exemplifies the grace of God, showing us that even in our weaknesses, we can be restored and empowered to serve our Lord. His confession of faith reminds us of the importance of proclaiming Jesus as the Christ. St. Paul, once a fierce persecutor, became a passionate evangelist, emphasizing salvation by grace through faith. His letters guide us in understanding God's Word and living out our faith. Together, they embody the mission of the Church, inspiring us to share the Gospel boldly and live as faithful disciples. May their examples strengthen our commitment to Christ and His Church.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

Apostles Peter and Paul

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 – “To God Be the Glory”

- 1 To God be the glory, great things He hath done
 So loved He the world that He gave us His Son
 Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
 And opened the life gate that all may go in
- 2, 4, 6 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
 Let the earth hear His voice
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
 Let the people rejoice
 Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son
 And give Him the glory, great things He hath done
- 3 Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood
 To every believer the promise of God
 The vilest offender who truly believes
 That moment from Jesus a pardon receives
- 5 Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done
 And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son
 But purer and higher and greater will be
 Our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see
- 7 And give Him the glory, great things He hath done
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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

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,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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 In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 Merciful and eternal God, Your holy apostles Peter and Paul received grace and strength to lay down their lives for the sake of Your Son. Strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit that we may confess Your truth and at all times be ready to lay down our lives for Him who laid down His life for us, even 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.**

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 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

FIRST READING

Acts 15:1-21

(The Jerusalem Council)

¹But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." ²And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and the elders about this question. ³So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the brothers. ⁴When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they declared all that God had done with them. ⁵But some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees rose up and said, "It is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the law of Moses."

⁶The apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider this matter. ⁷And after there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. ⁸And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us, ⁹and he made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith. ¹⁰Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing a yoke on the neck of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear? ¹¹But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will."

¹²And all the assembly fell silent, and they listened to Barnabas and Paul as they related what signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles. ¹³After they finished speaking, James replied, "Brothers, listen to me. ¹⁴Simeon has related how God first visited the Gentiles, to take from them a people for his name. ¹⁵And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written,

¹⁶"After this I will return,
and I will rebuild the tent of David that has fallen;
I will rebuild its ruins,
and I will restore it,

¹⁷that the remnant of mankind may seek the Lord,
and all the Gentiles who are called by my name,
says the Lord, who makes these things ¹⁸known from of old.'

¹⁹Therefore my judgment is that we should not trouble those of the Gentiles
who turn to God, ²⁰but should write to them to abstain from the things
polluted by idols, and from sexual immorality, and from what has been
strangled, and from blood. ²¹For from ancient generations Moses has had in
every city those who proclaim him, for he is read every Sabbath in the
synagogues."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalm 46; antiphon: v. 11

L ¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;

C the God of Jacob is our fortress.

L ¹God is our refuge and strength,

C a very present help in trouble.

L ²Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,

C though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

L ³though its waters roar and foam,

C though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

L ⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

C the holy habitation of the Most High.

L ⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;

C God will help her when morning dawns.

L ⁶The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;

C he utters his voice, the earth melts.

L ⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;

C the God of Jacob is our fortress.

L ⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD,
C **how he has brought desolations on the earth.**

L ⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
C **he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.**

L ¹⁰“Be still, and know that I am God.
C **I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”**

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 ¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
C **the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

EPISTLE

Galatians 2:1-10

(Paul Accepted by the Apostles.)

¹Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. ²I went up because of a revelation and set before them (though privately before those who seemed influential) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure I was not running or had not run in vain. ³But even Titus, who was with me, was not forced to be circumcised, though he was a Greek. ⁴Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in—who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might bring us into slavery—⁵to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you. ⁶And from those who seemed to be influential (what they were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)—those, I say, who seemed influential added nothing to me.

⁷On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel to the circumcised ⁸(for he who worked through Peter for his apostolic ministry to the circumcised worked also through me for mine to the Gentiles), ⁹and when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. ¹⁰Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLILUIA AND VERSE

L Alleluia. On this Rock I will build my church,

C and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-19

(Peter Confesses Jesus As the Christ.)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, *“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”* ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, *“But who do you say that I am?”* ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, *“Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.”* ¹⁸*And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.* ¹⁹*I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”*

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

OFFERTORY – “Jesus, Draw Me Close” James 4:8

1, 2, 3 Jesus, draw me close, closer Lord to You
Let the world around me fade away
Jesus, draw me close, closer Lord to You
For I desire to worship and obey

4 For I desire to worship and obey
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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.

Heavenly Father, give us grace that we would daily read and treasure Your Word and put it into practice. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Father in heaven, look kindly on our congregation. Keep us from indifference to Your Word and mission, and strengthen us to be a people who ever hold Your Word sacred and gladly hear and learn it. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of the Church, we bless You for the ministry of Your apostles Peter and Paul. Through their faithful witness unto death, they proclaimed Your Gospel without wavering, leading many to Christ. Help us to love You above all others, that even under threat of death, we may confess Your saving name and endure to the end. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, look favorably on our nation. Remember our president and all in authority. Grant them wisdom to meet the challenges before them faithfully and skillfully. Bless those who serve in our armed forces, that they would do so with honor and courage under Your protection. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious God, have compassion on those in need of healing [*especially* _____]. Grant such healing, according to Your will, and give them patience to bear their afflictions with grace and trust in Your unfailing love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

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 grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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 Never Let Go"

- 1 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death
Your perfect love is casting out fear
Even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life
I won't turn back, I know You are near
- 2, 5 I will fear no evil
For my God is with me
And if my God is with me
Whom then shall I fear?
Whom then shall I fear?
- 3, 6 Oh no, You never let go
7, 9 Through the calm and through the storm
10 Oh no, You never let go
In every high and every low
Oh no, You never let go
Lord, You never let go of me
- 4 I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on
A glorious light beyond all compare
There will be an end to these troubles, but until that day comes
We'll live to know You here on the earth
- 8 I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on
There will be an end to these troubles, but until that day comes
Still I will praise You, still I will praise You

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