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Lutheran Church**



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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**NINTH 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

Sometimes one simple word can have two meanings that are complete opposites. The word *anxious* is one of them. In English, it comes from the old Latin verb “angere,” which means to “take hold of” or “to give pain.” When Jesus says, “Do not be anxious,” He is inviting us to let go of that which causes us pain and to trust in God’s complete and loving care. And yet the flip side of “angere” describes a positive sense of eagerness. In the Advent hymn “Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come” (LSB 350), we pray to our Savior: “Come, Thy beauty let us see; anxiously we wait for Thee” (st. 1). May our faithful worship reflect that hopeful kind of anxiety as we celebrate the presence of the Lord among us.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. *Luke 12:32*

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 – “One Thing Remains”

- 1 Higher than the mountains that I face
Stronger than the power of the grave
Our constant in the trial and the change
This one thing remains
- 2, 4 Your love never fails, it never gives up
6, 8 It never runs out on me
10 Your love never fails, it never gives up
It never runs out on me
Your love never fails, it never gives up
It never runs out on me
Your love
- 3, 7 On and on and on and on it goes
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul
And I never, ever have to be afraid
This one thing remains
This one thing remains
- 5, 9 In death, in life I'm confident and covered by
The power of Your great love
My debt is paid there's nothing that can separate
My heart from Your great love

Stand

The sign of the cross ✝ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

The candidate, sponsors, and family gather with the pastor at the font.

When candidate is unable to speak for themselves, the sponsors answer the questions on their behalf.

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 28:19) In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” (Mark 16:16a) And the apostle Peter has written, “Baptism now saves you.” (1 Peter 3:21)

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, (1 John 2:2) that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16).

The pastor addresses each candidate:

P How are you named?

R Lillian Marie Robinett

The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of each candidate while saying:

P Lillian Marie Robinett, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✝ forehead and upon your ✝ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all (1 Peter 3:20). You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism (Ex. 15:4; 1 Cor. 10:2). Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Lillian Marie Robinett according to Your boundless mercy and bless her with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in her, which has been inherited from Adam and which she herself has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that she be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, she would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, *“Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.”* And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them (Mark 10:13-16).

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

LORD’S PRAYER

P We pray the Lord’s Prayer together.

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.

P The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even ✠ forevermore.

C Amen.

Sit

The pastor addresses the candidate and asks the following questions:

P Lillian Marie Robinett, do you renounce the devil?

R *Yes, I renounce him.*

P Do you renounce all his works?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you believe 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?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you 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?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Lillian Marie Robinett, do you desire to be baptized?

R *Yes, I do.*

The pastor pours water three times on the head of each candidate while saying:

P Lillian Marie Robinett, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized while saying:

P The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting.

C Amen.

P The white garment that you wear today symbolizes that you have been clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness (Is. 61:10; Rev. 7:13, 14; 19:13; 22:14) that covers all your sin. So shall you stand without fear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you from the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1:4).

P The burning light(s) show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world (John 8:12). Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb (Rev. 19:9) in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

P In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir (Romans 8:17) with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our sister in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9).

C Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.

Stand

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Lillian Marie Robinett the new birth in Holy Baptism and made her a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom (Romans 8:17). We humbly implore You that, as she has now become Your child, You would keep her in her baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure she may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Peace ✝ be with you.

C Amen.

All return to their places.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 34:1-4, 8, 22

P I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

C My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

P Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!

C I sought the LORD, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

P Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

C The LORD redeems the life of His servants; none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and ask His gracious forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **We now confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and before one another, that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have given in to anxiety and have not always put our trust in God and His gracious provision for our lives. We have not always been good stewards of the many gifts that God graciously gives us and have focused on keeping things for ourselves rather than sharing them with others. We have missed opportunities to share the love of Christ with those around us and have not sought out the best for the people of our family circles, our neighborhoods, and our communities. We pray our God to have mercy on us, to forgive us all our sins, to lead us into lives of growing faith and increasing charity, and finally to bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P God is faithful and keeps His promises of full pardon for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, granting mercy and forgiveness for those who repent and turn to Him. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, 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 on us.

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

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O Lord, Jesus Christ, You have directed us to trust in You for all that is needful in our lives. Preserve us by Your perpetual mercy and lead us to trust in Your gracious guidance in all things. As the Spirit works in our lives and days, lead us to whatever is profitable for our salvation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

OPENING SONG – “Raise a Hallelujah”

- 1 I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies
I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief
I raise a hallelujah, my weapon is a melody
I raise a hallelujah, heaven comes to fight for me
- 2, 4 I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm
8, 9 Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar
Up from the ashes hope will arise
Death is defeated, the King is alive
- 3 I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me
I raise a hallelujah, I will watch the darkness flee
I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery
I raise a hallelujah, fear you lost your hold on me
- 5 Sing a little louder, sing a little louder
Sing a little louder, sing a little louder
- 6, 7 Sing a little louder, in the presence of my enemies
Sing a little louder, louder than my unbelief
Sing a little louder, my weapon is a melody
Sing a little louder, heaven comes to fight for me

SUMMER SAINT CELEBRATION SEQUENCE

Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

- L** The list of Christians who are remembered by the church and commemorated by name includes faithful men and women from centuries past who witnessed to Jesus Christ in special ways in their lives. On August 10, the church commemorates Lawrence, who is known as a deacon and martyr. Born in Spain around AD 220, Lawrence found his way to Rome, where he served as a deacon, caring for the social and physical needs of people. His responsibilities included sending out financial contributions from God's people at Rome to congregations in need around the Empire. He used all the resources he was given to meet local needs in Rome as well. When the Roman prefect demanded that Lawrence bring him all the wealth of the church within three days, he knew that he had no silver or gold to turn over. After the three days, he brought before the prefect some of the people who had been helped by the church: destitute, sick, and blind people, as well as widows and many poor people. He said to the prefect: "The church is truly rich, far richer than your emperor." The prefect was outraged by Lawrence's response and decreed that he be put to death immediately, which he was. The willing sacrifice of his own life in the service of God's people as a martyr was a compelling testament to the faith of Lawrence, who was about thirty-eight years old at the time of his execution. Martin Luther observed that Lawrence overcame death and all tortures and serves as a blessed example of Christian faithfulness.
- A** One of the sections of hymns in *Lutheran Service Book* has the heading "The Church Militant" above each hymn in that section. Included in this group of hymns are Martin Luther's "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," the well-known "Onward, Christian Soldiers," and "Fight the Good Fight." The term "The Church Militant" refers to the church on earth, where Christian people live out their faith day by day. Sometimes that calling to follow Christ leads to conflict and self-sacrifice, and sometimes even to death.

In the hymn, “The Son of God Goes Forth to War,” English clergyman Reginald Heber calls to mind some of those faithful followers who make up the army of Christ, including martyrs and valiant saints. The hymn ends with a simple prayer we all can share: “O God, to us may grace be giv’n to follow in their train!”

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 15:1-6

(God makes a special promise to Abraham.)

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ²But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” ⁵And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” ⁶And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalms 34:9, 19 alt.

L Fear the LORD, you his saints,

C for those who fear him lack nothing!

L Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

C but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

EPISTLE

Hebrews 11:1-16

(The examples of faith exhibited by some of God's people.)

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return.

¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Luke 12:32

P Alleluia. Fear not, little flock,

C for it is Your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:22-34

(Jesus calls His disciples to make serving Him the priority.)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²²[Jesus] said to his disciples, *"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.*

³²*“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”*

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
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STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: Luke 12:24 – “Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them.” God feeds the birds of the air, this we know. It’s just that, as one wit put it: God sometimes feeds the birds....to the cats! Yes, crosses and hardships will always come — Christ said that no disciple is above his Master. But through it all, the Lord cares for us and He calls upon us to entrust ourselves to that care. He really is our Father, and He really will guard and keep us through whatever this life has to throw at us. And in the end, we shall receive the gift of eternal life.

OFFERTORY - "There is None Like You"

1, 2, 4 There is none like You
 No one else can touch my heart like You do.
 I could search for all eternity long and find
 There is none like You

3 Your mercy flows like a river wide,
 And healing comes from Your hands.
 Suffering children are safe in Your arms.
 There is none like You

5, 6 I could search for all eternity long and find
 There is none like You

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Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Almighty God, increase our faith in Your wise ways and gracious will. Preserve us from reliance on our own plans and natural powers, that we would ever trust in You and be counted righteous in Your Son, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, You have clothed us with Your mercy and delivered us from our sins, that we may be Your own and live under You in Your kingdom forever. Place Your blessing upon the proclamation of Your Word, and prosper the work of all pastors and church workers in their various callings. Bless those being called to Your service and those preparing for church-work vocations. We ask especially for You to bless all seminaries and those who teach and learn Your Word therein. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Holy Father, You promised great and abundant blessings to Abram, which he believed by faith. Bless the hearts of Christian fathers to prize the gift of their children and to work in their lives for the good of generations yet unseen. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, because we are weak and powerless apart from You, defend us against all our enemies and bless our nation and those who lead us, especially our president, governor, Congress, legislature, and all judges and magistrates. Make them wise and endow them with a good heart, that they may seek justice and show mercy, especially on behalf of the unborn and those least able to defend themselves. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful God, You know our needs before we ask, yet You invite us to pray for health and healing, comfort and consolation, and peace at the last. Deliver those who are sick, and grant Your grace to all who cry to You for mercy [*especially*_____]. Grant us the perfect consummation of our hope and the full healing of body and soul, when at last Your Son comes in His glory to deliver us to You forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Grant us, O Lord, a steadfast faith in Jesus Christ, a cheerful hope in Your mercy, and a sincere love for You and our neighbors. Although we are not worthy of Your benefits, accept our sacrifice of thanks, together with the offerings that we return to You in faith, that we would not be fruitless or ungrateful but magnify Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, You worked the salvation of the world through the death of Your dear Son, and You work out Your holy purposes through the deaths of Your saints. Make us faithful unto death, and so receive the fulfillment of all Your promises; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C 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 - “Let It Rise” 2 Corinthians 3:18

1, 2, 3 Let the glory of the Lord rise among us
Let the glory of the Lord rise among us
Let the praises of the King rise among us, let it rise
Let the songs of the Lord rise among us
Let the songs of the Lord rise among us
Let the joy of the King rise among us, let it rise
Oh, let it rise
Oh, let it rise

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