



St. Luke's Lutheran Church



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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EIGHTH 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

There is a lot of “wisdom” floating around our world on how to become wealthy. Some of the celebrities of our modern age are people like Jeff Bezos, Warren Buffett, Bill Gates, and Elon Musk. They are people who seem to have a super abundance of everything. Many of us spend at least one-third of our lives working to accumulate enough wealth to hopefully retire in comfort and security. Yet, as Jesus reminds us, our focus is misplaced when we mistakenly believe that our investments, our retirement funds, and our possessions are actually our own—that we earned them all by ourselves. As we gather, we come together today to worship the King of all creation who generously gives us everything that we have for this world and the next.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. *Colossians 3:23–24*

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 – “Arise, Shine” Isaiah 60:1

1, 2, 4, 5 Arise, shine for your light has come
7, 8, 9 Arise, shine for your light has come

3, 6 Nations will come and kings will bow
As the glory of God shines on you
Lift up your hearts, lift up your voice
See the King of kings, the Lord of lords
See the Prince of Peace shine on you

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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

*PSALM 24:1-2, 127:2; 147:9; Matthew 6:26; James 1:17; Exodus 20:3;
Colossians 3:5-6*

P The earth is the LORD’s and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for He has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

C He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry.

P Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

C It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for He gives to His beloved sleep.

- P** Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.
- C** **The First Commandment reminds us, “You shall have no other gods before Me.”**
- P** Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.
- C** **On account of these the wrath of God is coming.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Almighty God,
- C** **You are the giver of everything we have. Yet, we are guilty of coveting the possessions, experiences, and social standing of others. We sin by valuing these things above You. For Jesus’ sake, forgive our sins. Renew us in Your knowledge and conform us to Your image by the power of the Holy Spirit.**
- P** “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich” (2 Corinthians 8:9). We receive the riches of God’s forgiveness because of Jesus. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all of 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.

O God, You are the giver of all that we have, including all that we are. We praise and thank You for blessing us with family, friends, opportunities, jobs, and possessions. Guide us to be good stewards of all You generously give to us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

NICENE CREEED

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both
the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

OPENING SONG – “There is Power”

- 1 Where two or more are gathered in His name
 He is there
 For all who come, who run to Him in faith
 He is there
- 2, 4 There is power in the name of Jesus
- 6, 7 There is power, power in His name
 There is power in the name of Jesus
 There is power, power in His name
- 3 No fear, no lie can stand against us now
 He is here
 The Word has come to silence every doubt
 He is here
- 5 One name, one name can save
 One name, breaks every chain
 One name, always
 One name, Jesus
 One name, one name remains
 One name, we will proclaim
 One name, always
 One name

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26

(Enjoying your work is a gift from God.)

²Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . .

¹²I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³And I applied my heart
to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an
unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹⁴I
have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a
striving after wind. . . .

¹⁸I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the
man who will come after me, ¹⁹and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool?
Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun.
This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the
toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes a person who has toiled with
wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone
who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What has a man from all
the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun?

²³For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his
heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

²⁴There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find
enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, ²⁵for apart from him
who can eat or who can have enjoyment? ²⁶For to the one who pleases him God
has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the
business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also
is vanity and a striving after wind.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Romans 10:15b, 18b; Isaiah 52:7b, alt.

L How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news,
C who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.

L Their voice has gone out to all the earth,
C and their words to the ends of the world.

EPISTLE

Colossians 3:1-11

(Live as the people you are in Christ.)

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices

¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

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

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Colossians 3:23-24a

P Alleluia. Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,
C knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward.
Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:13-21

(Trust in the Giver of all that is good.)

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, *“Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?”* ¹⁵And he said to them, *“Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”* ¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, *“The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ ¹⁸And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”*

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 12:15 – “And he said to them, ‘Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.’” Coveting is the opposite of being content with what God has given us. And the cure for coveting is twofold: thankfulness to God and generosity toward God’s purposes. So be on guard against all covetousness. Acknowledge that your Father has given you all that you need, and therefore be free and confident in directing the mammon of this world toward godly purposes.

OFFERTORY – “My Peace”

1, 2 My peace I give unto you
It's a peace that the world cannot give
It's a peace that the world cannot understand
Peace to know, peace to live
My peace I give unto you

3 It's a peace that the world cannot understand
Peace to know, peace to live
My peace I give unto you

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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. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of Glory, You created this world and everything in it, and You continue to rule over it. We praise and thank You for being our Good Shepherd who daily and richly provides for us. Thank You for laying down Your life for us and taking it back up again. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, we praise and thank You for all the blessings You generously give us. We thank You for our families, friends, opportunities, vocations, and possessions. Lead us to be good stewards of all that You place into our hands. Guard our hearts against selfishness, arrogance, and pride. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious God, You promised Abram that You would bless him to be a blessing. We, too, are truly blessed as we freely receive the riches of Your kingdom. We praise and thank You for the riches of Your Word and the forgiveness we graciously receive at Your Table. Empower us by Your love to care for the widow, the orphan, the poor, and the needy. We pray now for all who are struggling in body, mind, and spirit, [*especially . . .*]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Glorious Lord, we praise and thank You for calling us by the Gospel, enlightening us with Your gifts, and sanctifying and keeping us in the one true faith. We pray for those in our families, workplaces, and neighborhoods who are near to us but far from You. Pour Your love, mercy, and grace into their lives and bring them to faith in You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Lord Jesus, we lift these prayers to You, trusting in Your mercy to hear and answer us according to Your good and gracious will. In Your glorious name, we pray.
- 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.
- C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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.

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

“Your Grace Still Amazes Me”

- 1 My faithful Father, enduring Friend
 Your tender mercy's like a river with no end
 It overwhelms me, covers my sin
 Each time I come into Your presence
 I stand in wonder once again

- 2, 4, 6 Your grace still amazes me
 Your love is still a mystery
 Each day I fall on my knees
 'Cause Your grace still amazes me
 'Cause Your grace still amazes me

- 3 Oh, patient Savior, You make me whole
 You are the Author and the Healer of my soul
 What can I give You, Lord, what can I say
 I know there's no way to repay You
 Only to offer You my praise

- 5 It's deeper, it's wider
 It's stronger, it's higher
 It's deeper, it's wider
 It's stronger, it's higher
 Than anything my eyes can see

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“It is Well with My Soul” Philippians 4:6

- 1 When peace, like a river, attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea-billows roll
Whatever my lot Thou hast taught me to say
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”
It is well with my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul
- 2 My sin, O, the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin not in part, but the whole
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul
It is well with my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul
- 3 And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend
Even so it is well with my soul
It is well with my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul
It is well with my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul

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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

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 - "Cry of My Heart" Psalm 119:17-20

1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8 It is the cry of my heart to follow You
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You
It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life

3 Teach me Your holy ways, O Lord
So I can walk in Your truth
Teach me Your holy ways, O Lord
And make me wholly devoted to You

6 Open my eyes so I can see
The wonderful things that You do
Open my heart up more and more
And make me wholly devoted to You

9, 10 All of the days of my life
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