



St. Luke's Lutheran Church



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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TENTH 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

Each of God's people has a special life story. The book of Jeremiah contains the messages of a prophet whose calling to speak the Word of the Lord brought him great distress and many difficulties. Known as the "weeping prophet," Jeremiah lived out his life faithfully in challenging historical times. Places associated with him and his life can still be seen by travelers to Jerusalem, including the cave pit where he was imprisoned and the grotto where, according to tradition, he wrote the book of Lamentations. God gave Jeremiah the ability to carry out his mission, saying: "Behold, I make you this day a fortified city . . . and iron pillar" and promised him: "I am with you . . . to deliver you" (Jeremiah 1:18–19). God's working through faithful people in each generation brings us the treasure of His Word proclaimed faithfully to this day. That transmitted sacred Word merits our most careful and thoughtful listening!

IMAGE ON THE COVER

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. *Hebrews 12:1–2*

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 – “The Power of Your Love” Isaiah 40:31

- 1 Lord, I come to You, let my heart be changed, renewed
 Flowing from the grace that I’ve found in You
 And Lord, I’ve come to know the weaknesses I see in me
 Will be stripped away by the power of Your love
- 2, 4, 5 Hold me close, let Your love surround me
 Bring me near, draw me to Your side
 And as I wait, I’ll rise up like the eagle
 And I will soar with You
 Your spirit leads me on in the power of Your love
- 3 Lord unveil my eyes, let me see You face to face
 The knowledge of Your love as You live in me
 And Lord renew my mind as Your will unfolds in my life
 In living every day, in the power of Your love
- 6 And I will soar with You
 Your spirit leads me on in the power of Your love
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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 119:89-94

- P** Forever, O LORD, Your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.
- C** Your faithfulness endures to all generations; You have established the earth, and it stands fast.
- P** By Your appointment they stand this day, for all things are Your servants.
- C** If Your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction.
- P** I will never forget Your precepts, for by them You have given me life.
- C** I am Yours; save me, for I have sought Your precepts.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Let us now confess our sins to God, our merciful Father.
- C** Gracious God, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful and unclean. Daily we do things we ought not do and do not live up to our calling as Your people. We are not always careful listeners to Your Word and take for granted those who faithfully proclaim it to us. We know that we justly deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. But trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is solely in the merits of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us remission of all our sins and lead us to renewed lives that reflect Your goodness and love.
- P** God is gracious and merciful and hears our supplications and joyfully restores us to His fold. By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ and as His called and ordained servant, 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.

Grant, merciful God, pardon and peace to Your faithful people as they cling to Jesus, our Lord and Savior. With Your abiding care, make us fully able to avoid all wickedness and deceit. By Your grace, grant us every needful thing for this life and every blessing in the life to come; 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.

NICENE CREED

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 – “Build My Life”

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| 1, 4 | Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, oh we live for You |
| 2, 5 | Jesus, the Name above every other name
Jesus, the only One who could ever save
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, oh we live for You |
| 3, 6, 9 | Holy, there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder
And show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me |

7, 8 I will build my life upon Your love
 It is a firm foundation
 And I will put my trust in You alone
 And I will not be shaken

SUMMER SAINT CELEBRATION SEQUENCE

Johann Gerhard, Theologian, and Johann Heermann, Hymn Writer

- L** The name on the list of commemorations in *Lutheran Service Book* for August 17 is that of Johann Gerhard. He is remembered as an important theologian from the seventeenth century whose writings defined orthodox Lutheran doctrine at that time. Gerhard was born in Germany in 1582 and lived out his life in service to the developing Lutheran Church in his native land. His career as a pastor and educator in churches and universities included extensive periods of time given to writing on church-related subjects, including devotional literature, theology, and history. Although his most notable writing project was the composing of a twenty-three-volume series on theology, he became most famous in his era for a book of sacred meditations that was translated into all the major European languages of his era. His sermons, which are known for their piety and expressing his love for Jesus, are still read and continue to inspire Christians to this day.
- A** A contemporary of Johann Gerhard, Johann Heermann, is remembered as a gifted writer of sacred hymn texts. Born in 1585, he began writing Latin poems as early as 1605, and in October of 1608, he was named Poet Laureate of the Empire by Emperor Rudolph II. Despite living in challenging times and facing many personal tragedies, Heermann wrote hymns with conviction and beauty. Among the six texts by Heermann included in *Lutheran Service Book* are “Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing” (*LSB* 421) and “O Christ, Our True and Only Light” (*LSB* 839). One of Heermann’s texts that many people have committed to memory is the one-stanza table prayer “Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy” (*LSB* 774). It is a gentle and genuine expression of trust in the Lord that can be faithfully used wherever a table grace is needed. It is set in chorale form to a classic German melody.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 23:16-29

(The prophets bring words of warning from God.)

¹⁶Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. ¹⁷They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

¹⁸For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD
to see and to hear his word,
or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

¹⁹Behold, the storm of the LORD!
Wrath has gone forth,
a whirling tempest;
it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

²⁰The anger of the LORD will not turn back
until he has executed and accomplished
the intents of his heart.

In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

²¹“I did not send the prophets,
yet they ran;
I did not speak to them,
yet they prophesied.

²²But if they had stood in my council,
then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,
and they would have turned them from their evil way,
and from the evil of their deeds.

²³“Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? ²⁴Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ ²⁶How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal?

²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 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 11:17-12:3

(Running the Christian race.)

¹⁷By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." ¹⁹He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. ²⁰By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. ²¹By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. ²²By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

²³By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. ²⁴By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible.

²⁸By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

²⁹By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

³²And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— ³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— ³⁸of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

³⁹And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

³Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Jeremiah 23:29a, 28b

- P** Alleluia. Is not My word like fire, declares the Lord?
C What has straw in common with wheat? Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:49-56

(Jesus speaks of His purpose of being on earth.)

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁹*[Jesus said:] “I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵²For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. ⁵³They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”*

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, *“When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, ‘A shower is coming.’ And so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”*

- 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.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: Luke 12:51 – “Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.” Jesus has come to divide us out of the world — to carve out a people for Himself, redeemed by His blood and trusting His Word. The world hates this Word, but for us it is life and salvation. We seek to follow Jesus' Word in all things because we know Him who gave us the Word: we know He always seeks to bless us.

OFFERTORY – “There is a Redeemer” 1 Corinthians 1:30

- 1 There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One
- 2, 4, 6 Thank You, oh, my Father, for giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on Earth is done
- 3 Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain
- 5 When I stand in Glory, I will see His face
There I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place
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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:

We pray for the church, that God's people may live confidently and would joyfully share the message of salvation in word and deed. And, remembering those who in each generation have faithfully spoken the Word of the Lord, we pray for His servants who today bring us the eternal message from our God through the faithful preaching of Law and Gospel in our midst. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray for the nations of the world, that the presence of Christ be experienced everywhere around the globe and that the Gospel message have free course in every land. And we pray for the gift of peace in the world and in our communities. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray for our land and for all people who are involved in the growing, processing, and distribution of food. Grant that there be a blessing of seasonal summer weather so that we may rejoice in the harvests that are now beginning and will continue through the coming months. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray for our families and for those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship. Help us to never take them for granted that we may encourage all to share joyfully in our work together to the glory of God. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray for those with special concerns and needs this day, including those who are hospitalized or in care facilities, those who are grieving at this time, the unemployed and underemployed, and the chronically ill and shut-in, [*especially . . .*]. Help us to bring Your blessing to situations of need in all places. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of the ages, we thank You for all those faithful people whose words and actions have guided us in the past, especially remembering those sisters and brothers in the faith no longer with us on earth, who now share in Your eternal presence. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, direct us to follow the leading of Jesus, our Great Shepherd, throughout our lives until that day when we stand in Your glorious presence in heaven.

C **Amen.**

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

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 each 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.

Sit

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.

LAMB OF GOD

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.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”

- 1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
 That saved a wretch like me
 I once was lost, but now I'm 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
- 3, 5, 6 My chains are gone, I've been set free
 My God, my Savior has ransomed me
 And like a flood His mercy reigns
 Unending love, amazing grace
- 4 The Lord has promised good to me
 His word my hope secures
 He will my shield and portion be
 As long as life endures
- 7 The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
 The sun forbear to shine
 But God, who called me here below
 Will be forever mine
 Will be forever mine
 You are forever mine

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"I Come to the Cross" Galatians 6:4

1, 2 I come to the cross seeking mercy and grace
I come to the cross where You died in my place
Out of my weakness and into Your strength
Humbly, I come to the cross
Your arms are open, You call me by name
You welcome this child that was lost
You paid the price for my guilt and my shame
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come to the cross

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Stand

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

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 on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor 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 - Victory Chant” John 12:13 (every line is echoed)

1 Hail, Jesus, You’re my King
Hail, Jesus, You’re my King
Your life frees me to sing
Your life frees me to sing
I will praise You all my days
I will praise You all my days
You’re perfect in all Your ways
You’re perfect in all Your ways
Hail, Jesus, You’re my Lord
Hail, Jesus, You’re my Lord
I will obey Your Word
I will obey Your Word
I want to see Your kingdom come
I want to see Your kingdom come
Not my will, but Yours be done
Not my will, but Yours be done

2, 3 Glory, glory to the Lamb
Glory, glory to the Lamb
You take me into the land
Your take me into the land
We will conquer in Your name
We will conquer in Your name
And proclaim that Jesus reigns
And proclaim that Jesus reigns
Hail, hail, Lion of Judah
Hail, hail, Lion of Judah
How powerful You are
How powerful You are
Hail, hail, Lion of Judah
Hail, hail, Lion of Judah
How wonderful You are
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