



St. Luke's Lutheran Church



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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ELEVENTH 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

The word *discipline* is derived from the Latin word *discipulus*, which means “learner.” One of the most interesting documents found among the Dead Sea Scrolls, discovered at Qumran in the Holy Land in 1947, is called *The Manual of Discipline*. It outlined the expectations for new members joining the Essene sect of Jewish men at the time of Jesus. As part of the of their community’s discipline, they were to have evidence in their lives of faithfulness to God, to show justice toward all people, and to love truth and hate falsehood. Their behavior was to reflect that discipline whatever age they were. As our God’s beloved sons and daughters, we are under His loving discipline. May we continue that blessed learning through all the seasons of our lives!

IMAGE ON THE COVER

People will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. *Luke 13:29*

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 – “Jesus, Name Above All Names” Philippians 2:9

1, 2, 3, 4 Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, living Word

5, 6 Blessed Redeemer, living Word

(Naida Hearn ©1974, arr. ©1997 Scripture in Song (a div. of Integrity Music) ASCAP CCLI #288089)

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 103:1-2, 8, 13, 21-22

P Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

C Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.

P As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him.

C The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

P Bless the LORD, all His hosts, His ministers, who do His will!

C Bless the LORD, O my soul!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Let us now confess our sins to God, our Father.
- C** Have mercy on us, Lord, and grant us Your forgiveness. We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We repent of our sins, those known to us and those unknown as well. Create in us clean hearts, gracious Lord, and put new and right spirits within us that we may be reconciled to You and at peace with all people. We trust in Christ alone for the forgiveness that we seek today and at all times. Give us the Holy Spirit to guide and direct us into paths of righteousness and finally bring us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P** The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. 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, You call us to be faithful and to heed Your fatherly discipline. Preserve us by Your perpetual mercy, guide us in ways of peace and love, keep us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

THE PRESENTATION OF 3rd GRADE BIBLES

P In Holy Baptism God the Father made us members of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. We continue to grow in our faith by the power of the Spirit working through the Word.

(Pastor hands out Bibles to parents).

P Because the Word of God is a means of grace by which the Holy Spirit works in our lives, today we place this Word of God into your hands so that you in turn will place this Word of God into the hands of your children.

P Do you believe the Bible is the Word of God? If so, then say: I believe.

R I believe.

P Do you believe that the Holy Spirit will work through the Word of God to help your child grow in faith toward God and in fervent love toward others? If so, then say: I believe.

R I believe.

P Do you believe that the Word of God is a treasure from God that is to be passed on from one generation to the next? If so, then say: I believe.

R **I believe.**

P Then place the Holy Scriptures into the hands of your child.

(Parent or Guardian hands Bible to their child at this time).

P Will you help your child to read the Holy Scriptures and to grow in faith and love so that through the power of the Holy Spirit the Scriptures may be blessing to your child? If so, then say: I will, with the help of God.

R **I will, with the help of God.**

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, in Holy Baptism You began Your good work in these children. Continue to bless them with Your Holy Spirit that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of Your Word. Increase in them their love toward you and one another. Enable them to resist all evil and to live a godly life. We pray that they would remain faithful to You and finally come to life everlasting; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

C **Amen.**

P Go in peace dedicated to grow in the knowledge of God through His Word.

(Families may return to their seats)

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

- P** We confess our faith together, using the words of the Apostles' Creed,
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.

Sit

OPENING SONG - "Build My Life"

- 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

Bartholomew, Apostle

- L** One of the first of Jesus' disciples, Bartholomew was a native of Cana in Galilee, where Jesus performed the miracle of changing water into wine. Also known in the Gospel record as Nathanael, Bartholomew was brought to the Savior by Philip, who told him that Jesus was truly the long-awaited Messiah. At first a skeptic about who Jesus was, Bartholomew became a believer and a devoted follower of the Lord. Not much is written in the four Gospels about Bartholomew, whose name means "son of Tolomai." He was present on the occasion after Easter when the risen Jesus appeared and shared a meal with His disciples. Church tradition relates that Bartholomew traveled widely on missionary journeys after the ascension of Jesus, visiting and sharing the Gospel in India, Persia, and Armenia. Although he is said to have died a martyr's death at the order of the king of Armenia, his enduring witness there led that ancient land to become the first nation to adopt Christianity as its national faith.
- A** One of the most extensive hymns in *Lutheran Service Book* is "By All Your Saints in Warfare," which takes up four full pages of print and has twenty-seven stanzas. The initial hymn was written by an English layman, Horatio Bolton Nelson, in 1864. A gifted writer, Nelson decided to compose a hymn that could easily be used on days in the life of the church when the disciples of Jesus and other important people in His life were remembered individually. In the decades since his original stanzas on saints were written by the earl, a member of the British nobility, many additional stanzas have been composed. The special stanza that commemorates Bartholomew was added to the hymn when it was included in *Lutheran Book of Worship* in 1978. It calls to mind the time when Jesus reached out to Bartholomew, calling him and referring to him as "an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" (John 1:47). Following in the footsteps of Bartholomew, we pray that we may see the glory of God revealed in Christ, our Lord.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 66:18-23

(The glory of the Lord shall be declared.)

¹⁸“For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory,
¹⁹and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. ²⁰And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. ²¹And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD.

²²“For as the new heavens and the new earth
that I make
shall remain before me, says the LORD,
so shall your offspring and your name remain.

²³From new moon to new moon,
and from Sabbath to Sabbath,
all flesh shall come to worship before me,
declares the LORD.”

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 12:4-24

(An exhortation to faithful, peaceful living.)

⁴In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,
nor be weary when reproved by him.

⁶For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and chastises every son whom he receives.”

⁷It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

¹²Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, ¹³and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. ¹⁴Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; ¹⁶that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. ¹⁷For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

¹⁸For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.”

²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”
²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,
²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Luke 13:29

P Alleluia. People will come from east and west, and from north and south,

C and recline at table in the kingdom of God. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:22-30

(Jesus shares insights into His kingdom that is to come.)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²²[Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. ²³And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, ²⁴*“Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ ²⁶Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ ²⁷But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’*

²⁸In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. ²⁹And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

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 13:26 – “Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’” Proximity to Jesus and the things of faith is not faith itself. Many Pharisees heard His Word but ignored it and refused to believe in it. We want to be not only hearers, but also doers of Jesus’ Word. We want not only proximity to Jesus, but true communion with Him. We want to hear Him, follow Him, praise Him and return thanks.

OFFERTORY - "Be Exalted, O God" Psalm 57:5

1, 3 I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord, among the people
I will sing praises to Thee among the nations
For Thy steadfast love is great, is great to the heavens
And Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness to the clouds

2, 4 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens
Let Thy glory be over all the earth
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens
Let Thy glory be over all the earth
Let Thy glory be over all the earth

(Brent Chambers, Scripture in Song CCLI # 288089)

INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL, BASIC TEACHERS, AND LSCMS-U OFFICERS AND PEER MINISTER

ADDRESS *(The pastor addresses those to be installed)*

P Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, you are to be installed as Sunday School Teachers, BASIC Teachers, and LCMS-U Officers and Peer Minister a work in which our Father in heaven has great joy.

Hear the Word of the Lord:

¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:15-17

P Beloved in the Lord, You are to assist me, the minister of Word and Sacrament, in the instruction of God's people according to His holy Word. You are to prepare yourselves for this work by your individual and corporate study of the Word of God and the faith drawn from it as it has been delivered to us in the Small Catechism.

While holiness of life and obedience to Christ are expected of all members of the congregation, it is especially important that you show yourselves, by word and example, to be faithful to Him in service and Christian devotion.

In the presence of God and of this congregation, I therefore ask you: Do you accept the position entrusted to you, and do you promise faithfully to carry out your duties, trusting in the Lord and conforming yourself to His Word in accordance with the faith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church? If so, then answer: I do.

R *I do.*

ADDRESS

(The pastor addresses to the congregation)

P Beloved in the Lord, you have heard the promises of faithfulness spoken by these individuals. Do you promise to support them in their work, to remember them in your prayers, and to work with them to the best of the abilities that God has given you, so that He may be glorified and His work be done in our midst? If so, then answer: We do.

C **We do.**

INSTALLATION

P Brothers and sisters in Christ, I install you as Sunday School Teachers, BASIC Teachers, and LCMS-U Officers and Peer Minister at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P The almighty and most merciful God enlighten and strengthen you in your service that you may be good and faithful leaders and teachers to the glory of His name and the salvation of His people.

C Amen.

Stand

PRAYER

P Let us pray.

O Lord, grant to these Your people the gifts of wisdom and discretion, kindness and faithfulness, so that they may effectively teach and guide, and grant to all Your people a ready willingness to learn. Let the knowledge of Your Word be preserved and extended among us so that all may know and praise You now and forever; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P Go in the name of the Lord. Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Jesus Christ and for all people according to their needs. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We pray for the whole church throughout the world that, as people united in faith and active in love, we may witness to the Good News that is ours in Christ Jesus. We pray for all nations of the earth, that in those places where strife and discord rule there may be times of peace and reconciliation, and we pray for our own nation that it may be an ensign of hope.

We bring our special petitions today to God's throne of grace as we pray for our families, thanking God for the blessings that are received from caring parents, grandparents, public service and emergency workers, and caregivers who intersect with our lives. We thank God, our heavenly Father, for listening to our petitions and responding to them. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray for the varied situations of daily life in which we are placed, especially in our workplaces and neighborhoods, that we may be peace bringers in all our actions and words. We pray for the special needs of this day, remembering those who are ill and those who mourn, and for all those matters on our hearts currently, [*including . . .*].

For all those saints who have completed their earthly journeys in faith and have left us a legacy of love, we thank You, Lord, and faithfully commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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.

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 - “Trading My Sorrows”

- 1, 4, 7 I’m trading my sorrows, I’m trading my shame
I’m layin’ them down for the joy of the Lord
I’m trading my sickness, I’m trading my pain
I’m layin’ them down for the joy of the Lord
- 2, 5, 8, 9 We say yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord
Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord
Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord, amen
- 3, 6 I am pressed, but not crushed, persecuted not abandoned
Struck down, but not destroyed
I am blessed beyond the curse, for His promise will endure
That His joy’s gonna be my strength
Though the sorrow may last for the night
His joy comes in the morning

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