



## **St. Luke's Lutheran Church**

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*Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.*

**Sunday, August 31, 2025 – 11:00 AM**

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**TWELFTH 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](mailto: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**

Finding one's right place in each setting can be a challenge of life in any society. In Bible times, it was important not only that people had seats in the right location; it was equally important that they sat down in the right sequence. The social guideline was this: at a session of study, precedence is to be given to wisdom; in reclining at a feast, to age. Jesus was a close observer of the earthly society in which He lived, including observing who sat where at a banquet table. He saw firsthand how limiting and restrictive some tables were when people were excluded from the feast. Contrasting those earthly tables, His description of the heavenly banquet was inclusive and expansive. He said to His followers, "Many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 8:11). By faith, we look forward to that wonderful banquet. But anywhere that we can be at the Lord's Table is the right place to be for us—including here and now!

## **IMAGE ON THE COVER**

But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher." Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.  
*Luke 14:10–11*

## **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 – “God So Loved”

- 1     Come all you weary, come all you thirsty  
      Come to the well that never runs dry  
      Drink of the water, come and thirst no more  
      Come all you sinners, come find His mercy  
      Come to the table, He will satisfy  
      Taste of His goodness, find what you’re looking for
- 2, 4   For God so loved the world that He gave us  
8     His one and only Son to save us  
      Whoever believes in Him will live forever
- 3     Bring all your failures, bring your addictions  
      Come lay them down at the foot of the cross  
      Jesus is waiting there with open arms
- 5, 9   The power of hell forever defeated  
      Now it is well, I’m walking in freedom  
      For God so loved, God so loved the world
- 6, 7   Praise God, praise God  
      From whom all blessings flow  
      Praise Him, praise Him  
      For the wonders of His love
- 10    Bring all your failures, bring your addictions  
      Come lay them down at the foot of the cross  
      Jesus is waiting for God so loved the world

*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

*Psalms 149:1-4*

- P** Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,  
**C** His praise in the assembly of the godly!
- P** Let Israel be glad in his Maker;  
**C** let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!
- P** Let them praise His name with dancing, making melody to Him with tambourine and lyre!  
**C** For the LORD takes pleasure in His people; He adorns the humble with salvation.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The section on confession in Luther's catechism instructs us with these words: "Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven." Humble yourselves, then, before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.
- C** O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature, I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all of my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.

**P** God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

**C** Amen.

**P** As you believe, so let it be. As a called and ordained servant Christ and by His authority, I therefore 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** Remember us, O Lord, not for what we deserve, but because You have begun Your good work in us. As You have called us to follow Your example of humble service, make us worthy of our calling; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**P** God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ.  
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

*Sit*

## OPENING SONG – “Remember Me”

- 1 Remember me in a Bible cracked and faded by the years  
Remember me in a sanctuary filled with silent prayer
- 2, 4 And age to age and heart to heart, bound by grace and peace  
6 Child of wonder, child of God I remembered you, remember me
- 3 Remember me when the color of a sunset fills the sky  
Remember me when you pray and tears of joy fall from your eyes
- 5 Remember me when the children leave their Sunday school with smiles  
Remember me when they're old enough to teach  
Old enough to preach, old enough to leave
- 7 Age to age and heart to heart, child of wonder, child of God  
Remember me  
Age to age and heart to heart, child of wonder, child of God  
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## SUMMER SAINT CELEBRATION SEQUENCE

*Johann Rist, hymn writer, and all “unsung” saints*

- L** According to Christian tradition that goes back to the earliest days of the church, the proper day for remembering a saint was on the day that the person died—if that day was known. Selecting the date of a Christian's death as the day of remembrance was a celebration of their birth into the fullness of eternal life and a rejoicing at their heavenly homecoming. Among the multitude of Christians whose death and rebirth day was August 31 is Lutheran hymn writer Johann Rist, who died on this day in Wedel, Germany, in 1667. One of the most prolific Lutheran hymn writers of the seventeenth century, Pastor Rist authored more than 650 hymns during his lifetime. Included among his compositions are the classic Christmas chorale “Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light” (LSB 378)

and stanzas of the Holy Week hymn “O Darkest Woe” (LSB 448). His texts for Holy Communion include “Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread” (LSB 625) and “O Living Bread from Heaven” (LSB 642).

Although he was named Poet Laureate of the Empire and was invited to serve in large and prestigious congregations, Pastor Rist remained in his small German village, serving as both pastor and physician to the townspeople. In a typically humble statement about his hymn writing, Johann Rist stated “The sweet cross has squeezed many hymns out of me.” Around the world the treasure of sacred texts he left as his legacy continues to be a blessing.

- A** Although there are many saintly people remembered by name on the church’s list of feasts and festivals and roster of commemorations, there are countless men and women of faith whose names have been lost through the centuries. The text writers or the composers of many of the hymns we love to sing are unknown. We do not know who are the gifted craftsmen and women responsible for much of the beautiful Christ-honoring sacred art and architecture of ages gone by. Yet their work for the Lord certainly merits our respect and appreciation. One of the more recent hymns of the church helps us honor those saints who are not known by name. Written by American clergyman Carl Daw in the twentieth century, the text reminds us that the courts of heaven are filled with saints who may not have been recognized fully during their earthly lives but who joyfully find fulfillment and lasting joy in the presence of the risen Christ, the host of the eternal feast.

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Proverbs 25:2-10*

*(Guidelines for a blessed life)*

<sup>2</sup>It is the glory of God to conceal things,  
but the glory of kings is to search things out.

<sup>3</sup>As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth,  
so the heart of kings is unsearchable.

<sup>4</sup>Take away the dross from the silver,  
and the smith has material for a vessel;



<sup>5</sup>take away the wicked from the presence of the king,  
and his throne will be established in righteousness.

<sup>6</sup>Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence  
or stand in the place of the great,

<sup>7</sup>for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"  
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

What your eyes have seen

<sup>8</sup>do not hastily bring into court,  
for what will you do in the end,  
when your neighbor puts you to shame?

<sup>9</sup>Argue your case with your neighbor himself,  
and do not reveal another's secret,

<sup>10</sup>lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,  
and your ill repute have no end.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

*Psalm 131; antiphon: v. 3*

**L** <sup>3</sup>O Israel, hope in the LORD

**C** from this time forth and forevermore.

**L** <sup>1</sup>O LORD, my heart is not lifted up;  
my eyes are not raised too high;

**C** I do not occupy myself with things  
too great and too marvelous for me.

**L** <sup>2</sup>But I have calmed and quieted my soul,  
like a weaned child with its mother;

**C** like a weaned child is my soul within me.

**L** <sup>3</sup>O Israel, hope in the LORD

**C** from this time forth and forevermore.

**C**      **Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**L**      <sup>3</sup>O Israel, hope in the LORD  
**C**      **from this time forth and forevermore.**

## **EPISTLE**

*Hebrews 13:1-17*

*(Living in God-pleasing ways)*

<sup>1</sup>Let brotherly love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. <sup>5</sup>Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." <sup>6</sup>So we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper;  
I will not fear;  
what can man do to me?"

<sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>9</sup>Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. <sup>10</sup>We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. <sup>11</sup>For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. <sup>12</sup>So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. <sup>13</sup>Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured.

<sup>14</sup>For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.  
<sup>15</sup>Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

<sup>17</sup>Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLILUIA AND VERSE

*Luke 14:11*

**L** Alleluia. Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,

**C** and he who humbles himself will be exalted. Alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 14:1-14*

*(Jesus teaches about humble living)*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. <sup>3</sup>And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, *“Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?”* <sup>4</sup>But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. <sup>5</sup>And he said to them, *“Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?”* <sup>6</sup>And they could not reply to these things.

<sup>7</sup>Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, *“When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him,*

*<sup>9</sup>and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. <sup>11</sup>For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."*

*<sup>12</sup>He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup>and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

## LAMB'S MESSAGE

## SERMON

## VOTUM

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

## OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

1. Please **send** your offerings to  
St. Luke's Lutheran Church  
4801 Anderson Avenue  
Manhattan, KS 66503

2. **Electronic Funds Transfer** - Sign up through the church office.

## **OFFERTORY – “You Have Been Good” Psalm 13:6**

- 1 O Lord, You have been good  
You have been faithful to all generations  
O Lord, Your steadfast love  
And tender mercies have been our salvation
- 2 For by Your hand we have been fed  
And by Your Spirit we have been led  
O Lord, You have been good  
You have been faithful to all generations
- 3 For by Your hand we have been fed  
And by Your Spirit we have been led  
O Lord, almighty God  
Father unchanging, upright and holy  
O Lord, You have been good  
You have been faithful; You have been good
- 4 You have been good  
You have been faithful  
You have been good

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*Stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For faith to treasure our place of honor at the table of the Lord, which He won for us through His humble sacrifice; and for boldness to spurn the foolish honors of this world, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For hearts that trust the love of Christ, that whenever we offend Him with our sins, we would quickly come to His house to receive forgiveness from the pastor as from God Himself, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For God's Holy Church here and throughout the world, for all who confess the name of Christ, and for the unity of the Church in doctrine and practice, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the family and the home, that it would be a place where we learn, care and extend God's love to one another; and that the Lord would visit and bless our homes and strengthen and restore our relationships through the healing power of forgiveness, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For our nation and those who lead us in this land; for those who serve on behalf of this people; for the nations, that justice and peace may reign; and for courage, that Christians may endure in faith in times of test, trial and persecution, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For all who pass through difficult circumstances: the lonely and the persecuted, the imprisoned and the addicted, those suffering from mental distress and those suffering from bodily affliction, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] that they would know the comfort of the Lord's promise that He will never leave them or forsake them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

- P** Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

## **COLLECT FOR GRACE**

- P** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## **BENEDICTION**

- P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** Amen.

## **GREET ONE ANOTHER**

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “The Lord be with you,”  
“Peace be with you,” or “The peace of the Lord be with you”.*

## **CLOSING SONG –**

“Blessed Be the Name of the Lord”

1, 2        Blessed be the name of the Lord  
              Blessed be the name of the Lord  
              Blessed be the name of the Lord most high

3, 4, 7, 8    The name of the Lord is a strong tower  
                  The righteous run into it and they are saved

5, 6        Holy is the name of the Lord  
              Holy is the name of the Lord  
              Holy is the name of the Lord most high

9, 10        Glory to the name of the Lord  
              Glory to the name of the Lord  
              Glory to the name of the Lord most high



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