



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



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

**Sunday, September 14, 2025 – 11:00 AM**

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**FOURTEENTH 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**

A great temptation before Christians is to presume that sincerity is more important than doctrine. The reality is that both are deeply important. Jesus does not countenance hypocrisy but neither does He offer false consolation to those who refuse to hear the voice of His Word. Part of faithfully hearing the Word of God is discerning what is commanded from what is given—what Lutherans describe as the Law and the Gospel. Confusing or confounding the two will distort our picture of God and lead us away from that which Christ has done.

## **IMAGE ON THE COVER**

For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I Myself will search for My sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out My sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. *Ezekiel 34:11–12*

## **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 - "Enough"**

- 1            You are my supply, my breath of life  
              Still more awesome than I know  
              You are my reward, worth living for  
              Still more awesome than I know
- 2, 4, 7       All of You is more than enough for all of me  
              For every thirst and every need  
              You satisfy me with Your love  
              And all I have in You is more than enough
- 3            You're my sacrifice of greatest price  
              Still more awesome than I know  
              You're my coming King, You are everything  
              Still more awesome than I know
- 5, 6        More than all I want, more than all I need, yeah  
              You are more than enough for me  
              More than all I know, more than all I can see, yeah  
              You are more than enough for me

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### *Stand*

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

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**P**    O Lord, my God, I cry to You for help.

**C**    Heal and restore me, O Lord.

**P** Most holy and merciful Father,  
**C** like sheep, O Lord, we have strayed and wandered from You. We have sinned against You and one another. We have done the evil You forbid, and we have not done the good You desire. There is no health in us. O merciful and divine Shepherd, cover our sins with Your forgiveness, clothe us with Your perfect righteousness, and preserve us in this faith and fear, that we may be kept to the day when Your Son comes to judge all people. Have mercy, O Lord, and fulfill Your Word to us in Christ, our Savior. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of 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.

**P** He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. His peace be with you.  
**C** And also with you.

### **LORD, HAVE MERCY**

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

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray.

Merciful Lord, You have made known to us Your Word and revealed to us Your mercy in Jesus Christ, our Savior. Grant that we may rightly divide Your Word of truth and be brought to repentance for our sins and faith in the redemption accomplished through the death and resurrection of Your Son, with whom and the Holy Spirit, You are one God and one Lord, 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 - "Living Hope"

- 1 How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation, I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night  
Then through the darkness, Your loving kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished, the end is written  
Jesus Christ, my living hope
- 2 Who could imagine so great a mercy?  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven  
The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever  
Jesus Christ, my living hope
- 3 Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free  
7, 8 Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ, my living hope
- 4, 5 Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me
- 6 Jesus, Yours is the victory
- 9 Jesus Christ, my living hope  
God You are my living hope

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Ezekiel 34:11-24*

*(The Lord promises to rescue His sheep and to set up a shepherd who will lead them to eternal life.)*

<sup>11</sup>“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

<sup>17</sup>“As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. <sup>18</sup>Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? <sup>19</sup>And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

<sup>20</sup>“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup>I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup>And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

*Psalm 119:169-176*

- L** <sup>169</sup>Let my cry come before you, O LORD;  
**C** give me understanding according to your word!
- L** <sup>170</sup>Let my plea come before you;  
**C** deliver me according to your word.
- L** <sup>171</sup>My lips will pour forth praise,  
**C** for you teach me your statutes.
- L** <sup>172</sup>My tongue will sing of your word,  
**C** for all your commandments are right.
- L** <sup>173</sup>Let your hand be ready to help me,  
**C** for I have chosen your precepts.
- L** <sup>174</sup>I long for your salvation, O LORD,  
**C** and your law is my delight.
- L** <sup>175</sup>Let my soul live and praise you,  
**C** and let your just decrees help me.
- L** <sup>176</sup>I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek your servant,  
**C** for I do not forget your commandments.
- 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.



## EPISTLE

1 Timothy 1:5-17

*(Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.)*

<sup>5</sup>The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. <sup>6</sup>Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, <sup>7</sup>desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions.

<sup>8</sup>Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, <sup>9</sup>understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, <sup>10</sup>the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, <sup>11</sup>in accordance with the glorious gospel of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.

<sup>12</sup>I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, <sup>13</sup>though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup>To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Luke 15:10

- P** Alleluia. I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God;  
**C** over one sinner who repents. Alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-10

*(Jesus tells the parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin.)*

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

<sup>1</sup>Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus].

<sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>*"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.*

<sup>8</sup>*"Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."*

- 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 15:2 – “And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, ‘This man receives sinners and eats with them.’”

Thanks be to God: Jesus receives us sinners! What the Pharisees can't understand, we praise with all our being. We give thanks for the grace of God, and we live by that grace. The more of it we receive, the more we will want to conform ourselves to the image of our generous and gracious Lord. Knowing the Lord and trusting Him come first, and the desire to imitate Him can't help but follow.

**OFFERTORY** - “Oh Lord, You're Beautiful” Psalm 27: 4

1, 2, 3      Oh Lord, You're beautiful  
                 Your face is all I seek  
                 For when Your eyes are on this child  
                 Your grace abounds to me

4              For when Your eyes are on this child  
                 Your grace abounds to me

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray for ourselves and for all people as they have need.

O merciful Shepherd, You came into the world to save sinners. Grant to us forgiveness of our sins, renewal of our lost lives, and the grace to serve You in willing obedience all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O merciful Shepherd, grant us grace that we know Your Word as the sound of Your voice. Grant to us faithful pastors who will rightly divide Your Word of truth and bless all church workers and those in training to serve us in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O merciful Shepherd, guard against all false doctrine and against those who teach in conflict with Your Word that the sheep of Your flock be preserved in faith to know and believe rightly by the power of Your Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O merciful Shepherd, give us good and faithful leaders who will govern us according to Your will and lead us and all nations in the ways of peace, justice, and virtue, that we live good, holy, and upright lives without fear or threat. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O merciful Shepherd, You do not abandon Your sheep even when they are wounded and infirm. Deliver the weak, the suffering, the troubled in mind, and those with hearts weighed low with grief, [*especially . . .*]. We pray that they be healed and comforted according to Your will and delivered from all that afflicts them on the day when You raise Your people to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O merciful Shepherd, You daily and richly supply all things good and beneficial to us and guard us against the evil one. Give us a discerning mind and a generous heart that as You have done for us, we do for others in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O merciful Shepherd, hear us and grant us all things beneficial to us and profitable for our salvation, but keep from us all things harmful. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

*Silence for meditation.*

**P** Into Your hands, O merciful Shepherd, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, and confident that You will hear and answers us, O 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.**

## CONCLUDING COLLECT

**P** Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**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 - "Doxology" Psalm 148

- 1, 3 Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, all creatures here below  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
- 2 Break forth my soul for joy and sake  
What comfort comes to me this day  
My Savior dwells within my heart  
How blessed am I how good thou art
- 4 Amen, amen

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