



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



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

**Sunday, September 7, 2025 – 11:00 AM**

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**THIRTEENTH 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**

Bette Davis once quipped that growing old isn't for sissies. Neither is the Christian life. To be a disciple of Christ requires both courage and strength. Thanks be to God that these are not qualities inherent in the person but the gift of God and the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer. The same Spirit who calls and gathers the elect also enlightens and sanctifies them in the one true faith. Through the resources of the Word and Sacraments, God is at work in us so that we may know the cost of discipleship, the scope of the battle before us, and the stakes as salt of the earth. He who calls us is faithful, and He will bring to completion all that He has begun in us.

## **IMAGE ON THE COVER**

Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. *Luke 14:27*

## **PRELUDE**

*(Please use this time to prayerfully prepare your hearts to enter into the presence of Jesus.)*

## **✠A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE✠**

## PRESERVICE SONG - "Here I Am, Lord"

- 1            I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry  
All who dwell in deepest sin, my hand will save  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright  
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?
- 2, 4, 6       Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night  
I will go, Lord, if You lead me  
I will hold Your people in my heart
- 3            I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain  
I have wept for love of them, my hand will save  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone  
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?
- 5            I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame  
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save  
Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied  
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?

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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.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Most holy and merciful Father,  
**C** **we confess to You, and to one another, and to the whole company of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**
- P** We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.  
**C** **Have mercy and forgive us, Lord.**
- P** We have taken for granted Your grace and mercy and lived as though You did not matter and we mattered most of all.  
**C** **Have mercy and forgive us, Lord.**
- P** We confess to You, O Lord, that we have done the evil Your Word prohibits and have not done the good You command.  
**C** **Have mercy and forgive us, Lord.**
- P** We confess that we have hidden our sin from You and from one another and have not confessed honestly before You or to those whom we have hurt.  
**C** **We are truly sorry for the sins we have committed in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done that is wrong and by our failure to do what is right. Have mercy and forgive us, Lord.**
- 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. The peace of the Lord 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.

### **SALUTATION**

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- P** Let us pray.

O almighty God, You have promised grace sufficient for us to hear the call of the Holy Spirit, believe in Him who You have sent to be our Savior, and walk in the way of salvation. Give courage and strength to Your people that we may deny ourselves and follow Christ in the way of the cross; through Him who died that we might live and who now 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 – “Holy Spirit”**

- 1, 3      There's nothing worth more, that could ever come close  
No thing can compare, You're our living hope  
Your presence, Lord  
I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves  
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone  
Your presence, Lord
- 2, 4, 8      Holy Spirit you are welcome here  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere  
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for  
To be overcome by your presence, Lord  
Your presence, Lord
- 5, 6, 7      Let us become more aware of Your presence  
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

*(I have set before you this day life and good, death and evil.)*

<sup>15</sup>“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live,

<sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL

*Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*

**P** Fear the LORD, you his saints,

**C** for those who fear him lack nothing!

**P** Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

**C** but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

## EPISTLE

*Philemon 1-21*

*(Paul’s letter commending the slave Onesimus back to his master, not only as a slave but as a brother in the Lord.)*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our beloved fellow worker <sup>2</sup>and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, <sup>6</sup>and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. <sup>7</sup>For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

<sup>8</sup>Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, <sup>9</sup>yet for love’s sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— <sup>10</sup>I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) <sup>12</sup>I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart.



<sup>13</sup>I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. <sup>15</sup>For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

<sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*Galatians 6:14*

**P** Alleluia. Far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,

**C** by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.  
Alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 14:25-35

*(Jesus speaks of the cost of discipleship and calls on those who would follow Him to deny themselves and take up the cross.)*

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

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

<sup>25</sup>Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them,  
<sup>26</sup>*"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup>saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. <sup>34</sup>"Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? <sup>35</sup>It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."*

**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 14:33 – “So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.” None of what we have is ours. It all belongs to God. That is the foundation of Christian stewardship. What we have been given is to be used for God's purposes according to our callings in home, Church, and society. As we learn to live generously in these callings, we renounce our ownership of our wealth. It's not “ours,” it's His. God owns everything, and we manage it for the furtherance of His goals.

## OFFERTORY - "As the Deer" Psalm 42:1

- 1           As the deer panteth for the water  
            So my soul longeth after Thee  
            You alone are my heart's desire  
            And I long to worship Thee
- 2, 4, 6      You alone are my strength, my shield  
            To You, alone, may my spirit yield  
            You alone are my heart's desire  
            And I long to worship Thee
- 3           You're my friend and You are my brother  
            Even though You are a King  
            I love You more than any other  
            So much more than anything
- 5           I want You more than gold or silver  
            Only You can satisfy  
            You alone are the real joy giver  
            And the apple of my eye  
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*Stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ and for all people according to their needs.

That we walk with Christ the heavenly way and follow Him where He has led, that by His obedient life, His life-giving death, and His victorious resurrection we receive the crown of everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** That we be wise unto salvation, counting the cost of following Jesus, and by His grace and favor be sustained upon the path of life against all temptations and doubt, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** That all the nations and their leaders work for peace, that the elected and appointed leaders of our own land act with integrity in the protection of our liberty and in the pursuit of justice, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** That the Lord bless the proclamation of His Word here and in every place and that pastors serve us faithfully in Christ's name, distributing to us the gifts of His grace in the Holy Sacraments, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** That all those afflicted in body or mind find healing and relief and those near death and the grieving find comfort, [*especially . . .*], and for all whom we name in our hearts, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** That we learn gratitude for the manifold and rich gifts which God supplies every day and that we learn generosity to share with those in need, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** That we receive in repentance and with faith the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given to us in this Holy Communion and that we manifest the unity of heart and mind in all the doctrines taught us by His Word, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** That we be kept holy and blameless until the day of Christ's coming and be received by the mercy of God into the place of everlasting light and life in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

*Silence for meditation.*

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**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 unto 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.**

*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.

## **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 SONG**



## DISTRIBUTION SONGS

### “Come As You Are” (Lay Down Your Burdens)

- 1     Come out of sadness from wherever you've been  
      Come broken-hearted, let the rescue begin  
      Come find your mercy, oh sinner, come kneel  
      Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal  
      Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal
- 2     So lay down your burdens, lay down your shame
- 4, 7   All who are broken lift up your face  
      Oh wanderer, come home, you're not too far  
      So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart  
      Come as you are
- 3     There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed  
      Come sit at the table, come taste the grace  
      There's rest for the weary, rest that endures  
      Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure
- 5     Come as you are, fall in His arms  
      Come as you are
- 6     There's joy in the morning, oh sinner, be still  
      Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal  
      Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal

## “Sanctuary” 1 Corinthians 3:16

1, 2, 3      Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy tried and true  
With thanksgiving I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for You

4              With thanksgiving I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for You

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*Stand*

### POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**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

*Please Greet One Another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you”, or “The peace of the Lord be with you” or “The Lord be with you”.*

## **CLOSING SONG** - “God is Good (All The Time)” Psalm 100:5

- 1, 2, 7      God is good (God is good) all the time (all the time)  
God is good (God is good) all the time (all the time)  
Well, He’s filled with compassion and His mercies are everlasting  
God is good, God is good all the time
- 3, 4, 5      Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, His mercies endure forever
- 6, 8, 9      God is good, God is good all the time  
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