

# St. Luke's Lutheran Church



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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## **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, <a href="mailto:office@stlukesmanhattan.org">office@stlukesmanhattan.org</a>, 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**

Though it sounds like a contradiction, the "poor rich man" in today's parable of Jesus apparently never really heard or just ignored the dire warning of God's prophets like Amos against trusting in earthly gain and riches to the exclusion of trusting faith in the merciful promises of God. The temptation of earthly wealth infects all people throughout history to this day, regardless of outward circumstances, rich and poor alike. Paul sums up the challenge for faith as he contrasts the "great gain" (or profit) of godly faithfulness and the temptations (or pitfalls) of temporary riches. We all know the sentence of Paul, "The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil" (1 Timothy 6:10), which is so often misquoted as only "money is the root of all evil." Money is not the problem. There's no sin in possessing earthly riches. The deeper question is what or who is the object of our love and trust. The Christian's true riches are in Christ Jesus, namely, the new life we have been given through our baptismal faith. It is the life we can take with us through and beyond the grave and gate of death. "Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live" (Psalm 146:1–2), which will be forever!

## **IMAGE ON THE COVER**

Be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share. 1 Timothy 6:18

## **WELCOME**

# **₩PREPARATION**

## 802 IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE



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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.

**EXHORTATION** *LSB* 167

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

LSB 167

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

## **ABSOLUTION**

- 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.

**₩WORD** 

## INTROIT

Psalm 119:73-75; antiphon: V.76



- P Let your steadfast love | comfort me\* according to your promise to your | servant.
- Your hands have made and | fashioned me;\*
  give me understanding that I may learn your com- | mandments.
- P Those who fear you shall see me | and rejoice,\* because I have hoped | in your word.
- I know, O LORD, that your just decrees are | righteous,\* and that in faithfulness you have af- | flicted me.
- P Let your mercy come to me, that I may live;\* for your law is my delight.
- Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- Let your steadfast love | comfort me\* according to your promise to your | servant.

KYRIE LSB 168



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



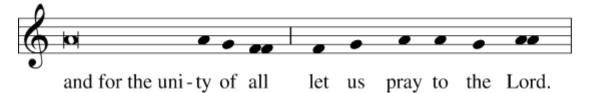
A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

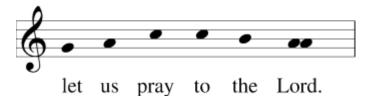




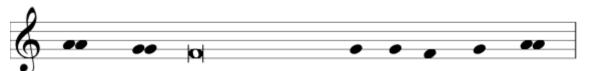
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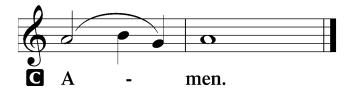
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



## 948 ALL GLORY BE TO GOD ALONE



- 1 All glo ry be to God a lone, For ev er more the 2 We praise You, God; Your name we bless And wor ship You in
- 3 Lord God, our King on heav-en's throne, Our Fa ther, the Al-
- 4 You take the whole world's sin Have mer - cy a - way; on us. 5 You on - ly One are the Ho - ly And o - ver all are

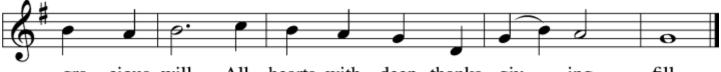


high - est one, hum - ble - ness; might - y One. Lord, we pray. Lord a - lone. Who did sin - ful our race be - friend And From day day we glo - ri - fy The to Lord, the sole - be -O got - ten One, Lord You take the whole world's sin a - way; O You O Je - sus Christ, glo - ri we fy



grace and peace to us ex - tend. ev - er - last - ing God on high. Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's Son, Lord, re - ceive our prayer this day. and the Spir - it, Lord Most High;

A - mong us may His
Of Your great glo - ry
True God from all e From God's right hand Your
With Him You ev - er -



hearts with deep thanks - giv gra - cious will All fill. ing we sing, And to Your throne our thanks bring. do we Lamb You ter - ni - ty, O of God, flee. to we mer - cy send, To all the world Your grace tend. ex more shall be One in the Fa - ther's maj es ty.

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## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.



**P** Let us pray.

Lord God, King of kings and Lord of lords, You give Your people strength to pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, and gentleness. Support us in the good fight of the faith that we may take hold of the eternal life to which You have called us; through Jesus Christ, the blessed and only sovereign, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

(Woe to those at ease in Zion.)

<sup>1</sup>"Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes! <sup>2</sup>Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory, <sup>3</sup>O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence? <sup>4</sup>"Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, <sup>5</sup>who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, <sup>6</sup>who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils. but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! <sup>7</sup>Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away."

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

- P <sup>2</sup>I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
- I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- P <sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!
- Praise the LORD, O my soul!
- P <sup>2</sup>I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
- I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- P <sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in princes,
- in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.
- When his breath departs he returns to the earth;
- on that very day his plans perish.
- P <sup>5</sup>Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
- whose hope is in the LORD his God,
- Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,
- who keeps faith forever;
- P who executes justice for the oppressed,
- who gives food to the hungry.
- The LORD sets the prisoners free;

  8the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
- The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.
- The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless,
- but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

- P 10The LORD will reign forever,
- your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!
- 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.
- P <sup>2</sup>I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
- I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

# EPISTLE 1 Timothy 6:6-19

(True contentment of faith.)

<sup>6</sup>Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. <sup>8</sup>But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. <sup>9</sup>But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

<sup>11</sup>But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, <sup>16</sup>who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

<sup>17</sup>As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.

<sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, <sup>19</sup>thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

## Stand



HOLY GOSPEL Luke 16:19-31

(The rich man and Lazarus.)

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



<sup>19</sup>[Jesus said:] "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, <sup>23</sup>and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. <sup>24</sup>And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. <sup>26</sup>And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.'  $^{27}$ And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house—  $^{28}$ for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' <sup>29</sup>But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' 30 And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' 31He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.""



## **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

## **LAMB'S MESSAGE**

#### 708 LORD, THEE I LOVE WITH ALL MY HEART pray Thee, ne'er from 1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I 2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich boun-ty gave My 3 Lord, let at last Thine an - gels come, To bod - y, soul, and A - br'ham's bos - om With ten - der mer - cy Earth de - part, cheer me me. this poor life all have In of la bor. Lord. bear me home, That I may die un - fear ing; And no plea - sure I would share. Yea, heav'n it - self has were ev - 'ry grant that I place May in glo - ri - fy Thy nar - row cham - ber bod - v safe keep My in in void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near And should my me. lav - ish grace And help and serve my neigh - bor. Let no false peace-ful sleep Un - til Thy re - ap - pear - ing. And then from trust in Thee can noth-ing shake. heart for sor - row break, My me be - guile; Let Sa - tan doc - trine not my soul de - file. That these mine eyes with death a - wak - en me, joy may see, pre - cious Ι Thou art the por - tion have sought; Thy pa - tience Give strength and un - to me To bear my of God, Thy glo - rious face, My Sav - ior Son

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Lord, my God and Lord, For - sake me not! I trust Thy Word. Lord, my God and Lord, In death Thy com - fort still af - ford. tend, my prayer at - tend, And I will praise Thee with - out end.

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## **SERMON**

## **VOTUM**

- 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**: Amos 6:1a — "Woe to those who are at ease in **Zion.**" The Book of Amos is a warning to God's people who have been given great material wealth. As Jesus Himself mentions, material blessings can turn into temptations — chiefly the temptation to think of ourselves as self-sufficient and independent. What does Amos suggest as a way to combat this temptation? First, faith in the Lord and dependence upon Him! And if our faith is right, we will want to follow the rest of Amos' instructions — to bless the poor with our alms and to make sure the Lord's House is properly cared for. In other words, we are called to align our actions with God's priorities and put others ahead of ourselves.

## **OFFERING**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC** – JuBellation Handbell Choir

## **RECEIVE INTO MEMBERSHIP**

## Kerri & Misty Winter

- P Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.
- P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?
- R Yes, I do.
- P Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?
- R Yes, I renounce them.
- P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?
- R Yes, I believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from them and confessed in the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?
- R I do.
- P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?
- **R** I do, by the grace of God.
- P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?
- **R** I do, by the grace of God.

- **P** Do you desire to become a member of this congregation?
- R I do.
- Will you support the work our gracious Lord has given this congregation with your prayers and the gifts God has given you?
- **R** I will, with the help of God.
- P Upon this your confession of faith, I acknowledge publicly that you are [a member/members] of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation. Receive the Lord's Supper and participate with us in all the blessings of salvation that our Lord has given to His Church, in the name of the Father and of the 
  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

## Stand

**P** Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing this Your daughter to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling her both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that by Your Word and Spirit she may continue steadfast in the one true faith in the fellowship of this congregation as together we await the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C Amen.
- P The grace of our 

  → Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
- C Amen.

## 956 CREATE IN ME



Text: Psalm 51:10-12

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray.

We praise You, O God, we acknowledge You to be the Lord. All the earth now worships You, the Father everlasting. Grant to Your whole church throughout the world the strength and peace of unity in the faith and proclamation of Your pure Word, that all people may know Your true glory of salvation from sin and the gift of redemption and eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- To You all angels cry aloud, the glorious company of the apostles praise You, the goodly fellowship of the prophets praise You, and the noble army of martyrs praise You. We pray You include us as those who acknowledge You now by faith that we may be received into their fellowship not by our merits but solely because of Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- You are the King of glory, O Christ, the everlasting Son of the Father. By Your death, You opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Grant Your saving Gospel to be proclaimed throughout the world to the salvation of many. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Each day of our lives, O God, keep us mindful of the riches of Your grace that we may know the contentment of Your heavenly treasures and not be distracted by temptations of worldly wealth. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Lord God, we pray for all who are in any need, for those who need the grace of Your help and healing, those who are in trouble, those who doubt Your kindness, those who fear death, and all who are sick or injured, especially those who have requested our prayers. [Pause for silent prayer.] Be their help, healing, and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Make us to be numbered with Your saints in glory everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

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**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BENEDICTION LSB 183

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

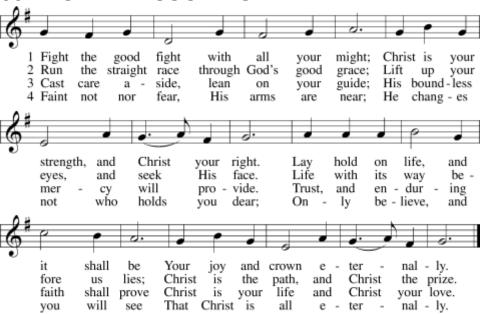
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



## **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".

## 664 FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT



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