



**St. Luke's
Lutheran Church**



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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NINETEENTH 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

It is easy to lose heart when we do not get what we want. This is true in life and is even true when we bring our wants and desires before the Lord in prayer. In today's Holy Gospel, Jesus speaks a parable to His disciples, who have begun to lose heart in their difficult journey of following Him. Through the example of the persistent widow and unrighteous judge, we also are encouraged to not lose heart as we continue to follow Jesus in faith and as we bring to the Lord in prayer all our desires, laments, injustices, and more, trusting in His perfect will through it all.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. *1 Thessalonians 5:16–18*

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 – “We Will Worship the Lamb” Psalm 141:2

- 1, 4 We will worship the Lamb of glory
We will worship the King of kings
We will worship the Lamb of glory
We will worship the King
- 2 We bless the name of the Lamb of glory
We bless the name of the King of kings
We bless the name of the Lamb of glory
We bless the name of the King
- 3, 5, 6 And with our hands lifted high, we will worship and sing
With our hands lifted high, we come before You rejoicing
With our hands lifted high to the sky, when the world wonders why
We'll just tell them we're loving our King
We'll just tell them we're loving our King

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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.

OPENING SENTENCES

- P** Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
- C** **Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and
supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to
God.**

- P** This is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us.
- C** **Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will hear you.**
- P** Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
- C** **The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** As the Psalmist writes, “When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.” Our Lord hears our cries and invites us to speak to Him in our words and thoughts—to speak to Him in prayer.
- C** **We confess that we have failed to bring all things to You in persistent and persevering prayer, instead seeking our own devices and other means for the guidance, direction, and answers we seek.**
- P** Our Lord also invites us to bring to Him our faults and failings, our sins of what has been done and left undone, against Him and against our neighbors. We are reminded, “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- P** Unlike Jacob, we have been quick to give up and to discount the blessings held in store for us by Your grace.
- C** **Forgive us, Lord.**
- P** As Paul writes, we confess we have not always endured sound teaching; rather, our itching ears have been opened to things that suit our own passions and desires.
- C** **Forgive us, Lord.**

P As in Jesus' parable, we seek out our own justice and even retribution for times we are wronged, impatient in our waiting and unrighteous in our trust in the perfect justice assured at Your time.

C **Forgive us, Lord.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. 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, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

NICENE CREED

**☩ 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 – “There is Power”

- 1 Where two or more are gathered in His name
 He is there
 For all who come, who run to Him in faith
 He is there
- 2, 4 There is power in the name of Jesus
6, 7 There is power, power in His name
 There is power in the name of Jesus
 There is power, power in His name
- 3 No fear, no lie can stand against us now
 He is here
 The Word has come to silence every doubt
 He is here
- 5 One name, one name can save
 One name, breaks every chain
 One name, always
 One name, Jesus
 One name, one name remains
 One name, we will proclaim
 One name, always
 One name

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 32:22-30

(Jacob wrestles with God.)

²²The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalms 91:11; 103:1

P He will command His angels concerning you

C to guard you in all your ways.

P Bless the LORD, O my soul,

C and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

EPISTLE

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

(Continuing in and preaching the Word.)

¹⁴As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

¹I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Luke 18:8

P Alleluia. I tell you, He will give justice to them speedily.

C Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth?
Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 18:1-8

(The parable of the persistent widow.)

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

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

¹[Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ²He said, *"In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.'* ⁴*For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'"* ⁶And the Lord said, *"Hear what the unrighteous judge says.*

⁷And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? ⁸I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: Genesis 32:26 – “Then he said, ‘Let me go, for the day has broken.’ But Jacob said, ‘I will not let you go unless you bless me.’” The great Lutheran musician J.S. Bach composed a beautiful motet using this verse. It is the cry of true faith, much the same as Peter’s words: “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life” (John 6:68). True faith clings to the Lord no matter the struggle, no matter the “hard sayings” that the Lord speaks. True faith knows that God means to bless us always.

OFFERTORY – “Change My Heart, Oh God” Isaiah 64:8

1, 2, 4 Change my heart, oh God, make it ever true
6, 7 Change my heart, oh God, may I be like You

3, 5 You are the Potter, I am the clay
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray

8 May I be like You, may I be like You

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Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For grace and faith to hear and heed the voice of God's Word, just as Jacob wrestled with the Lord and would not depart without a blessing; and for patience, courage and endurance in time of trial, that we may not despair when we suffer for the sake of the kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For a fervent desire for the truth of God's Word among His people, that pastors may preach and teach the Word with patience, sober-mindedness and faithfulness; and that listeners may be made wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For husbands and wives, that they might live in faithfulness to each other; for all mothers with child; for all children; and for those who bring children to Baptism and nurture them in the faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our president; the Congress of these United States; our governor; and all elected and appointed officials of government, that they would have integrity and promote good and just laws for the benefit of all people as they serve the highest good; and for those whose sacrificial service regularly protects and defends us here and abroad, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P That we would be delivered from evil; and for the lives of those who face sickness, injuries and troubles, *[including _____,]* let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For faith and repentance, that we may receive the blessed food of Christ's body and blood and be brought into the Holy Communion to bear fruit in lives of holiness, righteousness and service, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For persistence to pray because the Lord loves us, always provides for us and promises to give justice to His elect who cry out to Him day and night; for faith that wrestles with the Lord but trusts that He remains in control; and for forgiveness, guidance and eternal life with Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Merciful Father, as You have promised, keep safe our coming in and our going out from this time forth and forevermore, for we pray in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 to 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 each 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.

LAMB OF GOD

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.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

"It is You"

- 1, 4 As we lift up our hands will You meet us here
As we call on Your name will You meet us here
We have come to this place to worship You
God of mercy and grace
It is You we adore
It is You praises are for
Only You the heavens declare
It is You, it is You
- 2, 5, 9 Holy, holy is our God almighty
Holy, holy is His name alone, yeah
Holy, holy is our God almighty
Holy, holy is His name alone
- 3, 8, 11 It is You we adore
It is You, only You
- 6, 7 As we lift up our hands, as we call on Your name
Will You visit this place by Your mercy and grace
- 10 Holy, holy is our God almighty
Holy, holy is His name alone
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“Amazing Love”

- 1 My Lord, what love is this that pays so dearly
 That I, the guilty one, may go free
- 2, 4, 6, 7 Amazing love, O what sacrifice
 The Son of God giv’n for me
 My debt He paid and my death He died
 And now I live and now I live
- 3 And so they watched Him die, despised, rejected
 But O the blood He shed flowed for me
- 5 And now this love of Christ shall flow like rivers
 He washed your guilt away, live again
 (Graham Kendrick ©1989 Make Way Music CCLI #288089)

Stand

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

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

*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 - “Ancient of Days” Daniel 7:14

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| 1,3 | Blessing and honor, glory and power
Be unto the Ancient of Days
From every nation, all of creation
Bow before the Ancient of Days |
| 2, 4, 7 | Every tongue in heaven and Earth
Shall declare Your glory
Every knee shall bow at Your throne in worship
You will be exalted O God
And Your kingdom shall not pass away
O Ancient of Days |
| 5, 6 | Your kingdom shall reign over all the Earth
Sing unto the Ancient of Days
For none can compare to Your matchless worth
Sing unto the Ancient of Days |

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