



**St. Luke's
Lutheran Church**



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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TWENTY-SECOND 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

We are not far from the “holiday season.” In the secular world, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s roll into one big celebration. It is typical to have holiday traditions around special times of the year. Traditions can serve to make some moments more memorable and meaningful. But sometimes traditions add stress to an already hectic calendar or distract us from the real reason for celebrating. Before jumping headlong into the holiday season, soak up this moment in worship. See how the Lord repeatedly meets us with His best. See how surrounding ourselves with His Word and sacramental gifts truly makes us ready to celebrate, for this season and forever!

IMAGE ON THE COVER

God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And He said, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” *Exodus 3:14*

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 – Special Music
A Joyful Sound

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 *Psalm 118:24; 1 John 3:1; John 13:35; 1 Corinthians 16:14*

P This is the day that the LORD has made;
C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P See what kind of love the Father has given to us,
C that we should be called children of God; and so we are.

P Jesus said, "By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."
C Let all that you do be done in love.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P The Lord has delivered us from the domain of darkness
C and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

P Almighty God and Father,
C we confess, as Your people, our need for Your merciful kindness. We are prisoners of our own wants, our own traditions, and our own inborn sinfulness. Our actions and interactions often fail as reflections of Your kingdom. Our thoughts and desires often reflect the domain of darkness You have delivered us from. We often act out of our love for ourselves, rather than our love for others or for You. Forgive us and free us, Lord, to love what You love and go where You lead, all by the grace of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

P Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son, Jesus, to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word made flesh, 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. God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

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.

Eternal Holy Spirit, who has called Your church through the Gospel into the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ, protect Your chosen people. Sanctify us that we might hold fast to what is true, standing firm in Your eternal comfort and good hope; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, 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 - "Starry Night"

- 1 From the birds that sing in the tallest trees
To the human life of you and me
From the desert sands to the place we stand
He is God of all, He is everything
- 2, 4 Oh, I'm giving my life to the only One
Who makes the moon reflect the sun
Every starry night, that was His design
I'm giving my life to the only Son
Who was and is and yet to come
Let the praises ring 'cause He is everything
'Cause He is everything
- 3 From the autumn leaves that will ride the breeze
To the faith it takes to pray and sing
From the faded sky to my plank-filled eye
He is God of all, He is everything
- 5 Hallelujah, hallelujah I believe
Hallelujah, hallelujah I believe
- 6 I'm giving my life to the only One
Who makes the moon reflect the sun
On that starry night He changed my life
I'm giving it all to the only Son
Who gave me hope when I had none
Let the praises ring, let the praises ring
- 7 I'm giving my life to the only One
Who makes the moon reflect the sun
Every starry night, that was His design
I'm giving my life to the only Son
Who was and is and yet to come
Let the angels sing, He is heavenly
Let the praises ring, He is everything

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 3:1-15

(The Lord announces His intention to deliver Israel from slavery and mobilizes Moses to bear His name.)

¹Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." ⁴When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." ¹¹But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" ¹²He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

¹³Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 148; antiphon: v. 13

P ¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
C his majesty is above earth and heaven.

P ¹Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD from the heavens;
C praise him in the heights!

P ²Praise him, all his angels;
C praise him, all his hosts!

P ³Praise him, sun and moon,
C praise him, all you shining stars!

P ⁴Praise him, you highest heavens,
C and you waters above the heavens!

P ⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD!
C For he commanded and they were created.

P ⁶And he established them forever and ever;
C he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

P ⁷Praise the LORD from the earth,
C you great sea creatures and all deeps,

P ⁸fire and hail, snow and mist,
C stormy wind fulfilling his word!

P ⁹Mountains and all hills,
C **fruit trees and all cedars!**

P ¹⁰Beasts and all livestock,
C **creeping things and flying birds!**

P ¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples,
C **princes and all rulers of the earth!**

P ¹²Young men and maidens together,
C **old men and children!**

P ¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
C **his majesty is above earth and heaven.**

P ¹⁴He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his saints,
C **for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!**

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.**

P ¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
C **his majesty is above earth and heaven.**

EPISTLE

2 Thessalonians 2:1-8, 13-17

(Amid confusion and calamity, Paul exhorts believers to cling to his faithful teaching and the hope of Christ.)

¹Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. ³Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, ⁴who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. ⁵Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? ⁶And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. ⁷For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. ⁸And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. . . .

¹³But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. ¹⁴To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Luke 20:38

P Alleluia. He is not God of the dead,
C but of the living, for all live to Him. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 20:27-40

(Jesus silences the scribes and Sadducees by witnessing of the God of the living.)

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

²⁷There came to [Jesus] some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, ²⁸and they asked him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. ³⁰And the second ³¹and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. ³²Afterward the woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife."

³⁴And Jesus said to them, *"The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, ³⁶for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. ³⁷But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him."* ³⁹Then some of the scribes answered, "Teacher, you have spoken well."
⁴⁰For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

SPECIAL MUSIC – Children’s Choir

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: Mark 12:44 – “For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.” From Old Testament times right through to today the Lord has urged us to give to His work in the Church in proportion to how He has blessed us. He has also called us to sacrificial giving, that is, giving that actually costs us something. That’s the shape of true Christian generosity.

OFFERTORY – “I Believe in Jesus” Romans 10:9

- 1, 3 I believe in Jesus, I believe He is the Son of God
I believe He died and rose again, I believe He paid for us all
And I believe He’s here now, standing in our midst
Here with the power to heal now, and the grace to forgive
- 2 I believe in You, Lord, I believe You are the Son of God
I believe You died and rose again, I believe You paid for us all
And I believe You’re here now, standing in our midst
Here with the power to heal now, and the grace to forgive
- 4 And I believe You’re here now, standing in our midst
Here with the power to heal now, and the grace to forgive
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Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Great I AM, who spoke from the burning bush on Sinai’s height, make Your people to know Your voice. Help us to hear Your clear and consistent Word, that we might love what You love and go where You lead. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Great I AM, who heard the cries of Egypt’s slaves, shower Your mercy on the downtrodden, especially victims of oppression and violence. Be their strength and support and bring them comfort and deliverance through the Gospel. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Great I AM, who mobilized Moses to bear Your name as a witness to Your ancient people, provide such servants for Your people today. Call pastors, missionaries, deaconesses, teachers, and ministers of Your Word, provide for their training and care, and preserve them in their callings from failure, fear, and burnout. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Great I AM, who faced the Sadducees' interrogation about marriage, strengthen and support all Christian marriages. Supply them Your holy wisdom, defend them from evil attacks, and hold them in Your faithful hand, that they might trust they never walk alone. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Great I AM, who declared Yourself to be the God of the living, battle for our sakes the enemies of death, disease, and disability that threaten our earthly life. [*Bring Your healing and comfort to . . .*]. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Great I AM, who revealed Your glory to the world through the Gospel, preserve us in the one true faith, established for every good work and word, that all who believe and belong to You would have the eternal comfort and good hope of grace that comes through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with Father and 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.**

CONCLUDING PRAYER

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 take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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 – “Your Grace is Enough”

- 1 Great is Your faithfulness, oh God
 You wrestle with the sinner’s heart
 You lead us by still water and to mercy
 And nothing can keep us apart
- 2, 5, 8 So remember Your people
 Remember Your children
 Remember Your promise, oh God
- 3, 6, 7, 9 Your grace is enough
 Your grace is enough
 Your grace is enough for me
- 4 Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob
 You use the weak to lead the strong
 You lead us in the song of Your salvation
 And all Your people sing along
- 10 Your grace is enough
 Heaven reaching down to us
 Your grace is enough for me
 God I see Your grace is enough
 I'm covered in Your love
 Your grace is enough for me
 For me

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