



St. Luke's Lutheran Church



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

Sunday, November 23, 2025 – 11:00 AM

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**LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR
(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

There is a phrase familiar to both preschoolers and powerbrokers. When they see that someone else has something they want, they declare, "That's mine!" seizing either toys or territory for themselves. This phrase is not unfamiliar to our God either. But where humans are motivated by selfishness, the Lord acts out of love. He claims you as His own because He loves you and He wants you to be with Him for eternity. You are His treasured possession! He will never leave you behind like a toddler may accidentally abandon her teddy bear, or neglect you like a king would treat those who supported his rival. When the Lord says, "You are Mine," you have His pledge of enduring faithfulness, today and unto eternity!

IMAGE ON THE COVER

Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise. *Luke 23:43*

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 – 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; Psalm 22:27; Isaiah 43:1

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

P All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,
C and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.

P Now thus says the LORD, “Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
C I have called you by name, you are Mine.”

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 King,
C we confess that we have broken trust with You. We have doubted Your goodness, neglected Your ways, and sought to satisfy our sinful nature. We do not think, speak, or act like Your treasured possession. We bring before You our faults and failures, honestly and humbly recognizing that we deserve to be cast out of Your kingdom. Have mercy, O Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Spare us from Your wrath, deliver us from death and darkness, and cleanse us from sin, that we serve You in righteousness, innocence, and blessedness now and always. Amen.

P On His cross, Jesus Christ, your Savior, was crowned with shame and given unto death for You. His blood pays the price Your sins deserve. Now crowned with glory, the risen and reigning Christ lives to declare sins forgiven. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, 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 Holy Trinity, You are God from everlasting to everlasting, Your kingdom stretches from shore to shore, and by the cross of Christ, You are reconciling all things to Yourself. Surround us with Your expansive Gospel, that just as You separate us from our sin as far as the east is from the west, You would gather those from every language and locale to confess You: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and join You in paradise. In Your holy name we pray.

C Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

P We confess our faith together, using the words of the Apostles' Creed,

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 – “Agnus Dei”

1, 2 Alleluia, alleluia
For the Lord, God Almighty reigns
Alleluia, alleluia, holy, holy
Are You Lord, God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb
For You are holy, holy
Are You Lord, God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb

3, 4 For You are holy, holy
Are You Lord, God Almighty
Worthy is the lamb
Worthy is the lamb
Amen

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Malachi 3:13-18

(The Lord makes His claim on His treasured possession, declaring “they shall be Mine.”)

¹³“Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ ¹⁴You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? ¹⁵And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.’”

¹⁶Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. ¹⁷“They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him.

¹⁸Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 46; antiphon: v. 7

L ⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;

C the God of Jacob is our fortress.

L ¹God is our refuge and strength,

C a very present help in trouble.

L ²Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,

C though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

L ³though its waters roar and foam,

C though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

L ⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

C the holy habitation of the Most High.

L ⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;

C God will help her when morning dawns.

L ⁶The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;

C he utters his voice, the earth melts.

L ⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;

C the God of Jacob is our fortress.

L ⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD,

C how he has brought desolations on the earth.

L ⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
C **he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;**
he burns the chariots with fire.

L ¹⁰“Be still, and know that I am God.
C **I will be exalted among the nations,**
I will be exalted in the earth!”

L ¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
C **the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

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.

L ⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
C **the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

EPISTLE

Colossians 1:13-20

(By His blood, the Christ who holds all things together also holds us in His kingdom.)

¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

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

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Luke 23:43

- P** Alleluia. Truly, I say to you,
C today you will be with Me in Paradise. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 23:27-43

(Upon the cross, Jesus is enthroned as King and speaks of forgiveness and paradise.)

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

²⁷And there followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸But turning to them Jesus said, *“Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ ³¹For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”*

³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said, *“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”* And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?”

⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.”

⁴²And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

⁴³And he said to him, *“Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”*

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: Colossians 1:18a – “And he is the head of the body, the church.” We are part of the Body of Christ; He is our Head. Where He goes, we follow. His thoughts direct our actions. This is how the people of God learn how to give and why they give. Because Jesus gives, indeed He gives all He has.

OFFERTORY – “Father, I Adore You” Romans 12:1

1, 4 Father, I adore You
 Lay my life before You
 How I love You

2, 5 Jesus, I adore You
 Lay my life before You
 How I love You

3, 6 Spirit, I adore You
 Lay my life before You
 How I love You

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Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P As those delivered to the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us confidently approach His throne of grace with our prayers and intercessions, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P King of all creation, the whole earth is full of Your glory, and we are awed by Your creative majesty. Deepen our appreciation of Your care and keeping and dedicate us as faithful stewards of Your earthly gifts. For the sake of Your kingdom,

C love us and lead us, O King.

P King of love, You devote Yourself to Your people and never fail to keep Your commitments. Bless those who have committed themselves to one another in Christian marriage that their relationships might be reflections of Your heart. For the sake of Your kingdom,

C touch us and teach us, O King.

- P** King of kindness and grace, who attends to our hurts of body and soul, show compassion to all who are facing sorrow, sickness, or adversity, embracing them in Your tender care, [*especially . . .*]. For the sake of Your kingdom,
- C** **hear us and heal us, O King.**
- P** King of Your church, You uphold all those who serve in Your name. Grant holy satisfaction to those who volunteer their time and offer their gifts to our congregation. Raise up others to serve and prevent us from stealing Your glory for ourselves. For the sake of Your kingdom,
- C** **prepare us and protect us, O King.**
- P** King of justice, You rule Your world with wisdom and faithfulness. Give those chosen as our earthly authorities patience, perspective, and a heart that pursues Your will, that we might be led into peaceable prosperity. For the sake of Your kingdom,
- C** **defend us and direct us, O King.**
- P** King of all kings, You have authority over all things. Allow us to see Your authority as a blessing, that we might recognize Your preeminence in our lives and rest in Your merciful rule, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.

CLOSING 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 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 upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you 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 - "When Mercy Found Me"

- 1 I can't count the broken roads
I've been down but all I know
Something had to give, something had to give
'Cause living my life so wild and free finally caught up
Oh it left me broken, left me hopeless
But that's where I met Jesus
- 2, 4, 6 In one moment everything changed
Who I was got washed away
When mercy found me
My Savior's arms were open wide
And I felt love for the very first time
When mercy found me, when mercy found me
- 3 All those days and all those doubts
They don't seem to matter now
His Grace is all I need, His Grace is all I need
And the chains that I was in before
They don't hold me anymore
His love has rescued me, His love has set me free
- 5 My mind found peace
My soul found hope
My heart found a home

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