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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY,
SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE
(Series A)**

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

On this Second Sunday after the Epiphany, we hear John the Baptist's enduring proclamation: *"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"* Jesus is revealed as the promised Servant whom the Lord called from the womb and appointed as a light for the nations. In the Gospel, He draws Andrew, Peter, and all disciples to Himself through His living and life-giving Word. Paul reminds the Church that we are called, sanctified, and sustained by the grace of Christ alone.

Today also marks **Sanctity of Human Life Sunday**, a fitting companion to these readings. The God who formed His Servant in the womb is the same God who forms, knows, and treasures every human life. Our worth is not measured by strength, age, or ability, but by the God who creates, redeems, and calls us His own in Christ.

As we gather, we rejoice in the Lamb who takes away our sin and restores our lives. We pray that His light would shine through us in truth, compassion, and courage as we uphold the value of every person He has wonderfully made and dearly loves.

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 - "Your Love Never Fails"

- 1 Nothing can separate even if I ran away
 Your love never fails
 I know I still make mistakes but
 You have new mercies for me everyday
 Your love never fails

- 2 You stay the same through the ages
- 4, 7 Your love never changes
 There may be pain in the night but joy comes in the morning
 And when the oceans rage I don't have to be afraid
 Because I know that You love me
 Your love never fails

- 3 The wind is strong and the water's deep but
 I'm not alone here in these open seas
 Your love never fails
 The chasm was far too wide
 I never thought I'd reach the other side
 Your love never fails

- 5, 6 You make all things work together for my good
 You make all things work together for my good

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 Called by God “to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ”, let us give rightful praise and honor God, who calls sinners to repentance and bestows saving faith in our hearts by His Word and Spirit. Behold, the Lamb of God!

C **Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, mercifully hear our confession. We are sinners and have sinned against You. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors with our whole heart. We cannot free ourselves from our sin. Hear our prayer of confession and let us hear Your call and gift of forgiveness, salvation, and life.**

P Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus 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,

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You called Your Servant from the womb to be a light for the nations and the Lamb who takes away the world’s sin. Grant us deep reverence for every life You create. Strengthen us to protect the weak and bear witness to the Savior who fearfully forms and wonderfully redeems; through Jesus Christ, 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.**

OPENING SONG – “Whom Shall I Fear”

- 1 You hear me when I call, You are my morning song
Though darkness fills the night it cannot hide the light
Whom shall I fear
You crush the enemy underneath my feet
You are my Sword and Shield though trouble lingers still
Whom shall I fear
- 2, 4 I know Who goes before me
7, 8 I know Who stands behind
The God of angel armies is always by my side
The One who reigns forever, He is a Friend of mine
The God of angel armies is always by my side
- 3 My strength is in Your name for You alone can save
You will deliver me, Yours is the victory
Whom shall I fear, whom shall I fear
- 5, 6 And nothing formed against me shall stand
You hold the whole world in Your hands
I'm holding onto Your promises, You are faithful, You are faithful

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 49:1-7

(The servant of the Lord.)

¹Listen to me, O coastlands,
and give attention, you peoples from afar.
The LORD called me from the womb,
from the body of my mother he named my name.
²He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow;
in his quiver he hid me away.
³And he said to me, “You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”
⁴But I said, “I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my right is with the LORD,
and my recompense with my God.”
⁵And now the LORD says,
he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him;
and that Israel might be gathered to him—
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—
⁶he says:
“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

⁷Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation,
the servant of rulers:
“Kings shall see and arise;
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves;
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8

L Praise the LORD, all nations!

C Extol him, all peoples!

L For great is his steadfast love toward us,

C and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

L Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

C bring an offering, and come into his courts!

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

(God's calling.)

¹Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 1:29b

P Alleluia. Behold, the Lamb of God,

C Who takes away the sin of the world! Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:29-42a

(Jesus calls the first disciples.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

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

²⁹The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³²And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

³⁵The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, *“What are you seeking?”* And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹He said to them, *“Come and you will see.”* So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). ⁴²He brought him to Jesus.

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: John 1:29 – “The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!’” The Israelites of old offered a lamb to God at Passover so that death might pass over them and do no harm. Over those long centuries of sacrifice, did they understand that this was actually God’s gift? That God would be the true Giver of the true Lamb? Truly, we can never out-give God, for all that we have is His.

OFFORTORY – “The Lord is my Light” Psalm 27:1

- 1, 3, 5 The Lord is my light and my salvation
 The Lord is the strength of my life
 The Lord is my light and my salvation
 The Lord is the strength of my life
 So I will not be afraid, no, I will not be afraid
 Because the Lord is my light
 The Lord is my light, the Lord is my light
- 2 In the day of trouble He will hide me
 He will keep me safe, He will guide me through
- 4 In the darkest hour He will keep me
 Evil has no power when He shelters me
- 6 Because the Lord is my light
 The Lord is my light, the Lord is my light
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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

P Lord of all nations, You called Your Servant from the womb and made Him a light for the world. Fill Your Church with joy that Christ is the Savior of all, and grant that our voices may bear His saving name to the ends of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious Father, You called Andrew and Peter to follow Your Son and later sent them to proclaim His Gospel. Continue to call and equip men for the holy ministry. Bless all who prepare for that office, that they may faithfully make known Your Word and shepherd Your people with courage and compassion. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of creation and life, You form each person with fearful majesty and wonderful purpose. Grant our homes steadfast faith, love that protects the weak, and reverence for every human life You create. Strengthen mothers and fathers, uphold the vulnerable, and turn hearts from fear to trust in Your mercy. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Ruler of the nations, guide our president, the governor of this state, and all who make, administer, and judge our laws. Protect those who serve as firefighters, police, disaster workers, and medical personnel. Grant that justice, wisdom, and compassion may prevail in our land. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, remember all who suffer in body or spirit, especially those we name before You now... [*silence or names*] Grant them healing according to Your will and confidence that their lives are held in Your redeeming hands. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Merciful Lord, You give us the true body and blood of Your Son for the forgiveness of sins. Grant us faith as we approach this Sacrament, that what we receive upon our lips we may keep in holy hearts. Preserve us in this communion until the day when Christ comes in glory. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Holy Spirit, sustain us in steadfastness, humility, and hope. Guard us in times of trial, strengthen us against temptation, and keep us faithful in our calling as Your saints. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

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

LSB 179

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

LSB 197

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.

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.

Sit

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

“Knowing You”

- 1 All I once held dear, built my life upon
All this world reveres and wars to own
All I once thought gain I have counted loss
Spent and worthless now compared to this
- 2, 4 Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You
There is no greater thing
You're my all, You're the best, You're my joy
My righteousness, and I love You, Lord
- 3 Now my heart's desire is to know You more
To be found in You, and known as Yours
To possess by faith what I could not earn
All surpassing gift of righteousness
- 5 Oh, to know the power of Your risen life
And to know You in Your sufferings
To become like You in Your death, my Lord
So with You to live and never die
- 6 Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You
There is no greater thing
You're my all, You're the best, You're my joy, my righteousness
You're my all, You're the best, You're my joy, my righteousness
You're my all, You're the best, You're my joy, my righteousness
And I love you, Lord

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“The Lion and the Lamb”

- 1 Who is He? Who’s the mightiest of all?
Who is He? Creation trembles at His call
Who is He? The lowly sacrifice
Who paid a victim’s price?
His name is Jesus
- 2, 4, 6, 7 Jesus, from the Father’s own right hand
Jesus, Son of God and Son of Man
Jesus, who died and rose again
Jesus, He’s the Lion and the Lamb
- 3 Who is He, with the power none can tame?
Who is He, that every foe would fear His name?
Who is He, who was humbly led away?
To suffer that dark day
His name is Jesus
- 5 Who is He with the eyes that burn like fire?
Who is He? Oh, the wonder He inspires
Who is He who bore the guilt and shame
For those who’d gone astray
His name is Jesus

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Stand

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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 - “Firm Foundation” Isaiah 33:6

1, 2, 4 Jesus, You’re my firm foundation, I know I can stand secure
6, 7, 8 Jesus, You’re my firm foundation, I put my hope in Your holy Word
I put my hope in Your holy Word

3 I have a living hope (*echo*), I have a future (*echo*)
God has a plan for me (*echo*) of this I’m sure (*echo*)

5 Your Word is faithful (*echo*), mighty in power (*echo*)
God will deliver me (*echo*) of this I’m sure (*echo*)

9 I put my hope in Your holy Word

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