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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES SUNDAY**

(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

The message of the cross is foolishness to the world, but to us who are being saved, it is the very power of God. Today, as we reflect on Paul's words to the Corinthians, we also give thanks for the work of Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM), whose global outreach proclaims Christ crucified to people in every nation and culture. Through radio, digital media, and personal witness, LHM brings the wisdom of God—hidden in the cross and revealed in Christ—to those who are perishing, that they too may know the hope of salvation. As we gather, we rejoice that God chooses the weak, the lowly, and the overlooked to carry His Gospel into the world. In Word and Sacrament, we are strengthened to boast not in ourselves, but in the Lord who saves.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

1 Corinthians 1:18 – For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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
“Eternal Life”

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 1, Psalm 15, and 1 Corinthians 1

P Blessed is the one who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the way of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers.

C **But whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law meditates day and night.**

P O Lord, who may dwell in Your tent? Who may stand upon Your holy hill?

C **Only the one who is righteous and speaks truth in the heart.**

P Yet the wisdom of the world cannot make us righteous, and our strength cannot make us stand.

C **But the word of the cross is the power of God for all who are being saved.**

P Let us then come before the Lord, poor in spirit and rich in His mercy, seeking the blessing that comes only through Christ crucified.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Micah 6:1–8, Matthew 5:1–12, and 1 Corinthians 1

P Holy and gracious God, You have shown us what is good: to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with You. Yet we confess that we have walked in pride, trusted our own wisdom, and sought our worth apart from Your grace.

C **Lord, have mercy on us.**

P You call the poor in spirit blessed, but we have clung to our own strength. You bless the meek, but we have insisted on our own way. You bless the peacemakers, but we have stirred up conflict in our homes, our congregation, and our world.

C **Christ, have mercy on us.**

P You choose the foolish, the weak, and the lowly, yet we have despised weakness— in others and in ourselves. You choose what the world overlooks to display the power of Christ, yet we have chased after the world’s approval and forgotten who we are in Him.

C **Lord, have mercy on us.**

P For the sake of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen for us, forgive our sins, renew our hearts, and turn us again to the wisdom of the cross.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins.

The One who calls you is faithful. The crucified Christ— the wisdom and power of God— has taken your sin and given you His righteousness; has taken your weakness and given you His strength; has taken your death and given you His life.

Therefore, 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.**

P You are blessed in Christ. You are forgiven. You are His— redeemed, restored, and made new in Him.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose wisdom confounds the wise and whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant that we may never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. As You called the lowly and the overlooked to bear witness to Your grace, so also bless the work of Lutheran Hour Ministries, that through their proclamation many may hear of Christ crucified and be saved. Strengthen us by Your Word and Sacraments, that we may be bold in faith, humble in service, and steadfast in hope; 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 CREEED

C 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 – Special Music
JuBELLation Handbell Choir

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Micah 6:1-8

(God's people are to come before Him in humility.)

- ¹Hear what the LORD says:
Arise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.
- ²Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the LORD has an indictment against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.
- ³"O my people, what have I done to you?
How have I wearied you? Answer me!
- ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised,
and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

Psalms 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 1:18-31

(Christ is the wisdom and the power of God.)

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Matthew 5:3

P Alleluia. Blessed are the poor in spirit,

C for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

(Jesus teaches about blessed living.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

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

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³**"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

⁴**"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.**

⁵**"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.**

⁶**"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.**

⁷**"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.**

⁸**"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.**

⁹**"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.**

¹⁰**"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

¹¹**"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."**

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: 1 Corinthians 1:20 – “Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?” God’s ways are certainly not the world’s ways, including the way God tells us to manage the resources He’s given to us. The world says, “hold on, hold back and gather up.” Jesus says to store up treasure in heaven where moth and rust do not destroy and where no thief breaks in to steal. Whose way do you think is best? What is wiser: the wisdom of the financial gurus or the foolishness of God?

OFFERTORY – “You are my God”

- 1, 2 You are my God, I am your servant
You are my King, my Lord and Savior
You are my friend, my joy and comfort
You are my Lord, You are my God
- 3, 4 Hear, hear the angels sing all creation bring You the glory
And I will lift my heart in faith
Lift my eyes to see You in holiness
In righteousness, in majesty, You are my God

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Lord of the cross, Your wisdom overturns the wisdom of the world, and Your power is made perfect in weakness. Keep Your Church steadfast in the message of Christ crucified, that we may never boast in ourselves but only in Your saving work. Strengthen pastors, missionaries, and all who proclaim Your Word, that the Gospel may be heard with clarity and received with faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of all nations, as Epiphany light shines upon the world, bless the work of Lutheran Hour Ministries. Use their radio broadcasts, digital outreach, and global partnerships to draw many from darkness into the light of Christ. Equip believers everywhere to share the hope that is within them, and open doors for the Gospel in places where Your name is scarcely known. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Father, You choose what is low and despised to shame the proud and to reveal Your grace. Look with kindness on all who suffer, especially the lonely, the grieving, the sick, and the troubled. Grant healing according to Your will, and sustain them with the comfort of Christ, who became for us righteousness, sanctification, and redemption. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of compassion, bless the families of our congregation, that Your Word may dwell richly in our homes. Strengthen parents and children in faith, guard marriages, and uphold those who live alone. Make our congregation a place where the weak are lifted up and the weary find rest in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Giver of every good gift, bless the work of Lutheran Hour Ministries as they train and encourage Christians to live out their faith in daily life. Make us bold in witness, gentle in speech, and joyful in service, that others may see Christ in us and be drawn to His cross. 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

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

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

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“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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“Be Thou My Vision” Colossians 3:1-4

- 1 Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light
- 2 Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one
- 3 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art
- 4 High King of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all

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Stand

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, we give You thanks that in this Holy Supper You have fed us with the body and blood of Christ, the very wisdom and power of the cross. Strengthen us through this gift, that we may boast only in our Savior and walk in the humility of those who have been redeemed. As You choose the weak and lowly to bear Your saving name, so send us forth in faith and love, that the light of Christ may shine through our words and deeds to all who still seek Your mercy. 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 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 - "Because I'm Forgiven"

- 1 There's a reason why I bring You this simple offering
 Pouring out my love to You
 Though my heart cannot express all this joy and gratefulness
 Still I sing this song of love and thanks and praise
- 2, 5, 8 It's because I'm forgiven
 It's because I am free
 It's because You've shown me mercy and You believed in me
- 3, 6, 7 It's because You are my Savior
 It's because You are my friend
 And Your love it lifts me higher than I've ever been
- 4 Oh the wonder of Your ways, oh the measure of Your grace
 Greater than my heart can know
 So how could I not celebrate, how could I not bless Your name
 Singing out a song of love and thanks and praise
- 9, 10 It's because I'm forgiven
 It's because I am free

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