



The Lutheran Church of Times Square
308 West 46th Street, New York, NY 10036

Luke, Evangelist October 18, 2020

Evangelical Lutheran Worship Setting One

From the visit of Mary to Elizabeth's house; through the visits of Jesus to Zacchaeus's house, Mary and Martha's house, and Levi's house; to the visit of the risen Christ to Cleopas's house, Luke's gospel is a story of God's hospitality. God is guest and host, and Jesus' meal fellowship is a proclamation of God's inner circle of outsiders, a gathering not of the righteous but of those who have received God's mercy.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together

PRELUDE

Deus tuorum militum

David N. Johnson

GATHERING SONG What Thanks and Praise to Thee We Owe DEUS TUORUM MILITUM



1 What thanks and praise to Thee we owe, O Priest and Sac - ri - fice di - vine,
2 Whom Thou didst choose to tell the tale Of all Thy man - hood's toils and tears,
3 And still the Church through all her days Up - lifts the strains that nev - er cease,
4 O hap - py saint! whose sa - cred page, So rich in words of truth and love,
5 The wit - ness of the Sav - ior's life, The great a - pos - tle's chos - en friend
6 So grant us, Lord, like him to live, Be - loved by man, ap - proved by Thee,



For Thy dear saint through whom we know So man - y a gra - cious word of Thine;
And for a mo - ment lift the veil That hides Thy boy - hood's spot - less years.
The bless - ed Vir - gin's hymn of praise, The a - ged Sim - con's words of peace.
Pours on the Church from age to age This heal - ing unc - tion from a - bove;
Through wear - y years of toil and strife, And still found faith - ful to the end,
Till Thou at last the sum mons give, And we, with him, Thy face shall see.

Text: William Dalrymple Maclagan, 1826-1910

Music: DEUS TUORUM MILITUM, *Antiphoner*, Grenoble, 1753

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

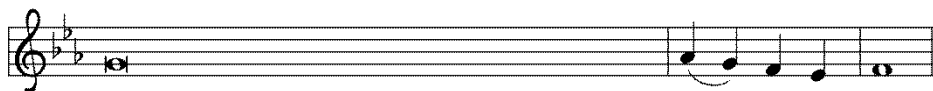
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men, a - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
 right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -
 lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
 Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.
 Glo - ry to God in the high -
 est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you inspired your servant Luke to reveal in his gospel the love and healing power of your Son. Give your church the same love and power to heal, and to proclaim your salvation among the nations to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our healer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. *sit*

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:5-8

The Lord will heal the blind and deaf.

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
⁸A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 124



¹If the Lord had not been | on our side,
let Isra- | el now say;
²**if the Lord had not been | on our side,**
when enemies rose | up against us,
³then would they have swallowed us | up alive
in their fierce | anger toward us;
⁴**then would the waters have | overwhelmed us**
and the torrent gone | over us;
⁵then would the | raging waters
have gone right | over us.
⁶**Blessed | be the Lord**
who has not given us over to be a prey | for their teeth. R
⁷We have escaped like a bird from the snare | of the fowler;
the snare is broken, and we | have escaped.
⁸**Our help is in the name | of the Lord,**
the maker of heav- | en and earth. R

SECOND READING

II Timothy 4:5-11

Knowing that death draws near, Paul, a prisoner in Rome, closes his letter to Timothy in a way that exemplifies how Christians face death: thankful for the grace to finish the race and trusting in the final blessing that awaits him in Christ.

⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.
⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.
⁹Do your best to come to me soon, ¹⁰for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *stand*

Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who an- | noun - ces peace,* who brings good news,
who announc- | es sal - vation. (*Isa. 52:7*)

GOSPEL

Luke 1:1-4; 24:44-53

These introductory and concluding verses of Luke's gospel provide us with the reason he is writing: so that we might know the truth about Jesus Christ who, in his suffering, death, and resurrection, fulfilled the ancient promises of God.

After the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Luke writes:] ¹Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, ²just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, ³I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.

^{24:44}[Before he ascended, Jesus said to the disciples and their companions:] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

After the reading: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON *sit*

Pastor Strasser

HYMN OF THE DAY *stand* By All Your Saints in Warfare KING'S LYNN

1 By all your saints in war - fare, for all your saints at rest,
2 For that be - loved phy - si - cian all praise, whose Gos - pel shows
3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther and wor - ship God the Son

your ho - ly name, O Je - sus, for - ev - er - more be blest!
the heal - er of the na - tions, the one who shares our woes.
and sing to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One,

For you have won the bat - tle that they might wear the crown;
Your wine and oil, O Sav - ior, up - on our spir - its pour,
till all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



and now they shine in glo - ry re - flect - ed from your throne.
and with true balm of Gil - cad a - noint us ev - er - more.
as - crib - ing pow'r and glo - ry and praise to God a - lone.

Text: Horatio Bolton Nelson, 1823–1913, alt.
Music: KING'S LYNN, English folk tune

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

People with long term prayer needs are: Girma, Jimmy, John, Bev, Katie, Jennifer, Henry

Sisters and Brothers, helped by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for our shared world.

On this day commemorating St. Luke, we pray for all ministries of healing: that hospitals receive adequate resources; that medical care be improved in neighborhoods of poverty; that physicians and nurses be upheld; **and that kindly hospice care be available to the dying.**

A brief silence.

Almighty God, you have given us this good Land as our home. Make us always remember your generosity and constantly do your will. Bless our nation with honesty, truth, and honor in daily life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action.

In troubled times, do not let our trust in you fail.

A brief silence.

By your power our Lord Jesus healed the sick and gave hope to the hopeless. Though we cannot command or possess your power, we pray for those who want to be healed. Mend their wounds, soothe fevered brows, and make broken people whole again. Help us to welcome every healing as a sign that, though death is against us, you are for us, and have promised renewed and risen life in Christ the Lord. Today we hold up especially these people...

healing for Cindy Shraml Michaels, condolences for Kelli Long's family after the death of Jessie, for Katie Chan Chee's parents Tom and Sylvia Luekans now diagnosed with COVID-19, and those whose names we speak out loud...

Assure them that you call them each by their name.

A brief silence.

Merciful God, you are the only source of health and healing. You alone can bring calmness and peace. Grant to us, your children, an awareness of your presence and a confidence in you. In our weariness, our despair, our isolation, or our anxiety, surround us with your care and love, and grant us once more to know your peace. **So fill our hearts with faith in your love, that with calm expectancy we may make room for your power in us, and gracefully receive your healing. Touch us, O Lord, our Healer.**

A brief silence.

We praise you for the centuries of the faithful who have died in the faith, especially today for the evangelist Luke, and for those we remember in our hearts.

That at the end you will welcome us all into your presence, we pray.

A brief silence.

Hear us when we call upon you, O God, and enfold in your arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

All now greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace in a socially distanced fashion with a greeting, a wave or a smile behind their masks. Do not leave your pew.

OFFERING for God's work through our church

The offering plate is near the font for use before or after worship. You may also make your offering online (www.stlukesnyc.org using the "Offering" button, or mail to the church.

ANTHEM O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion (from *Messiah*, HWV 56) George Frideric Handel

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain; O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah: Behold your God! Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. *Isaiah 40:9; 60:1*

Bread and wine are placed on the altar.

OFFERTORY PRAYER *stand*

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ: our Good Samaritan, who tends the wounds of body and spirit with the oil of consolation and the wine of hope; the Sun of righteousness, who raises us to life on his healing wings. And so, with Luke and all the saints, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

OUR FATHER

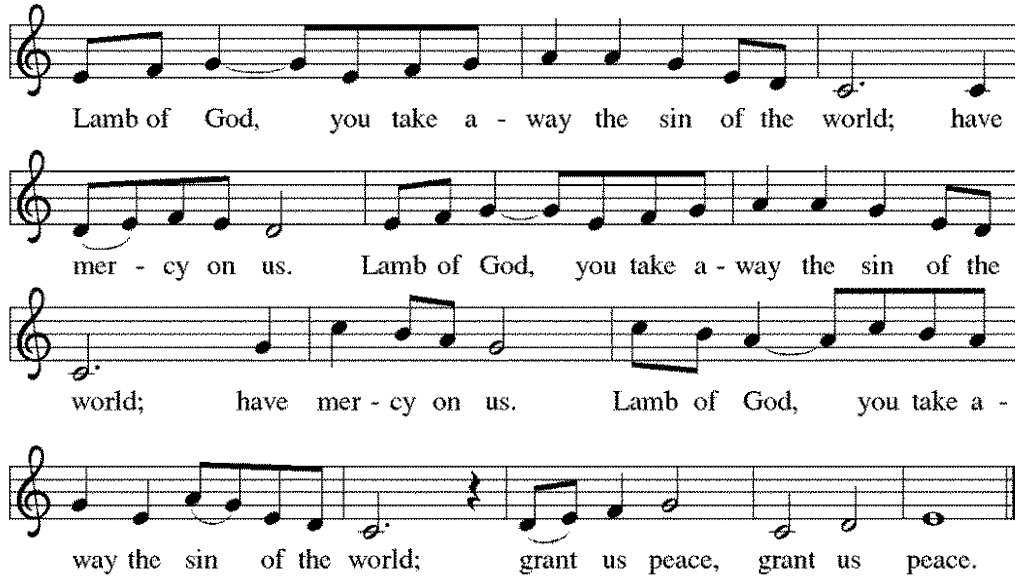
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

COMMUNION *sit*

We confess joyfully that the Body and Blood of Christ are truly present in the Sacrament under the forms of bread and wine. We invite all baptized and communing Christians to join us. Anyone not receiving communion is welcome to come and receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest when you reach the pastor. After receiving communion you may return to your seats by the side aisles.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

HYMN I Come with Joy DOVE OF PEACE

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1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has
free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the
love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *stand*

We give you thanks, **gracious God**, that you have fed us with the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BLESSING

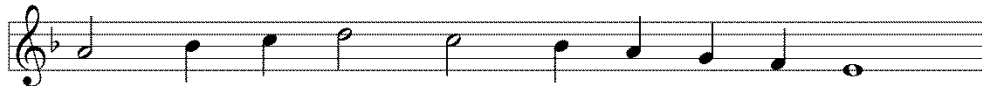
Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *sit*

SENDING SONG *stand* Your Kingdom Come! OLD 124TH



1 Your king - dom come! O Fa - ther, hear our prayer;
2 Stum - bling and blind, we strive to do your will,
3 Come through the faith where - by the church must live;
4 Your king - dom come; come too, God's glo - rious Son!



shine through the clouds that threat - en ev - 'ry - where;
trust - ing the word you sure - ly will ful - fill,
come through the word and sac - ra - ments you give;
Oh, may our task for you be no - bly done!



light from a - bove, our on - ly life and joy,
that all are yours, how - ev - er far they roam,
come through your teach - ing, and your heal - ing too;
Faith - ful let all your ser - vants be, and true,



show us the hope that noth - ing can de - stroy;
that love shall tri - umph, and your king - dom come;
come through the work en - light - ened hearts can do;
un - til they bring all na - tions home to you;



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Text: Margaret R. Seebach, 1875–1948, alt.
Music: OLD 124TH, *Trente quatre pseumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated. Leave at the direction of the Ushers after the Postlude.

Presiding and Preaching:
The Rev. Dr. Arden Strasser, Pastor
Organist: Cantor Pedro d’Aquino

Assisting Minister:
Mike Brouwer
Choir Soloist: Lara Tillotson

Lector: Tony Rohling
Ushers: Rosemary Lebron, Elleatrice Thompson
Video Camera: David Lally

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome, visitors! Saint Luke’s pleased to welcome visitors from near and far. We pray that your worship with us will be a rich experience.

Restrooms:

Ladies: use the restroom outside the Narthex near the elevator.

Men: follow the signs to the Theatre Lobby restrooms.

Pastor will greet people outside after worship, weather permitting. The fellowship we enjoy occurs then in front of the church while wearing masks.

- ☒ **The flowers today are given by Katrina Corbell In Loving Memory of grandparents Elwood Levi and Hope Nadine Gulley, and niece Jennifer Ashleigh Black in celebration of their birthdays.**
- ☒ **Your gifts to the Flower Fund are always welcome.** Consider donating for a particular Sunday for the Memory or Honor of a loved one, to commemorate an important date in your life, or for the Glory of God’s house and Blessings received. Email the office with the details and date in advance please. Your offering may be submitted through our website or mail your check to the church.
- ☒ **Birthdays and special Occasions this coming week:** Ted Nelson (10/20), Jennifer Powers (10/20). Emily Prather (10/21), John Danielson (10/25)
- ☒ **“Care for the Soul” continues every Sunday and Wednesday evenings on ZOOM.** Our Sunday night group meets at **7:30 pm** and focuses on learning about racism. The Wednesday night group meets at **8:00 pm** and is a traditional Bible Study with insights and discussions. Each evening has time to check in with each other. Please see the Weekly Announcements or our Website calendar for the ZOOM information.
- ☒ **Election of Council Members – 2 seats open.** Judy Barnett and Bob Wechtenhiser will serve as the Nominating Committee and will be speaking to potential candidates. If you are interested in running or would like more information on the duties of a Council Member, please speak to them. Elections for the 2 open seats will be at the Annual Voter’s Meeting, Sunday December 6, 2020.
- ☒ **Our Soup Kitchen is open every Tuesday and Thursday.** Hot take out lunches are served from 1:00 to 2:00 pm.

Offerings Last Week: \$1,850.52

This Week at Saint Luke’s

TODAY — October 18 Festival of St. Luke, Evangelist

9:30 am Outside Service of the Word

11:00 am Inside Worship with Holy Communion

12:45 pm Church Council meeting

7:30 pm ‘Care for the Soul’ on ZOOM

TUESDAY — October 20

1:00 to 2:00 pm Soup Kitchen

WEDNESDAY — October 21

OFFICE CLOSED

5:30 pm Pastoral Care Committee meeting

8:00 pm ‘Care for the Soul’ Bible Study on ZOOM

THURSDAY — October 22

1:00 to 2:00 pm Soup Kitchen

WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, October 25, 2020

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Outside Worship in front of the Church at 9:30 a.m.

Sung Eucharist at 11:00 a.m.

Next Week's Gospel: John 8:31-36

Jesus says, Continue in my word and you will know the truth



Saint Luke's is a "Reconciling in Christ" congregation.

We welcome all who are seeking God's love, regardless of race or culture, economic or life situation, sexual orientation or gender identity, or your doubts about faith and church. Our unity is in Christ. Your family, children, spouses and partners are welcome. Your uniqueness enriches our community.

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