



**Welcome to St. Luke's Church  
Sunday, April 13, 2025**

**Palm Sunday**

**Our Vision:  
To Know God and To Make Him Known**

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We hope you enjoy visiting with us today. Please come again soon.*

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## Welcome and Call to Worship

Celebrant: Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.

**All: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: Dear brothers and sisters, from the beginning of Lent until now we have been preparing our hearts by repentance and self-sacrifice. Today, with the whole Church, we herald the beginning of the celebration of the Paschal Mystery.

On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as King with palms and shouts of praise. Today, we greet him as our King, though we know his crown was a crown of thorns, and his throne a cross.

Therefore, I invite you to follow our Lord this Holy Week, from his triumphal entry, through his suffering and death, to the glory of his resurrection.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation; that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according To Luke 19:29-40.

**All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*At the end of the reading:*

Deacon: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Blessing of the Palms

Celebrant: Let us pray. We praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was hailed as King by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way.

Sanctify these branches with your blessing, we humbly pray, that they may be for us signs of his victory. Grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

Celebrant: Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.

**All: Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Deacon: Let us go forth in peace.

**All: In the Name of Christ. Amen.**

### **Distribution of the Palms**

Celebrant: Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### **Processional Hymn**

#### **“Hosanna, Praise is Rising”**

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You  
We turn to You  
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You  
We long for You

Pre-Chorus:

Cause when we see You we find strength to face the day  
In Your presence all our fears are washed away  
Washed away

Chorus:

Hosanna, Hosanna, You are the God who saves us  
Worthy of all our praises  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Come have Your way among us  
We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You  
We turn to You  
In Your kingdom broken lives are made new  
You make us new

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## **Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Almighty and everlasting God, in your tender love for us you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon himself our nature, and to suffer death upon the Cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and come to share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

## **Praise and Worship**

### **“How Great is Our God”**

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice  
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice

Chorus: How great is our God! Sing with me  
How great is our God! And all will see  
How great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands  
Beginning and the end. Beginning and the end  
The Godhead Three in One, Father, Spirit, Son  
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb (Chorus)

Name above all Names, worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing: How great is our God (Chorus)

## “Same God”

I'm calling on the God of Jacob  
Whose love endures through generations  
I know that You will keep Your covenant

I'm calling on the God of Moses  
The one who opened up the ocean  
I need you now to do the same thing for me

Chorus: Oh God, my God I need You  
Oh God, my God I need You now  
How I need You now  
Oh Rock, oh Rock of Ages  
I'm standing on Your faithfulness

I'm calling on the God of Mary  
Whose favor rests upon the lowly  
I know with You all things are possible

I'm calling on the God of David  
Who made a shepherd boy courageous  
I may not face Goliath  
But I've got my own giants (Chorus)

### Bridge 1:

You heard Your children then  
You hear Your children now  
You are the same God  
You are the same God  
You answered prayers back then  
And You will answer now  
You are the same God, You are the same God  
You were providing then  
You are providing now  
You are the same God, You are the same God

Bridge 2:

You moved in power then, God move in power now  
You are the same God, You are the same God  
You were a healer then, You are a healer now  
You are the same God, You are the same God  
You were a Savior then, You are a Savior now  
You are the same God, You are the same God (Chorus)

Bridge 3:

You freed the captives then  
You're freeing hearts right now  
You are the same God, You are the same God  
You touched the lepers then  
I feel Your touch right now  
You are the same God, You are the same God

Tag: I'm calling on the Holy Spirit  
Almighty river come and fill me again  
Come and fill me again, come and fill me again

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### **“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”**

Chorus: Bless the Lord, Oh my soul  
Oh my soul, worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, Oh my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes (Chorus)

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find (Chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore (Chorus)

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## **Announcements**

### **The Lessons**

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Psalm 22:1-11

Philippians 2:5-11

*At the end of each reading, the lector says:*

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke**

*[The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted. The congregation may be seated for the reading of the Passion.]*

#### **Narrator:**

Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. The chief priests and the Scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people. Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present. Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John saying:

#### **Jesus:**

"Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it."

#### **Peter:**

"Where do you want us to make preparations for it?"

**Jesus:**

"Listen, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters and say to the owner of the house, "The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there. "

**Narrator:**

So they went and found everything as he had told them and they prepared the Passover meal. When the hour had come, he took his place at the table and the apostles with him and said to them:

**Jesus:**

"I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

**Narrator:**

Then he took the cup and after giving thanks he said,

**Jesus:**

"Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

**Narrator:**

Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

**Jesus:**

This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

**Narrator:**

And he did the same thing with the cup after supper, saying,

**Jesus:**

This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!"



**Narrator:**

Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this. A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But Jesus said to them,

**Jesus:**

"The Kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

**Narrator:**

And Simon Peter said to him,

**Peter:**

"Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death! "

**Narrator:**

But Jesus said,

**Jesus:**

"I tell you Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me."

**Narrator:**

And then Jesus said,

**Jesus:**

"When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?"

**Apostles:**

"No, not a thing."

**Narrator:**

And Jesus again said to them,

**Jesus:**

"But now, the one who has a purse must take it and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me. 'And he was counted among the lawless'; and indeed, what is written about me is being fulfilled."

**Narrator:**

The Apostles responded saying,

**Apostles:**

"Lord, here are two swords."

**Narrator:**

And Jesus replied:

**Jesus:**

"It is enough"

**Narrator:**

He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them,

**Jesus:**

"Pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

**Narrator:**

Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw away and knelt down and prayed.

**Jesus:**

"Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me, yet not my will but yours be done."

**Narrator:**

Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he went to the disciples and found them asleep because of grief and he said to them,

**Jesus:**

"Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come to this time of trial"

**Narrator:**

While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, but Jesus said to him,

**Jesus:**

"Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?"

**Narrator:**

When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

**Speaker 1:**

"Lord, should we strike with the sword?"

**Narrator:**

And one of them struck the servant of the High Priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said to them,

**Jesus:**

No more of this!

**Narrator:**

And he touched the ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the Chief Priest, the officers of the temple police and the elders who had come for him,

**Jesus:**

Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour and the power of darkness!

**Narrator:**

Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him to the high priest's house. Peter followed at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. A servant girl, seeing him among them, said

**Servant Girl:**

"This man was also with him."

**Narrator:**

But Peter denied it, saying,

**Peter:**

"Woman, I do not know him."

**Narrator:**

A little later someone else, on seeing him,

**Speaker 2:**

"You also are one of them,"

**Narrator:**

But Peter insisted,

**Peter:**

"Man, I am not!"

**Narrator:**

Then about an hour later, still another kept insisting,

**Speaker 3:**

"Surely, this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean."

**Narrator:**

Again, Peter insisted,

**Peter:**

"I do not know what you are talking about!"

**Narrator:**

At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter, and Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him,

**Jesus:**

"Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times."

**Narrator:**

And Peter went out and wept bitterly. Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

**Crowd:**

"Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?"

**Narrator:**

They kept heaping many other insults on him. When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said,

**Council Members:**

"If you are the Messiah, tell us"

**Narrator:**

And Jesus replied,

**Jesus:**

"If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.

**Narrator:**

All of them asked him,

**Council Members:**

"Are you, then, the Son of God?"

**Narrator:**

Jesus responded

**Jesus:**

"You say that I am"

**Narrator:**

Then they said,

**Council Members:**

What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips.

**Narrator:**

Then the assembly arose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him saying,

**Council Member 1:**

We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king."

**Pilate:**

"Are you the King of the Jews?"

**Jesus:**

"You say so!"

**Narrator:**

Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

**Pilate:**

"I find no basis for an accusation against this man"

**Narrator:**

But they insisted and said,

**Council Member 2:**

"He stirs us by teaching throughout all Judea from Galilee where he began, even to this place.

**Narrator:**

When Pilate heard this, he asked,

**Pilate:**

"Is this man a Galilean?"

**Narrator:**

And when he learned that Jesus was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at the time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was glad, for he had been wanting for a long time to see him, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned Jesus at some length, but Jesus gave no answer. The chief priest and scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him and sent him back to Pilate.

That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before that day they had been enemies. Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders and the people and said to them,

**Pilate:**

"You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.

**Narrator:**

But the chief priest, leaders and people shouted,

**People:**

"Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"

**Narrator:**

Barabbas was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place and for a murder. Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed the people again but they kept shouting,

**People:**

"Crucify him! Crucify him!"

**Narrator:**

A Third time he said to them,

**Pilate:**

"Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and release him.

**Narrator:**

But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

**Jesus:**

"Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountain, 'Fall on us' and to the hills, 'Cover us.'" For is they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

**Narrator:**

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

**Jesus:**

"Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing"

**Narrator:**

And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching but the leaders scoffed at him saying,

**Speaker 1:**

"He saved others; let him save himself is he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!

**Narrator:**

The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying

**Speaker 2:**

"If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself "

**Narrator:**

There was also an inscription over him that read, "This is the King of the Jews. One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding Jesus and saying,



**Criminal 1:**

"Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

**Narrator:**

But the other rebuked him, saying,

**Criminal 2:**

"Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong."

**Narrator:**

Then he said to Jesus,

**Criminal 2:**

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

**Narrator:**

And Jesus replied,

**Jesus:**

"Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

**Narrator:**

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying in a loud voice, said,

**Jesus:**

"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

**Narrator:**

Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place he praised God and said,

**Centurion:**

"Certainly, this man was innocent."

**Narrator:**

And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts.

But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching things. Now there was a good and righteous man name Joseph, who though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. He took it down and wrapped it in a linen cloth and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath day they rested according to the commandments.

## **The Message**

### **The Nicene Creed**

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

Deacon: In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith.

Strengthen Mark and Allen, our bishops, and all your Church in the service of Christ, that those who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Deacon: Bless and guide Donald, our president, and Mike, our governor; give wisdom to all in authority; and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace; that we may honor one another and seek the common good. Lord in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Deacon: Give grace to us, our families, and friends, and to all our neighbors, that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us. Lord in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Deacon: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit...

*(pause and speak their names aloud)*

Give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Deacon: Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ...

*(pause and speak their names aloud)*

According to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom. Lord in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Deacon: Rejoicing in the fellowship of all your saints, we commend ourselves and the whole creation to your unfailing love. Lord in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

### **The Confession and Absolution of Sin**

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins to the Lord.

**All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### **The Comfortable Words**

Celebrant: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (1 Timothy 1:15)

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 2:1-2)

## **The Peace**

Deacon: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Deacon: Exchange with one another the Lord's Peace.

**The Offertory:** (Tithes and offerings are collected at this time)

Celebrant: Our offertory sentences are from scripture. "I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." (Romans 12:1)

## **"I Speak Jesus"**

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Celebrant: All things come of you O Lord

**All: And of Your own have we given You.**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*[We invite all baptized Christians to join us at the Lord's table. We offer communion in the form of bread, wafer, gluten-free wafer, or individually packaged juice and wafer. Once received, step left to drink from the communal cup, or step to the right to intinct (dip) the wafer.]*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the Cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and by his suffering and death he became the author of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### **The Sanctus**

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,  
Hosanna in the highest!**

### **The Prayer of Consecration**

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation.

By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved.

By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory; that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

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

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

## **Mystery of Faith**

Deacon: Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

**All: We remember his death.  
We proclaim his resurrection.  
We await his coming in glory.**

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. And bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord:

**All: Face to Face.**

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray

**All: Our Father Who art in Heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as 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 the power and the glory  
Forever and ever. Amen**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant: Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup

**All: We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

## **The Prayer of Humble Access**

**All: We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies.**

**Apart from your grace, we are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

## **The Agnus Dei**

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world

**All: Have mercy on us.**

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world

**All: Have mercy on us.**

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world

**All: Grant us your peace.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God, for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

## **Music During Communion:**

### **"The Cross Has The Final Word"**

The cross has the final word  
The cross has the final word  
Sorrow may come in the darkest night  
but the cross has the final word



The cross has the final word  
The cross has the final word  
Evil may put up its strongest fight  
but the cross has the final word

The cross has the final word  
The cross has the final word  
The Savior has come with the morning light  
The cross has the final word

The cross has the final word  
The cross has the final word  
He traded death for eternal life  
The cross has the final word

Bridge:    There's nothing stronger, nothing higher  
              Nothing greater than the name of Jesus  
              All the honor, all the power  
              All the glory to the name of Jesus

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### **“Reckless Love”**

Before I spoke a word  
You were singing over me  
You have been so so good to me  
Before I took a breath  
You breathed Your life in me  
You have been so so kind to me

Chorus: O the overwhelming never-ending  
Reckless love of God  
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found  
Leaves the ninety-nine  
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve  
Still You give Yourself away  
O the overwhelming never-ending  
Reckless love of God

When I was Your foe still Your love fought for me  
You have been so so good to me  
When I felt no worth You paid it all for me  
You have been so so kind to me

Bridge: There's no shadow You won't light up  
Mountain You won't climb up coming after me  
There's no wall You won't kick down  
Lie You won't tear down coming after me

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### **Post Communion Prayer**

**All: Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**And now, Father, send us out into the world to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant: All our problems

**All: We send to the cross of Christ**

Celebrant: All our difficulties

**All: We send to the cross of Christ**

Celebrant: All the devil's works

**All: We send to the cross of Christ**

Celebrant: And all of our hopes  
**All: We set on the risen Christ**

## **The Blessing**

## **The Recessional**

### **“All Glory Laud and Honor”**

Chorus:

All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King!  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David’s royal Son,  
Who in the Lord’s Name comest, the King and Blessed One.

The company of angels are praising Thee on high;  
And mortal men, and all things created, make reply.

The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went:  
Our praise and prayers and anthems before Thee we present.

To Thee before Thy passion they sang their hymns of praise:  
To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,  
Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.

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## **The Dismissal**

Deacon: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **This Week at St. Luke's Church, April 14<sup>th</sup> – April 20<sup>th</sup>**

### **Monday**

Stations of the Cross Service, 7:00-8:30 PM (Sanctuary)  
Boy Scout Troop 411, 7:00-8:30 PM (The Harbor)

### **Tuesday**

Worship With the Word Service, 7:00-9:00 PM (Sanctuary)

### **Wednesday**

Meeting w/ God Service, 7:00-8:30 PM (Sanctuary)

### **Thursday**

Stage 4 Ministry, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM (Lower Conference Room)  
Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00-8:30 PM (Sanctuary)

### **Friday**

Good Friday Service, 7:00-8:30 PM (Sanctuary)

### **Saturday**

Men's Group, 9:30-11:00 AM (Lower Kitchenette)  
Easter Vigil Service, 7:00-9:00 PM (Sanctuary)

### **Sunday**

Easter Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00 AM (Sanctuary)

### **Upcoming:**

April 26 – Men's Breakfast, 8:30-11:30 AM (The Harbor)

April 27-June 20 – 'Reason for God' teaching series (Sundays  
after church)

May 2-June 20 – Alpha Marriage Course (Friday Evenings)

May 18 – Youth Group Mission Trip Raffle, 12:30 PM (Sanctuary)

July 6-12 – Youth Group Mission Trip to Jesus People Chicago

June 23-July 28 – Vacation Bible School (Monday Evenings)

**Readings for April 20: Acts 10:34-43**

**Psalm 118:14-17, 22-24 ○ Colossians 3:1-4 ○ Luke 24:1-12**