



**Welcome to St. Luke's Church
Sunday, April 21, 2024**

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

*Visitors are not expected to participate in the offering.
We hope you enjoy visiting with us today. Please come again soon.*

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Processional Hymn

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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Welcome and Call to Worship

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Collect for Purity

**All: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Summary of the Law

Celebrant: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. (Matthew 22:37-40)

The Kyrie

Sung: **Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy**
 Hear our cry and heal our land
 Let kindness lead us to repentance
 Bring us back again
 For Your name is great and Your heart is grace
 Kyrie Eleison
 Over all You reign You alone can save
 Kyrie Eleison
 Lord have mercy Christ have mercy on us now

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: O God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd of your people: Grant that, when we hear his voice, we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Praise and Worship

“The Way”

Through every battle, through every heartbreak
Through every circumstance
I believe that You are my fortress, oh You are my portion
You are my hiding place, I believe You are

Chorus: The Way the Truth the Life, I believe You are
The Way the Truth the Life, I believe (You are)

Through every blessing, through every promise
Through every breath I take
I believe that You are provider, You are protector
You are the One I love, I believe You are

Bridge:

It's a new horizon and I'm set on You
And You meet me here today with mercies that are new
All my fears and doubts they can all come too
Because they can't stay long
(When I'm here with You) (When I believe You are)

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“Every Day”

Chorus: And every day, every day
I will sing Your praises
And every day, every day
I will bless Your name
And every day, yes, every day
We will raise our voices
'Cause every day, You are the same
And we glorify Your name
Lord we glorify Your name

You are God of wonders, You are God of mercy
You are God, the great I AM.
You are our defender, Your kingdom is forever
And You're coming back again (Chorus)

You alone are faithful, You alone are righteous
You alone are gracious, God
You alone are worthy, You alone are holy
You alone are Lord of all (Chorus)

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“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 (Chorus)

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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The Lessons

At the end of each reading, the lector says:

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Ezekiel 34:1-10

Psalm 23

1 John 3:1-10

The Gospel

**Sung: Alleluia! Alleluia! Opening our hearts to him
Singing Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus is our King**

Deacon: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 10:11-16.

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.

**Sung: Alleluia! Alleluia! Opening our hearts to him
Singing Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus is our King**

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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.

The Prayers of the People

Deacon: Rejoicing in the Power of the resurrection, let us pray for the Church and the World as our hearts and voices proclaim our desire to see your risen presence move in our midst.

Risen Lord, we thank you for conquering sin and death and we pray that the world would experience the freedom and cleansing power that comes to us through your spirit.

We pray that your peace, joy, and presence would result in a church that reflects these things to a world that needs to experience the grace and mercy of your cross and resurrection.

Pray for the World. Please add here your prayers and intercessions for the world.

Deacon: We pray for an outpouring of your resurrection power and spirit upon our archbishop, our bishop, our priests, and deacons. We pray especially for our Bishops as they select our new Archbishop in June. Pray for the church that we may know Christ and make him known.

Pray for the Church. Please add here your prayers and intercessions for the church.

Deacon: Lord, help us to be children of your word. We Pray that you would empower us to witness daily to your good news, and how your word fills and guides our days. Lord, help us to proclaim your truth.

Pray for all who proclaim your Gospel. Please add your prayers for preachers, teachers, and evangelists.

Deacon: We pray for believers and missionaries who are persecuted for their faith.

Pray for the persecuted. Please add your prayers for those who are persecuted throughout the world.

Deacon: We Pray that our nation would seek and follow you. Lord, we pray for our President, Governor, and all who lead us in public service. May they seek to serve your kingdom purposes and honor your name.

Pray for our nation's leadership. Please add your prayers for our nation.

Deacon: We Pray for those who are sick, the needy and all who need your healing. Risen Lord, meet each person in their place of need in your perfect will and timing.

Pray for those in need. Please add your prayer for those whom the Lord has placed on your heart.

Deacon: We pray for those who have lost loved ones. Lord as we live in the power of your resurrection, teach us to long for your heavenly restoration and joy.

Pray with thanksgiving for those who have entered your glory. Please add the names of those who have gone to be with the Lord.

Deacon: Father God, we trust in the power you have given us over sin and death through your cross. We know the truth of your resurrection and we seek to live through the power of your spirit. Hear our prayers and respond to them as may be best for us. May our hearts and minds would be aligned with your will as we pray to you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

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. Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

“All Hail King Jesus”

There was a moment when the lights went out
When death had claimed its victory
The King of Love had given up His life
The darkest day in history

There on a cross they made for sinners
For every curse His blood atoned
One final breath and it was finished
But not the end we could have known

Pre-Chorus: For the earth began to shake and the veil was torn
What sacrifice was made as the heavens roared

Chorus 1: All hail King Jesus
All hail the Lord of Heaven and earth
All hail King Jesus
All hail the Savior of the world

There was a moment when the sky lit up
A flash of light breaking through
When all was lost He crossed eternity
The King of life was on the move

Pre-Chorus: For in a dark cold tomb where our Lord was laid
One miraculous breath and we're forever changed

Chorus 2: All hail King Jesus
All hail King Jesus
All hail King Jesus
All hail King Jesus

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Doxology

**Sung: Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has won for us everlasting life.

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

**Sung: Holy (Holy) Holy (Holy) Lord God Almighty
Heaven (Heaven) And Earth (And Earth)
Are full of your glory
Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest (In the highest)
Hosanna, Hosanna to the Lord
Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord
Hosanna, Hosanna to the Lord**

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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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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 in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those
Who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
Now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

All: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Prayer of Humble Access

**Sung: We do not presume to come to Your table
Trusting in our own righteousness
For we are not worthy so much as to gather
The crumbs from under Your table**

**But trusting O Lord
In Your great and manifold mercies
For You are the same Lord
Whose nature is always to have mercy**

**So cleanse us and feed us
With the body and blood of Your Son
That we may live in Him, that He may live in us
For ever and ever. Amen.**

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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 Good Shepherd”

I am the Good Shepherd, I lay down my life for you
Enter in, enter in, enter in

I am the Good Shepherd
As the father knows me I know you
I know you, I know you, I know you

Chorus: And no one can take you away
And no one can take you away

You are the Good Shepherd
You lay down Your life for me
Enter in, enter in, enter in

You are the Good Shepherd
As the father knows You, You know me
You know me, You know me, You know me

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"He Is Lord"

He is Lord. He is Lord.
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord.
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord.

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"Majesty"

Majesty, worship His majesty
Unto Jesus be all glory, power and praise
Majesty, kingdom authority flow from his throne
Unto his own his anthem raise

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King
Majesty, worship his majesty
Jesus who died now glorified King of all kings.

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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

"We Want to See Jesus Lifted High"

We want to see Jesus lifted high,
A banner that flies across this land,
That all men might see the truth and know
He is the way to heaven. (Repeat)

We want to see, we want to see,
We want to see Jesus lifted high.
We want to see, we want to see,
We want to see Jesus lifted high.

Step by step we're moving forward,
Little by little taking ground,
Every prayer a powerful weapon,
Strongholds come tumbling down,
And down, and down, and down.

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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 22nd – April 28th

Monday

Creative Journaling, 6:00-9:00 PM (Tompkin's Glory Barn)

Boy Scout Troop 411, 6:30-8:30 PM (The Harbor)

Vestry Meeting, 6:30-8:30 PM (Lower Conference Room)

Tuesday

Worship With the Word, 6:30-8:30 PM (Sanctuary)

Stage 4 Ministry, 6:30-8:30 PM (Lower Conference Room)

Women's Group, 7:00-8:30 PM (Common Room)

Wednesday

MOPS/MomsNEXT, 9:30-11:00 AM (Café)

Thursday

Stage 4 Ministry, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM (Lower Conference Room)

Morning Intercessions, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM (Sanctuary)

Friday

Church Offices, CLOSED

Saturday

Men's Breakfast, 8:30-11:00 AM (The Harbor)

Sunday

Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00 AM (Sanctuary)

Bethel Akron Worship, 5:00-7:00 PM (Sanctuary & Upper Level)

Youth Group, 6:30-8:30 PM (The Harbor)

Upcoming

May 1st – Red Cross Blood Drive, 12:00-6:00 PM (Common Room)

May 18th – Akron Pregnancy Services Annual Walk

June 2nd – Youth Group Mission Trip Raffle, 12:30 PM (Sanctuary)

June 25th-28th – ACNA Provincial Assembly

July 15th-21st – Youth Group Mission Trip to Newport News, VA.

**Readings for April 28: Deuteronomy 4:32-40 ◦ Psalm 66:1-11
1 John 3:11-24 ◦ John 14:15-21**