



He is Risen

Welcome to St. Luke's Church

Sunday, April 30, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Our Mission:

"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

“Cornerstone - My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name (Repeat)

Chorus:

Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

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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: Kyrie eleison, Lord have mercy on me
Kyrie eleison, Lord have mercy on me
Christe eleison, Christ have mercy on me
Christe eleison, Christ have mercy on me**

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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

“Forever”

The moon and stars they wept the morning sun was dead
The Savior of the world was fallen His body on the cross
His blood poured out for us
The weight of every curse upon him

One final breath He gave as Heaven looked away
The Son of God was laid in darkness a battle in the grave
The war on death was waged
The power of hell forever broken

Pre-Chorus: The ground began to shake
The stone was rolled away
His perfect love could not be overcome
Now death where is your sting
Our resurrected King has rendered you defeated

Chorus: Forever, He is glorified
Forever, He is lifted high
Forever, He is risen
He is alive, He is alive

Bridge: We sing hallelujah, We sing Hallelujah
We sing hallelujah, the Lamb has overcome

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“Worthy Of It All”

All the saints and angels they bow before Your throne
All the elders cast their crowns
Before the Lamb of God and sing

Chorus: You are worthy of it all, You are worthy of it all
For from You are all things
And to You are all things, You deserve the glory

Bridge: Day and night night and day let incense arise
Day and night night and day let incense arise

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“Resurrecting”

The head that once was crowned with thorns
Is crowned with glory now
The Savior knelt to wash our feet now at his feet we bow

The one who wore our sin and shame
Now robed in majesty
The radiance of perfect love now shines for all to see

Chorus: Your name, your Name is victory
All praise will rise to Christ our king

The fear that held us now gives way
To him who is our peace
His final breath upon the cross is now alive in me

Bridge:

By your spirit I will rise from the ashes of defeat
The resurrected king is resurrecting me
In your name I come alive to declare your victory
The resurrected king is resurrecting me

The tomb where soldiers watched in vain
Was borrowed for three days
His body there would not remain
Our God has robbed the grave
Our God has robbed the grave

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Announcements

The Lessons

At the end of each reading the lector says:

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Acts 6:1-9, 7:2a, 51-60

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:13-25

The Gospel *[All rise]*

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

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Deacon: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
John 10:1-10.

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.

The Message

The Nicene Creed *[All rise]*

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

Reader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God. Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For Foley Beach, our Archbishop, Mark Engel, our Bishop, Daniel Morgan, our Rector, Andrew Unger, our Associate Rector, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation. Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others. Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith. Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For our nation and for Joe Biden, our President, James Vance and Sherrod Brown, our Senators, for our state and for Mike DeWine, our Governor, and for all those in authority and in public service. Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray. Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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: 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)

“Your Nature”

You bring life to the barren places
Light to the darkest spaces
God it's Your nature
You bring joy to the broken hearted
Hope to the ones who've lost it
God it's Your nature

Chorus: There is no desert that Your streams can't run to
There are no ruins that Your love won't make new
You tell the wasteland that it will bloom again
'Cause it's Your nature

You will restore the years that shame has stolen
You keep the promises that You have spoken
I know this wasteland will be whole again
'Cause it's Your nature

You bring peace to the war inside us
Speak and all fear is silenced
God it's Your nature
You bring joy to the broken-hearted
Hope to the ones who've lost it
God it's Your nature

Bridge: Sing out O barren woman
Sing out O broken man
Stretch out your hands
Believing this is your promised land
Break out of disappointment
Break out of hopelessness
Stretch out your hands
Believing this is your promised land

Doxology *[All rise]*

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

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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.]

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 Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest!**

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

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

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

**Sung: Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us your peace.**

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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.

Celebrant: The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven.
The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation.

Music During Communion

“Mercy”

I will kneel in the dust at the foot of the cross
Where mercy paid for me
Where the wrath I deserve it is gone it has passed
Your blood has hidden me

Chorus: Mercy mercy as endless as the sea
I'll sing Your hallelujah for all eternity

We will lift up the cup and the bread we will break
Remembering Your love
We were fallen from grace but You took all our shame
And nailed it to a cross

Bridge: May I never lose the wonder
O the wonder of Your mercy
May I sing Your hallelujah hallelujah
Amen

Ending: I will kneel in the dust at the foot of the cross
Where mercy paid for me

“I Surrender”

Here I am down on my knees again
Surrendering all, surrendering all

Find me here Lord as You draw me near
Desperate for You, desperate for You
I surrender

Drench my soul as mercy and grace unfold
I hunger and thirst, I hunger and thirst

With arms stretched wide I know You hear my cry
Speak to me now, speak to me now

Chorus: I surrender, I surrender
I want to know You more
I want to know You more

Bridge: Like a rushing wind Jesus breathe within
Lord have Your way, Lord have Your way in me
Like a mighty storm stir within my soul
Lord have Your way, Lord have Your way in me

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Post Communion Prayer *[All rise]*

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 hopes
All: We set on the risen Christ

The Blessing

The Recessional

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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, May 1st – May 7th

Monday

Boy Scout Troop 411, 7:00-8:30 PM (The Harbor)

Tuesday

Worship With the Word, 6:00-8:00 PM (Sanctuary)

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

Friday

Saturday

Men's Group, 9:30-11:00 AM (Café)

Dinner & "The Chosen", 6:00-8:30PM (Café)

Sunday

Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00 AM (Sanctuary)

Youth Group Mission Trip Raffle, 12:00-1:00 PM (Sanctuary)

Copley Outreach Open House, 1:00-4:00 PM (Outreach Center)

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

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

Save the Date:

May 20th – Akron Pregnancy Services' 2023 Walk for Life

June 26th thru 29th – Vacation Bible School

June 30th – St. Luke's Family Picnic

July 16th – Youth Group Mission Trip to Chicago

August 4th thru 6th – Copley Heritage Days

October 5th thru 7th – New Directory Photos

**Readings for May 7: Acts 17:1-15, Psalm 66:1-8
1 Peter 2:1-12, John 14:1-14**