



**Welcome to St. Luke's Church  
Sunday, April 5, 2026**

**Easter Sunday**

**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

### “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he’s King, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
Praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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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, who for our redemption gave your only begotten Son to die upon the Cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the devil and the power of death: Grant us grace to die daily to sin, that we may live with him in the joy of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

## Praise and Worship

### “Raise A Hallelujah”

I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies  
I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief  
I raise a hallelujah my weapon is a melody  
I raise a hallelujah Heaven comes to fight for me

Chorus: I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm  
Louder and louder  
You're gonna hear my praises roar  
Up from the ashes hope will arise  
Death is defeated the King is alive

I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me  
I raise a hallelujah I will watch the darkness flee  
I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery  
I raise a hallelujah fear you lost your hold on me

Ending: I raise a hallelujah  
I raise a hallelujah  
I raise a hallelujah  
I raise a hallelujah

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### **“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”**

Chorus: My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love, amazing grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed (Chorus)

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures (Chorus)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine, will be forever mine  
You are forever mine

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### **“Revelation Song”**

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain Holy, Holy, is He  
Sing a new song, to him who sits on heaven's mercy seat

Chorus: Holy, Holy, Holy Is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was, and is, and is to come  
With all creation I sing praise to the King of Kings  
You are my everything and I will adore You

Clothed in rainbows, of living color  
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder  
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be  
to You the only wise King (Chorus)

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder  
At the mention of your name  
Jesus your name is power, breath, and living water  
Such a marvelous mystery. (Chorus)

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## **Children Released for Sunday School / Announcements**

### **The Lessons**

Exodus 14:10-14, 21-31  
Psalm 118:14-17, 22-24  
Colossians 3:1-4

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

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **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 20:1-18.

**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 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 Provincial Dean, our Bishop, our Suffragan Bishop, our priests, and our deacons.

We pray especially for our diocesan Search Committee for our next Bishop. Almighty God, giver of every good gift:

Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Bishop for this Diocese that we may receive a faithful pastor who will preach the Gospel, care for your people, equip us for ministry, and lead us forth in fulfillment of the Great Commission; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We 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 Donald our President, Mike our Governor, our Senators and Representatives, 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. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6:19-21)

### **"Ain't No Grave"**

Shame is a prison as cruel as a grave  
Shame is a robber and he's come to take my name  
Love is my redeemer lifting me up from the ground  
Love is the power where my freedom song is found

Chorus 1: There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down  
There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down  
When I hear that trumpet sound  
I'm gonna rise up out of the ground  
There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down

Fear is a liar with a smooth and velvet tongue  
Fear is a tyrant he's always telling me to run  
Love is resurrection and love is a trumpet sound  
Love is my weapon I'm gonna take my giants down

There was a battle a war between death and life  
There on a tree the Lamb of God was crucified  
He went on down to hell He took back every key  
He rose up as a lion now He's set the captives free

Chorus 2: There ain't no grave could hold His body down  
There ain't no grave could hold His body down  
When He heard the trumpet sound  
He rose up out of the ground  
There ain't no grave could hold His body down  
There ain't no grave could hold His body down

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### **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. 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 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**

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:**

### **"Glory Be to Jesus"**

Glory be to Jesus, who in bitter pains,  
Poured for me the life-blood from his sacred veins!

Grace and life eternal in that blood I find,  
Blest be his compassion infinitely kind!

Blest through endless ages be the precious stream  
Which from sin and sorrow doth the world redeem!

Oft as earth exulting wafts its praise on high,  
Angel hosts, rejoicing, make their glad reply.

Lift ye then your voices; swell the mighty flood;  
Louder still and louder praise the precious blood.

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### **“Glory”**

Glory, glory and honor to the King, Emmanuel.  
Worship, worship and praises to the King, Emmanuel.  
For God alone is worthy. His love flows from the throne.  
We bow to You and exalt Your Name, today and evermore.

Righteous, righteous and holy is the King, Emmanuel.  
Faithful, faithful and mighty is the King, Emmanuel.  
For God alone is worthy. His love flows from the throne.  
We bow to You and exalt Your Name, today and evermore.

Abba, Abba Father. You're my King, Emmanuel.  
My Lord, my Lord God Almighty You're my King, Emmanuel.  
For God alone is worthy. His love flows from the throne.  
We bow to You and exalt Your Name, today and evermore.

For You alone are worthy, Your love flows from your throne.  
I bow to You and exalt Your Name, today and evermore.

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### **“What A Beautiful Name”**

You were the Word at the beginning  
One with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation  
Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us  
So Jesus You brought heaven down  
My sin was great Your love was greater  
What could separate us now

What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this  
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus  
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You  
You silence the boast of sin and grave  
The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival, You have no equal  
Now and forever God You reign  
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against  
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus  
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus  
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

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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**

### **“What A Beautiful Name”**

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## **The Dismissal**

Deacon: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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**In loving appreciation of our Clergy and Staff**

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## **This Week at St. Luke's Church, April 6<sup>th</sup> – April 12<sup>th</sup>**

### **Monday**

Creating Journaling, 6:00 PM (Tompkin's Glory Barn)  
Boy Scout Troop 411, 6:30 PM (The Harbor)

### **Tuesday**

Worship With the Word, 6:30 PM (Sanctuary)  
Stage 4 Ministry, 6:30 PM (Conference Room)  
Women's Group, 7:00 PM (Common Room)

### **Wednesday**

MomCo, 9:30 AM (Café)  
Red Cross Blood Drive, 12:00-6:00 PM (Common Room)

### **Thursday**

Stage 4 Ministry, 9:30 AM (Common Room)

### **Friday**

*Church Offices, CLOSED*

'Meeting w/ God' Prayer & Presence Service, 7:00 PM (Sanctuary)

### **Saturday**

Men's Group, 9:30 AM (Lower Kitchenette)

### **Sunday**

Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00 AM (Sanctuary)  
Youth Group, 6:30 PM (The Harbor)

### **Upcoming:**

May 17 – Youth Group Mission Trip Raffle, 12:30 PM (Sanctuary)  
July 4-10 – Youth Group Mission Trip to ARDF in N. Carolina

**Readings for April 12: Genesis 8:6-16, 9:8-16 ○ Psalm 111  
1 Peter 1:3-9 ○ John 20:19-31**