



**Welcome to St. Luke's Church
Sunday, August 25, 2024**

Proper 16

**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

“Today (As For Me And My House)”

Today I choose to follow You
Today I choose to give my yes to You
Today I choose to hear Your voice and live
Today I choose to follow You

As for me and my house we will serve You
As for me and my house
We will spend our lives on You

Wonderful Counselor Everlasting Father
Eternal King Lord of Hosts willingly we follow

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Welcome and Call to Worship

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

All: Blessed be His Kingdom now and forever. Amen.

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: Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Prayer for the Peace of the World

Celebrant: Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever.

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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“Glory”

Great is the Lord God Almighty
Great is the Lord on high
The train of His robe fills the temple
And we cry out highest praise

Pre-Chorus: Glory to the risen King
Glory to the Son, glorious Son

Chorus: Lift up your heads, open the doors
Let the King of glory come in
And forever be our God

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
Holy is the Lord on high
Let all the earth bow before You
And crown You Lord of all

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“Build My Life”

Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You

Jesus the name above every other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, we live for You

Chorus: Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder
And show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

Bridge: I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

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“Let Our Praise to You Be As Incense”

Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord.
Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord.

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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.

Joshua 24:1-2, 14-25

Psalm 16

Ephesians 5:15-6:9

The Gospel

Sung: **Speak, O Lord, as we come to You,
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness**

Lector: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Deacon: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 6:60-69.

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: **Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of Your purity.**

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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

The Deacon or other person appointed says these prayers and pauses after each prayer.

Deacon: 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.

(The people may add petitions, either silently or aloud.)

Deacon: Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Deacon: For Stephen, our Archbishop, Mark and Allan, our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

(The people may add petitions, either silently or aloud.)

Deacon: Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

(The people may add petitions, either silently or aloud.)

Deacon: Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Deacon: For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

(The people may add petitions, either silently or aloud.)

Deacon: Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Deacon: For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service, especially Joe, our President, and Mike, our Governor.

(The people may add petitions, either silently or aloud.)

Deacon: Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Deacon: For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

(The people may add petitions, either silently or aloud.)

Deacon: Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Deacon: For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection in thanksgiving let us pray.

(The people may add petitions, either silently or aloud.)

Deacon: 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. 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 neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. (Hebrews 13:16)

“This I Believe (The Creed)”

Our Father everlasting the all creating One
God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Savior

Chorus 1:

I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit, our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection that we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Our judge and our defender, suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness, You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high (Chorus 1)

Chorus 2:

I believe in life eternal, I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion and in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection when Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

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Doxology

**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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is your living Word from before time and for all ages; by him you created all things, and by him you make all things new.

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 Most
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord Most High
All glory power and praise
And blessing now we raise
For You alone can save**

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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

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:

“Jesus, Lover Of My Soul”

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“Ever Be”

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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

“How Can I Keep From Singing”

There is an endless song echoes in my soul
I hear the music ring
And though the storms may come I am holding on
To the Rock I cling

Chorus:

How can I keep from singing Your praise
How can I ever say enough,
How amazing is Your Love
How can I keep from shouting Your Name
I know I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart want to sing

I will lift my eyes in the darkest night
For I know my Savior lives
And I will walk with You knowing You'll see me through
And sing the songs You give

Bridge:

I can sing in the troubled times, sing when I win
I can sing when I lose my step and fall down again
I can sing 'cause You pick me up, sing 'cause You're there
I can sing 'cause You hear me Lord
When I call to You in prayer
I can sing with my last breath, sing for I know
That I'll sing with the angels
And the saints around the throne

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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, August 26th – September 1st

Monday

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

Thursday

Morning Intercession, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM (see Diana Pallotta)
Stage 4 Ministry, 9:30-11:30 AM (Common Room)

Friday

Church Offices CLOSED

Saturday

Men's Group, 9:30-11:00 AM (Lower Kitchenette)
Celebration of Life Service for Bob Crowley, 2:00 PM (Sanctuary)

Sunday

Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00 AM (Sanctuary)
Youth Group, 6:30-8:30 PM (The Harbor)

Upcoming

September 28th – Men's Breakfast, 8:30-1130 AM
November 9th – Beth Moore 'Living Proof' Seminar

**Readings for September 1st: Deuteronomy 4:1-9 ○ Psalm 15
Ephesians 6:10-20 ○ Mark 7:1-23**