



**Welcome to St. Luke's Church**  
**Sunday, August 27, 2023**

**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

### “In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save:  
'Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as he stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

## 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:            Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy  
                      Hear our cry and heal our land  
                      Let kindness lead us to repentance  
                      Bring us back again**

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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.**

## Praise and Worship

### “I Will Not Forget You”

Many men will drink the rain a  
And turn to thank the clouds  
Many men will hear You speak  
But they will never turn around

Chorus: I will not forget You, are my God, my King  
And with a thankful heart I, bring my offering  
And my sacrifice is, not what You can give  
But what I alone can give to you  
A grateful heart I give, A thankful prayer I pray,  
A wild dance I dance before you  
A loud song I sing, A huge bell I ring,  
A life of praise I live before You

Many men will pour their gold  
And serve a thing that shines  
Many men will read your words  
But they will never change their minds (Chorus)

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### “Holy Spirit”

There is nothing worth more that will ever come close  
Nothing can compare, You're our Living Hope  
Your presence, Lord

I've tasted and I've seen of the sweetest of loves  
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone  
Your presence, Lord

Chorus:  
Holy Spirit You are welcome here  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere  
Your glory God is what our hearts long for  
To be overcome by Your presence Lord

Bridge:

Let us become more aware of your Presence  
Let us experience the glory of your goodness

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### **“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)

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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.**

Isaiah 51:1-69

Psalm 138

Romans 11:25-36

## **The Gospel** *[All rise]*

**Sung: Word of God speak would You pour down like rain  
Washing my eyes to see Your majesty  
To be still and know that You're in this place  
Please let me stay and rest in Your holiness  
Word of God speak**

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Deacon: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
Matthew 16:13-20.

**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**

Deacon: Let's pray for the Church and the World as our hearts and voices proclaim our desire to see you move in our midst.

We pray Lord for peace, that the world would operate in your presence, apply your love and live in unity until we are called into your heavenly kingdom.

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

Deacon: We pray for our archbishop, our bishop, our priests, and deacons.

We know that we are connected to a larger fellowship sphere of influence than just our church and we pray that we would be unified in our purpose and ministry so that people would be drawn to your transforming love and kingdom purposes.

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

Deacon: We pray that your Word would go out to the ends of the earth. We pray for all believers to have a hunger for your word and to seek to teach and disciple others from it.

*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 for you to call our nation back to you, and for those in authority and public service, that they may seek your face and do your will.

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

Deacon: We Pray for the broken, anxious, depressed, ill, recovering, or any form of physical or spiritual oppression.

*Pray for those in need: Please add your prayers for those who the Lord has placed on your heart.*

Deacon: We pray for those who grieve the loss of loved ones. We thank you Lord for the hope of heaven and we entrust those who have passed to your eternal care.

*Pray with thanksgiving for the hope of heaven: Please add the names of those who have gone to be with the Lord.*

Celebrant: Father God, we lift our hearts to you in prayer, trusting our hopes and hearts desires to your response.

May we continue to give thanks for your continued hand upon our lives and that 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: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

### **“For Joy”**

Chorus:

May God be gracious to us and make His Face shine down  
May God be gracious to us and make His Ways known

Upon our hands that work, upon our hearts that love  
Upon our minds that hope, upon our mouths that sing  
Let's sing let's sing let's sing for joy for joy for joy

Upon our fields so green, upon our homes so warm  
Upon our hopes so bright, upon our kids so strong  
Let's sing let's sing sing for joy for joy for joy

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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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of 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 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, 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**

#### **“O Come To The Altar”**

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#### **“Reckless Love”**

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#### **“Jesus Messiah”**

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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**

### ***"Because Of You"***

There's a place where the streets shine  
With the glory of the Lamb  
There's a way we can go there  
We can live there beyond time  
Because of You, because of You  
Because of Your love, because of Your blood

No more pain no more sadness  
No more suff'ring no more tears  
No more sin no more sickness  
No injustice no more death  
Because of You, because of You  
Because of Your love, because of Your blood

Chorus:

All our sins are washed away and we can live forever  
Now we have this hope **b**ecause of You  
Oh we'll see You face to face and we will dance together  
In the city of our God because of You

There is joy everlasting  
There is gladness there is peace  
There is wine ever flowing  
There's a wedding there's a feast  
Because of You, because of You  
Because of Your love, because of Your blood (Chorus)

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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 28<sup>th</sup> – September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

### **Monday**

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

### **Thursday**

Morning Intercession Group, 9:30-11:30 AM (Sanctuary)  
Stage 4 Ministry, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM (Conference Room)

### **Friday**

Summer Gathering, 6:00-10:00 PM (Tent & The Harbor)

### **Saturday**

Men's Group, 9:30-11:00 AM (Café)

### **Sunday**

Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00 AM (Sanctuary)  
*Bethel Akron Worship, 5:00-7:00 PM (Sanctuary & Upper Level)*

### **Coming Up:**

9/10 thru 10/29 – Anglican: Biblical & Historic Roots Series  
9/27 – Red Cross Blood Drive, 12:00-6:00 PM (Common Room)  
8/27 thru 10/1 – Signup for New Directory Photos  
10/1 thru 11/19 – Copley Outreach Center Thanksgiving GC Drive  
10/5 thru 10/7 – New Directory Photo Sitzings  
11/22 – Empty Bowl Project, 6:00-8:00 PM (Copley High School)

**Readings for September 3: Jeremiah 15:15-21, Psalm 26  
Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:21-27**