



# **Welcome to St. Luke's Church**

## **Sunday, August 3, 2025**

### **Proper 13**

**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

### “O Praise Him”

Turn your ear to Heaven and hear the noise inside  
The sound of angels awe, the sound of angels songs  
And all this for a king, we could join and sing  
'All to Christ our King!'  
How constant, how divine, this song of ours will rise  
Oh, how constant, how divine, this song of ours will rise  
Will rise...

Chrous: O praise Him! O praise Him! He is Holy! He is Holy!

Turn your gaze to Heaven and raise a joyous noise  
Oh the sound of salvation come the sound of rescued ones  
And all this for a king, angels join to sing  
'All for Christ our King!'  
How infinite and sweet this love so rescuing  
O how infinitely sweet the great love that has redeemed  
As one we sing.

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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 (2x)  
Wash away my sin and pardon my transgressions  
Make me clean again. Have mercy on me  
Christe eleison, Christ have mercy (2x)

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## **Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your grace that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

## **Praise and Worship**

### **“Here I Am To Worship”**

Light of the world You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus: Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days, O so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came to the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor

Bridge: I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that Cross

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### **"Sing To The Lord (Banner)"**

Sing to the Lord a new song  
Sing to the Lord all the earth  
In the beauty of His holiness  
The beauty of His holiness

Sing to the Lord a new song  
Sing to the Lord O my soul  
In the wonders of His mighty hand  
The wonders of His mighty hand

Chorus: Great is the Lord we cry  
(And) Greatly to be praised  
Let every nation rise and say  
Our God reigns our God reigns

Sing to the Lord a new song  
Worship the Lord evermore  
In the glory of His majesty  
The glory of His majesty

Bridge: Your banner Your banner over us is love  
Unfailing love

Tag: Let all within me bless Your holy name.  
Let all within me bless Your holy name.  
Let all within me bless Your holy name.  
Let all within me bless Your holy name.  
Sing, sing, sing to the Lord.  
Sing, sing, all that's with in me.  
Sing, sing, sing to the Lord.  
Sing, sing, all that's with in me.  
Let all within me bless Your holy name.  
Let all within me bless Your holy name.  
Awake my soul within me, give Him praise  
Let all within me bless Your holy name.

## **“Be Exalted, O God”**

I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord, among the people.  
I will sing praises to Thee among the nations.  
For Thy steadfast love is great, is great to the heavens,  
And Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness to the clouds.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.  
Let Thy glory be over all the earth.  
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.  
Let Thy glory be over all the earth.

Ending: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.  
Let Thy glory, let Thy glory,  
Let Thy glory be over all the earth.

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

### **The Lessons**

**First Reading** – Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:11

**Psalm** – Psalm 49:1-21 (*read responsively*)

Lector: Hear this, all you peoples; ponder it with your ears, all  
who dwell in the world,

**All: High and low, rich and poor, everyone with his neighbor.**

Lector: My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall  
muse on understanding.

**All: I will incline my ear to a parable, and declare my dark  
sayings with the harp.**

Lector: Why should I fear in the days of wickedness, and when the wicked at my heels encompass me round about?

**All: There are some who put their trust in their goods, and boast in the multitude of their riches.**

Lector: But no one can deliver his brother, nor pay unto God a price for him;

**All: For it is so costly to redeem their souls, that we should never have enough to pay it,**

Lector: So that they should live for ever, and should not see the grave.

**All: For we see that wise men die, as well as the ignorant and foolish; they perish alike and leave their riches for others.**

Lector: And yet they think that their houses shall continue for ever, and that their dwelling places shall endure from one generation to another, and they call lands after their own names.

**All: Man is like an ox that has no understanding; he is like the beasts that perish.**

Lector: This is the way of their foolishness, yet their posterity praise their sayings.

**All: Like sheep they are appointed to die, and death shall be their shepherd; they shall go down straight into the sepulcher.**

Lector: Their beauty shall consume away in the grave, which shall be their dwelling place for ever.

**All: But God shall save me from the power of death, for he shall deliver my soul.**

Lector: Be not envious if one is made rich, or if the glory of his house is increased,

**All: For he shall carry nothing away with him when he dies, neither shall his glory follow him.**

Lector: For while he lived, he counted himself happy, and so long as he did well for himself, people spoke well of him.

**All: He shall follow the generation of his fathers and shall never see the light.**

Lector: Those who are honored but have no understanding are like the beasts that perish.

**New Testament Reading – Colossians 3:5-17**

### **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;**

Deacon: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 12:13-21.

**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**

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### **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 worshipped 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 bishops, our priests, and our deacons. We know that we are connected to a larger sphere of influence than just our church and we pray to 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 all 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, Lord, that you would call our nation back to faithfulness 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, and for those facing 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 loving 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: Our offertory sentences are from scripture. "Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven."  
(Matthew 7:21)

**"Defender"**

You go before I know  
That You've even gone to win my war  
You come back with the head of my enemy  
You come back and You call it my victory

You go before I know  
That You've even gone to win my war  
Your love becomes my greatest defense  
It leads me from the dry wilderness

Pre-Chorus: All I did was praise, all I did was worship  
All I did was bow down, all I did was stay still

Chorus: Hallelujah You have saved me  
So much better Your (this) way  
Hallelujah great Defender  
So much better Your (this) way

You know before I do  
Where my heart can seek to find Your truth  
Your mercy is the shade I'm living in  
You restore my faith and hope again

Bridge: When I thought I lost me  
You knew where I left me  
You reintroduced me to Your love  
You picked up all my pieces  
Put me back together  
You are the defender of my heart

Ending: All I did was praise, all I need to do is worship  
Lord I will just bow down, I'm just gonna stay still

## **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, 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:**

### **“Broken Bread”**

Your words are Spirit your words are Life  
We are the branches you are the Vine  
You were broken for our life  
And you poured yourself as wine

Chorus: It's broken bread and poured out wine  
From the Father through the Son to His bride

There is a fountain filled with blood  
Drawn from Emmanuel's veins  
In that flood my sin is washed away  
You came to give me life and life abundantly  
No longer I but Christ who lives in me

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### **“Thank You Jesus For The Blood”**

I was a wretch I remember who I was  
I was lost I was blind I was running out of time  
Sin separated the breach was far too wide  
But from the far side of the chasm  
You had me in Your sight



So You made a way across the great divide  
Left behind Heaven's throne to build it here inside  
There at the cross You paid the debt I owed  
Broke my chains freed my soul  
For the first time I had hope

Chorus: Thank You Jesus for the blood applied  
Thank You Jesus it has washed me white  
Thank You Jesus You have saved my life  
Brought me from the darkness into glorious light

You took my place laid inside my tomb of sin  
You were buried for three days  
But then You walked right out again  
And now death has no sting and life has no end  
For I have been transformed by the blood of the Lamb

Bridge: There is nothing stronger  
Than (Oh) the wonder working power  
Of the blood the blood  
That calls us sons and daughters  
We are ransomed by our Father  
Through the blood the blood

Ending: Glory to His name  
Glory to His Name  
There to my heart was the blood applied  
Glory to His name

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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**

### **“Be Exalted, O God”**

I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord, among the people.  
I will sing praises to Thee among the nations.  
For Thy steadfast love is great, is great to the heavens,  
And Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness to the clouds.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.  
Let Thy glory be over all the earth.  
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.  
Let Thy glory be over all the earth.

Ending: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.  
Let Thy glory, let Thy glory,  
Let Thy glory be over all the earth.

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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 4<sup>th</sup> – August 10<sup>th</sup>**

### **Monday**

### **Tuesday**

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

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

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

### **Wednesday**

St. Luke's Golf League, 5:15 PM (Pine Valley GC, Wadsworth)

### **Thursday**

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

### **Friday**

*Church Offices CLOSED*

### **Saturday**

Men's Group, 9:30-11:00 AM (Lower Kitchenette)

### **Sunday**

Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00 AM (Sanctuary)

Serving the Homeless, 11:30 AM-2:00 PM (Peter Maurin Center)

### **Upcoming**

August 17<sup>th</sup> – Summer Church Gathering under The Tent

October 4<sup>th</sup> – St. Luke's Animal Blessing Event

October 19<sup>th</sup> – Feast of St. Luke (Bishop Engel visit/Confirmations)

<p><b>Readings for August 10: Genesis 15:1-6 ○ Psalm 33:1-21</b> <b>Hebrews 11:1-16 ○ Luke 12:32-40</b></p>
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