



St. Luke's Church

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**Welcome to St. Luke's Church**  
**Sunday, February 12, 2023**

**The Sixth Sunday of Epiphany**

**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

### “Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,  
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,  
Yonder on Calvary’s mount outpoured,  
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Refrain: Grace, grace, God’s grace,  
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;  
Grace, grace, God’s grace,  
Grace that is greater than all our sin.

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold,  
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;  
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,  
Points to the refuge, the mighty cross. (Refrain)

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,  
What can avail to wash it away?  
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide;  
Whiter than snow you may be today. (Refrain)

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,  
Freely bestowed on all who believe;  
All who are longing to see His face,  
Will you this moment His grace receive? (Refrain)

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## Welcome and Call to Worship

Celebrant: I will make you as a light for the nations,

**All: That my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.**

## 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  
Kyrie eleison, Lord have mercy  
Wash away my sin and pardon my transgressions  
Make me clean again. Have mercy on me  
Christe eleison, Christ have mercy  
Christe eleison, Christ have mercy**

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## **Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, look mercifully upon your people, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**All: 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**

## Praise and Worship

### “Open The Eyes of My Heart”

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see you, I want to see you

To see You high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy  
Holy, holy, holy, I want to see you

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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)

Bridge: Name above all Names, worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing: How great is our God (Chorus)

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## “No Longer Slaves”

You unravel me with a melody  
You surround me with a song  
Of deliverance from my enemies  
Till all my fears are gone

Chorus: I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God  
I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God

From my Mother's womb  
You have chosen me  
Love has called my name  
I've been born again into Your family  
Your blood flows through my veins

Bridge: You split the sea so I could walk right through it  
My fears were drowned in perfect love  
You rescued me so I could stand and sing  
I am a child of God

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### Announcements

#### The Lessons

Ecclesiasticus 15:11-20

Psalm 119:1-16

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

*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: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

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Deacon: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 5:21-37

**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**

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**

Celebrant: That this Season of Epiphany may be holy, good, and peaceful,

**All: We entreat you, O Lord.**

Celebrant: That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

**All: We entreat you, O Lord.**

Celebrant: That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

**All: We entreat you, O Lord.**

Celebrant: That there may be peace in your Church and in the whole world,

**All: We entreat you, O Lord.**

Celebrant: That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

**All: We entreat you, O Lord.**

Celebrant: That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

**All: We entreat you, O Lord.**

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 forever.

**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: Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

(Acts 20:35)



## **“We Need You How We Need You”**

We need You how we need You, we need You every hour  
To know You in Your glory, to see Your Spirit's power  
There's healing in Your presence  
There's mercy where You are  
So meet us won't You meet us Living God

Chorus: No other God but You, no other God but You  
No other God can satisfy  
You are our great reward, it's You we're longing for  
No other God but You Most High

Each trial and each temptation, each enemy we fear  
Retreats in resignation when the Living God is near  
So we kneel again before You O keeper of our hearts  
And we ask for Your deliverance Living God

Bridge: We are leaning on Your everlasting arms  
Lord we know You'll see us through  
Great Redeemer be the song within our hearts  
We'll have no other God but You

One day we'll stand before You  
When all our sufferings cease  
And faced with all Your glory  
We'll meet the Prince of Peace  
But Jesus in that moment when every trial has passed  
We'll need You still we'll need You Living God

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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

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 took on our mortal flesh to reveal his glory; that he might bring us out of darkness and into his own glorious light.

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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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 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**

#### **“Here’s My Heart”**

Chorus: Here's my heart, Lord. Here's my heart, Lord.  
Here's my heart, Lord. Speak what is true.

I am found. I am Yours.  
I am loved. I'm made pure.  
I have life. I can breathe.  
I am healed. I am free. (Chorus)

You are strong. You are sure.  
You are life. You endure.  
You are good, always true.  
You are light breaking through. (Chorus)

You are more than enough.  
You are here. You are love.  
You are hope. You are grace.  
You're all I have. You're everything. (Chorus)

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### **"A Shield About Me"**

Thou, O Lord are a shield about me.  
You're my glory, You're the lifter of my head.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.  
You're the lifter of my head.

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### **"Just As I am"**

Just as I am, without one plea,  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou biddest me come to Thee  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

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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.**

## The Blessing

## The Recessional

### "The Blessing"

The Lord bless you and keep you  
Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you  
The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace

Chorus: Amen, amen, amen  
Amen, amen, amen

May His favor be upon you and a thousand generations  
Your family and your children  
And their children, and their children

May His presence go before you  
And behind you, and beside you  
All around you, and within you  
He is with you, He is with you

In the morning, in the evening  
In your coming, and your going  
In your weeping, and rejoicing, He is for you, He is for you

He is for you, He is for you, He is for you  
He is for you, He is for you, He is for you

## **The Dismissal**

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **This Week at St. Luke's Church, February 13<sup>th</sup> - February 19<sup>th</sup>**

### **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 (Lower Conference Room)

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

### **Wednesday**

MOPS/MOMSnexT, 9:30-11:00am (Café)

### **Thursday**

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

Morning Intercession Group, 9:30-11:30 AM (Sanctuary)

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

### **Friday**

### **Saturday**

Men's Group, 9:00-10:30 AM (Café)

### **Sunday**

Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00 AM (Sanctuary)

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

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

### **Upcoming:**

Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 PM

Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> – Annual Meeting, 12:30 PM

**Readings for February 19: Exodus 24:12-18, Psalm 99,  
Philippians 3:7-14, Matthew 17:1-9**