

Welcome to St. Luke's Church

Sunday, February 19, 2023

Transfiguration Sunday

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

"Cornerstone - My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name (Repeat)

Chorus: Christ alone cornerstone

Weak made strong In the Savior's love Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face I rest on His unchanging grace In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil My anchor holds within the veil

When He shall come with trumpet sound Oh may I then in Him be found Dressed in His righteousness alone Faultless stand before the throne

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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: O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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

"Let Your Glory Fall"

Lord let Your glory fall as on that ancient day Songs of enduring love and then Your glory came And as a sign to You that we would love the same Our hearts will sing that song, God let Your glory come

Chorus:

You are good. You are good and Your love endures You are good. You are good and Your love endures You are good. You are good and Your love endures today

Voices in unison, giving You thanks and praise Joined by the instruments and then Your glory came Your presence like a cloud upon that ancient day The priests were overwhelmed because Your glory came

A sacrifice was made and then Your fire came They knelt upon the ground And with one voice they praised A sacrifice was made and then Your fire came They knelt upon the ground And with one voice they praised

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"Speak Jesus"

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus Over ev'ry heart and ev'ry mind 'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence I speak Jesus

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
'Til ev'ry dark addiction starts to break
Declaring there is hope and there is freedom
I speak Jesus

Chorus: Your Name is power

Your Name is healing Your Name is life Break ev'ry stronghold

Shine through the shadows

Burn like a fire

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus Over fear and all anxiety To ev'ry soul held captive by depression I speak Jesus Bridge: Shout Jesus from the mountains

Jesus in the streets

Jesus in the darkness over ev'ry enemy

Jesus for my fam'ly

I speak the holy Name Jesus

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"Jesus Paid It All"

I hear the Savior say thy strength indeed is small Child of weakness watch and pray find in Me thine all in all

Chorus: Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe

Sin had left a crimson stain He washed it white as snow

Lord now indeed I find Thy power and Thine alone Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone.

And when before the throne I stand in Him complete Jesus died my soul to save my lips shall still repeat

Tag: O praise the one who paid my debt And raise this life up from the dead.

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Announcements

The Lessons

Exodus 24:12-18 Psalm 99 Philippians 3:7-14

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 17:1-9

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. (I 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. (I 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)

"Goodness Of God"

I love You, Lord
For Your mercy never fails me
All my days I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus: And all my life You have been faithful

And all my life You have been so, so good

With every breath that I am able Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice You have led me through the fire In the darkest night You are close like no other I've known You as a Father, I've known You as a Friend And I have lived in the goodness of God (Chorus)

Bridge: 'Cause Your goodness is running after

It's running after me

Your goodness is running after

It's running after me

With my life laid down I'm surrendered now

I give You everything

'Cause Your goodness is running after

It's running after me

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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.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

"Mercy"

I will kneel in the dust at the foot of the cross Where mercy paid for me Where the wrath I deserve it is gone it has passed Your blood has hidden me

Chorus: Mercy mercy as endless as the sea I'll sing Your hallelujah for all eternity

We will lift up the cup and the bread we will break Remembering Your love We were fallen from grace but You took all our shame And nailed it to a cross Bridge: May I never lose the wonder

O the wonder of Your mercy

May I sing Your hallelujah hallelujah

Amen

Ending: I will kneel in the dust at the foot of the cross

Where mercy paid for me

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"You Are My All in All"

You are my strength when I am weak, You are the treasure that I seek, You are my all in all. Seeking You as a precious jewel; Lord, to give up, I'd be a fool; You are my all in all.

Chorus: Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame; Rising again, I bless Your name, You are my all in all. When I fall down, You pick me up; When I am dry, You fill my cup, You are my all in all.

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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 hopes

All: We set on the risen Christ

The Blessing

The Recessional

"Let Your Glory Fall"

Lord let Your glory fall as on that ancient day Songs of enduring love and then Your glory came And as a sign to You that we would love the same Our hearts will sing that song, God let Your glory come

Chorus:

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A sacrifice was made and then Your fire came They knelt upon the ground And with one voice they praised A sacrifice was made and then Your fire came They knelt upon the ground And with one voice they praised

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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, February 20th - February 26th

Monday

Boy Scout Troop 411, 7:00-8:30 PM (The Harbor) Vestry Meeting, 6:30-9:00 PM (Conference Room)

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

Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 PM (Sanctuary)

Thursday

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

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. 26th – Annual Meeting, 12:30 PM

Mar. 23rd – Red Cross Blood Drive, 12:00-6:00 PM

Apr. 2nd – Holy Week Begins

Readings for February 26: Genesis 2:4-9, 15-17, 25-3:7 Psalm 51:1-13, Romans 5:12-22, Matthew 4:1-11