



**Welcome to St. Luke's Church  
Sunday, February 23, 2025**

**World Missions Sunday**

**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

### “Wounded One”

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
The One who broke down the great wall of enmity  
And gave me His name  
How gracious is my redeemer King Jesus  
The Son of the Highest  
What could I possibly give to You  
But the fragrance of my

Pre-Chorus: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

Holy is the Man of Sorrows  
Destroying the works of the evil one  
All with Your own blood  
And mercies before and behind You  
Such beauty all around You  
And how could I ever repay You  
But with the fragrance of my (Pre-Chorus)

Chorus: Praise be to the Wounded One  
All glory and honor to the Son  
We ascribe worth and give love to You Lord  
Let the fragrance of our love go forth

Bridge 1: We lift our gaze, we lift our gaze  
We lift our gaze, we lift our gaze

Bridge 2: You are higher, You are higher  
You are higher, You are higher  
You are higher, You are higher  
You are higher, we praise

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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:            Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy  
                     Lord have mercy on us.  
                     Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy  
                     Lord have mercy on us.**

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## **Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, you revealed the way of eternal life to every race and nation: Pour out this gift anew, that by the preaching of the Gospel your salvation may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

## **Catechesis [Cat-eh-Key-sis] Corner**

## Praise and Worship

### “Jesus Messiah”

He became sin, who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross  
Love so amazing, Love so amazing

Chorus: Jesus, Messiah, Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel  
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven  
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all

His body the bread, His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out, all for love  
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn  
Love so amazing, Love so amazing (Chorus)

Bridge: All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You  
All the glory to You God, the Light of the world

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### “Holy Forever”

A thousand generations falling down in worship  
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb  
And all who've gone before us  
And all who will believe  
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Pre-Chorus: (Jesus) Your name is the highest  
Your name is the greatest  
Your name stands above them all  
All thrones and dominions  
All powers and positions  
Your name stands above them all

Chorus 1: And the angels cry Holy, all creation cries Holy  
You are lifted high Holy, Holy forever

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
We'll sing the song forever and amen

Chorus 2: Hear Your people sing Holy t  
To the King of Kings Holy  
You will always be Holy, Holy forever

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### **“Do It Again”**

Walking around these walls, I thought by now they'd fall  
But you have never failed me yet  
Waiting for change to come, knowing the battle's won  
For you have never failed me yet

Chorus: Your promise still stands  
Great is your faithfulness, faithfulness  
I'm still in your hands  
This is my confidence, You've never failed me yet

I know the night won't last, Your word will come to pass  
My heart will sing your praise again  
Jesus you're still enough, keep me within your love  
My heart will sing your praise again (Chorus)

Bridge:  
I've seen you move, You move the mountains  
And I believe I'll see you do it again  
You made a way where there was no way  
And I believe I'll see you do it again

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### The Lessons

Isaiah 61:1-4

Psalm 96

Romans 10:9-17

*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: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.**

Deacon: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 20:19-31.

**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: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.**

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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**

Deacon: O Lord, show your mercy upon us;  
**All: And grant us your salvation.**

Deacon: O Lord, guide those who govern us;  
**All: And lead us in the way of justice and truth.**

Deacon: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
**All: And let your people sing with joy.**

Deacon: O Lord, save your people;  
**All: And bless your inheritance.**

Deacon: Give peace in our time, O Lord;  
**All: And defend us by your mighty power.**

Officiant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
**All: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Deacon: Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**All: And take not your Holy Spirit from us.**

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**

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: 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. Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

### **“So Will I (100 Billion X)”**

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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, or gluten-free 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 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 it is 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**

#### **“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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### **“None But Jesus”**

In the quiet, in the stillness  
I know that You are God  
In the secret of Your presence  
I know there I am restored  
When You call I won't refuse  
Each new day again I'll choose

Chorus: There is no one else for me, none but Jesus  
Crucified to set me free  
Now I live to bring Him praise

In the chaos, in confusion  
I know You're sovereign still  
In the moment of my weakness  
You give me grace to do Your will  
When You call I won't delay  
This my song through all my days

Bridge: All my delight is in You Lord  
All of my hope, all of my strength  
All my delight is in You Lord forever more

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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: All of hopes

**All: We set on the risen Christ**

### **The Blessing**

### **The Recessional**

#### **"Wounded One"**

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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 24<sup>th</sup> – March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

### **Monday**

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**

MomCo, 9:30-11:30 AM (Café)

### **Thursday**

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

### **Friday**

### **Saturday**

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

### **Sunday**

Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00 AM (Sanctuary)

Youth Group, 6:00-8:30 PM (The Harbor)

### **Upcoming:**

March 5 – Ash Wednesday Services, 12:00 PM and 7:00 PM

March 7 – 'Meeting w/ God' presence and healing service

March 9-April 6 – 'Understanding Sacraments' Lenten teaching series (Sundays after church)

March 22 – Men's Breakfast

April 13-19 – Holy Week

April 20 – Easter Sunday

April 27-June 20 – 'Reason for God' teaching series (Sundays after church)

May 2-June 20 – Alpha Marriage Course (Friday Evenings)

May 18 – Youth Group Mission Trip Raffle

July 6-12 – Youth Group Mission Trip to Jesus People Chicago

June 23-July 28 – Vacation Bible School (Monday Evenings)

**Readings for March 2: Exodus 34:29-35, Psalm 99  
1 Corinthians 12:27-13:13, Luke 9:28-36**