



Welcome to St. Luke's Church Sunday, January 15, 2023

**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

“Awake My Soul”

There is a sound I love to hear
It's the sound of the Savior's robe
As He walks into the room where people pray
Where we hear praises, He hears faith

There is a sound I love to hear
It's the sound of the Savior's robe
As He walks into the room where people pray
Where we hear worship, He hears faith

Chorus: Awake my soul and sing
 Sing His praise aloud sing His praise aloud
 Oh awake my soul and sing
 Sing His praise aloud sing His praise aloud

There is a sound that changes things
The sound of His people on their knees
Oh wake up you slumbering
It's time to worship Him

Bridge 1: And when He moves and when we pray
 Where stood a wall now stands a way
 Where every promise is amen
 And when He moves make no mistake
 The bowels of hell begin to shake
 All hail the Lord all hail the King

Bridge 2: Hey oh, oh let the King of glory enter in
 Hey oh, fall down on your knees and worship Him
 Hey oh, Let His praise rise up don't hold it in

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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: Eternal Father, at the baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be your Son, and your Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove: Grant that we, who are born again by water and the Spirit, may be faithful as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Praise and Worship

“Revelation Song”

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Holy, Holy, is He
Sing a new song to him who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

Chorus: Holy, Holy, Holy Is the Lord God Almighty
 Who was, and is, and is to come
 With all creation I sing praise to the King of Kings
 You are my everything and I will adore You

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and glory and power be
to You the only wise King

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder
At the mention of your name
Jesus your name is power, breath, and living water
Such a marvelous mystery

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“Worthy”

It was my cross You bore
So I could live in the freedom You died for
And now my life is Yours
And I will sing of Your goodness forevermore

Chorus: Worthy is Your name Jesus
 You deserve the praise worthy is Your name
 Worthy is Your name Jesus
 You deserve the praise worthy is Your name

And now my shame is gone
I stand amazed in Your love undeniable
Your grace goes on and on
And I will sing of Your goodness forevermore

Bridge: Be exalted now in the heavens
As Your glory fills this place
You alone deserve our praise
You're the name above all names

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“Worthy Of It All”

All the saints and angels they bow before Your throne
All the elders cast their crowns
Before the Lamb of God and sing

Chorus: You are worthy of it all, You are worthy of it all
For from You are all things
And to You are all things, You deserve the glory

Bridge: Day and night night and day let incense arise
Day and night night and day let incense arise

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The Lessons

Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 89:20-29
Acts 10:34-38

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 3:13-17.

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)

"It's My Joy To Love"

Your burden it is easy and Your yoke it is light
You are meek and lowly You are gentle You are kind
Every one of Your commands they lead my heart to life
When I obey I find life

Chorus:

It's my joy to love it's my joy to obey
You can have all my heart You can have all my praise
I will give You my life I will run hard this race
Reaching for the prize I am Yours and You are mine

Teach me all Your ways O God
Please show me Your path
Come unite my heart to fear Your name
Let there be no sin in me
That would keep me from this prize
It's because I love I will obey

Bridge:

I will run in the path of Your commands
You will surely enlarge my heart
I will make Your law daily my delight
Let me not wander from Your ways
Let it be my delight to obey
There is no greater joy than knowing Your name

Ending: I'm beginning to see these boundary lines
Were meant for me so I could find
All of these treasures hidden inside
A holy 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.

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

“Oh, The Cross”

You carried the cross upon your back
Bleeding until your final breath
Tears of blood, a crown of thorns
You gave it all, our sins you bore
Oh oh There is no greater love

Chorus: Oh, the cross what you've done
It was more than enough more than enough
Oh the cross what you've done
The power of your blood was more than enough

The sacrifice that changed history
The nails in your hands the hands that saved me
The grave was sealed, death lost its sting
As the lion roared in victory

Bridge: Thank you for breaking the bread of your body
Spilling the wine of your blood
Thank you oh my heart will sing forever

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“O Come To The Altar”

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

Chorus: O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Bridge: Oh what a Savior isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him for he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

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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

“Worthy Of It All”

All the saints and angels they bow before Your throne
All the elders cast their crowns
Before the Lamb of God and sing

Chorus: You are worthy of it all, You are worthy of it all
For from You are all things
And to You are all things, You deserve the glory

Bridge: Day and night night and day let incense arise
Day and night night and day let incense arise

The Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.

This Week at St. Luke's Church, January 16th – January 22nd

Monday

Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Church Offices CLOSED

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)

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:

Jan. 2023 – Life Groups Beginning

Jan. 26th – Red Cross Blood Drive

Feb. 12th – Souper Bowl & Chili Cook-Off, 4:00 PM

Feb. 22nd – Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 PM

Feb. 26th – Annual Meeting, 12:30 PM

**Readings for January 22: Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 40:1-10,
1 Corinthians 1:1-9, John 1:29-42**