



**Welcome to St. Luke's Church  
Sunday, January 21, 2024**

**Second Sunday of Epiphany**

**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

### “As With Gladness”

As with gladness men of old  
Did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light,  
Leading on-ward, beaming bright  
So, most gracious Lord, may we  
Evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped  
To that lowly manger-bed;  
There to bend the knee before  
Him whom heav’n and earth adore;  
So may we with willing feet  
Ever seek the mercy seat.

As they offer’d gifts most rare  
At that manger rude and bare;  
So may we with holy joy,  
Pure and free from sin’s alloy  
All our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ! to thee, our heav’nly King.

Holy Jesus! every day  
Keep us in the narrow way;  
And, when earthly things are past,  
Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide,  
Where no clouds thy glory hide.

In the heav’nly country bright,  
Need they no created light;  
Thou its light, its joy, its crown,  
Thou its sun which goes not down:  
There for ever may we sing  
Alleluias to our King.

## 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, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

## Praise and Worship

### “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.

Ending: 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  
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### **."Alabaster Jar"**

This alabaster jar is all I have of worth  
I break it at Your feet Lord  
It's less than You deserve  
You're far more beautiful  
More precious than the oil  
The sum of my desires  
And the fullness of my joy  
Like You spilled Your blood.  
I spill my heart as an offering to my King.

Chorus: Here I am take me as an offering  
Here I am giving every heartbeat for Your glory.  
Take me.

This time that I have left is all I have of worth  
I lay it at Your feet Lord  
It's less than You deserve  
And though I've little strength  
And though my days are few  
You gave Your life for me  
So I will live my life for You  
Like You spilled Your blood.  
I spill my heart as an offering to my King.

Bridge: Worthy, worthy, You are worthy.  
Worthy is the Lord

## **“Glory to God In the Highest”**

Glory to God In the Highest  
Glory to God In the Highest  
Be Thou enthroned on high

Be exalted, above the heavens  
O Lord be magnified  
All the angels in all creation  
To Your greatness Testify

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God, glory to God

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### **The Lessons**

1 Samuel 3:1-20  
Psalm 63  
1 Corinthians 6:9-20

*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:           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**

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Lector: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Deacon: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
John 1:43-51.

**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.**

### Prayers of the People

Officiant: O Lord, show your mercy upon us;

**All: And grant us your salvation.**

Officiant: O Lord, guide those who govern us;

**All: And lead us in the way of justice and truth.**

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

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

Officiant: 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.**

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

### **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)

Officiant: 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

## "Speak Jesus"

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## 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 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:

**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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## **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**

Celebrant or 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.**

**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:

### **“Beautiful Savior”**

All my days I will sing this song of glad-ness.  
Give my praise to the Fountain of de-lights;  
for in my helplessness you heard my cry,  
and waves of mercy poured down on my life.

#### Chorus:

Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor,  
Clothed in majesty, Lord of history,  
You're the Way the Truth, the Life  
Star of the Morning, glorious holiness,  
You're the Risen One, Heaven's Champion,  
And You reign, You reign overall.

I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer;  
I will sing of the blood that never fails,  
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,  
Of death defeated and life without end.

I long to be, where the praise is never ending;  
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades,  
Where countless worshipers will share one song;  
And cries of "worthy" will honor the Lamb!

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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. (Chorus)

For nothing good have I whereby Thy grace to claim  
I'll wash my garments white  
In the blood of Calvary's Lamb (Chorus)

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

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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

### “Your Grace is Enough”

Great is Your faithfulness, O God.  
You wrestle with the sinner's heart.  
You lead us by still waters into mercy  
And nothing can keep us apart

Pre-Chorus:

So remember Your people, remember Your children,  
Remember Your promise, O God.

Chorus:

Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough.  
Your grace is enough for me.

Great is Your love and justice God.  
You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation  
And all Your people sing along

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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, January 15<sup>th</sup> – January 21<sup>st</sup>**

### **Monday**

Creative Journaling, 6:00-9:00 PM (Tompkin's Glory Barn)

Boy Scout Troop 411, 6:30-8:30 PM (The Harbor)

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**

MOPS/MomsNEXT, 9:30-11:00 AM (Common Room)

### **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)

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

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

### **Upcoming**

Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> - Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 PM

Mar. 24<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> - Holy Week

**Readings for January 28: Jeremiah 3:19-4:4, Psalm 130,  
1 Corinthians 7:17-24, Mark 1:14-20**