



Welcome to St. Luke's Church

Sunday, July 23, 2023

Proper 11

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

“Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing”

Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise,
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

This my glad commemoration
That 'til now I've safely come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor,
Daily I'm constrained to be,
Let Thy grace, Lord, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it;
Seal it for Thy courts above.

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Welcome and Call to Worship

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

All: Blessed be His Kingdom now and forever. Amen.

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
 Hear our cry and heal our land
 Let kindness lead us to repentance
 Bring us back again**

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and, that we may receive what we ask, teach us by your Holy Spirit to ask only those things that are pleasing to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the same Spirit lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Praise and Worship

“This Is Amazing Grace”

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Chorus: This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life that I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory the King of Glory

Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Bridge: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave

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“Love So Great”

Your love so great Jesus in all things
I've seen a glimpse of Your heart
A billion years still I'll be singing
How can I praise You enough
How can I praise You enough

Chorus: You are the Lord Almighty
Outshining all the stars in glory
Your love is like the wildest ocean
Oh nothing else compares

Creation calls all to the Saviour
We are alive for Your praise
In earth and sky no one is higher
Our God of wonders You reign
Our God of wonders You reign

Bridge: Not to us but to Your Name
We lift up all praise
Not to us but to Your Name
We lift up all praise

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“Way Maker”

You are here moving in our midst
I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You I worship You

Chorus: (You are) Way Maker, Miracle Worker
Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness
My God that is who You are

You are here touching every heart
I worship You I worship You
You are here healing every heart
I worship You I worship You

You are here turning lives around
I worship You I worship You
You are here mending every heart
I worship You yeah I worship You Lord

Tag: That is who You are, that is who You are
That is who You are, that is who You are

Bridge: Even when I don't see it
You're working
Even when I don't feel it
You're working
You never stop You never stop working
You never stop You never stop working

Announcements

The Lessons

At the end of each reading the lector says:

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Psalm 86

Romans 8:18-25

The Gospel *[All rise]*

**Sung: Word of God speak would You pour down like rain
Washing my eyes to see Your majesty
To be still and know that You're in this place
Please let me stay and rest in Your holiness
Word of God speak**

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Deacon: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew 13:24-30, 34-43.

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 *[All rise]*

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: Let's pray for the Church and the World as our hearts and voices proclaim our desire to see you move in our midst. We pray Lord for peace, that the world would operate in your presence, apply your love and live in unity until we are called into your heavenly kingdom.

Pray for the World: Please add here your prayers and intercessions for the world.

Deacon: We pray for our archbishop, our bishop, our priests, and deacons. We know that we are connected to a larger fellowship sphere of influence than just our church and we pray that we would be unified in our purpose and ministry so that people would be drawn to your transforming love and kingdom purposes.

Pray for the Church: Please add here your prayers and intercessions for the church.

Deacon: We pray that your Word would go out to the ends of the earth. We pray for all believers to have a hunger for your word and to seek to teach and disciple others from it.

Pray for all who proclaim your Gospel: Please add your prayers for preachers, teachers, and evangelists.

Deacon: We pray for believers and missionaries who are persecuted for their faith.

Pray for the persecuted: Please add your prayers for those who are persecuted throughout the world.

Deacon: We pray for you to call our nation back to you, and for those in authority and public service, that they may seek your face and do your will.

Pray for our nation's leadership: Please add your prayers for our nation.

Deacon: We Pray for the broken, anxious, depressed, ill, recovering, or any form of physical or spiritual oppression.

Pray for those in need: Please add your prayers for those who the Lord has placed on your heart.

Deacon: We pray for those who grieve the loss of loved ones. We thank you Lord for the hope of heaven and we entrust those who have passed to your eternal care.

Pray with thanksgiving for the hope of heaven: Please add the names of those who have gone to be with the Lord.

Celebrant: Father God, we lift our hearts to you in prayer, trusting our hopes and hearts desires to your response.

May we continue to give thanks for your continued hand upon our lives and that our hearts and minds would be aligned with your will as we pray to you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

“Spirit Lead Me”

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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 on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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 Most
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord Most High
All glory power and praise
And blessing now we raise for You alone can save**

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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

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, 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.

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

“I Surrender All”

All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him I freely give.
I will ever love and trust Him
In His presence daily live.

Chorus: I surrender all, I surrender all.
All to Thee my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender, humbly at His feet I bow,
Worldly pleasures all forsaken
Take me Jesus, take me now

All to Jesus I surrender, make me, Savior, wholly Thine,
Let me feel the Holy Spirit
Truly know that Thou art mine.

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee.
Fill me with Thy love and power
Let Thy blessing fall on me.

"You Are My Righteousness"

You are my righteousness, You are my joy.
You are my righteousness, You are my joy.

I will bow down to You, Jesus, my Lord.
I will bow down to You, Jesus, my Lord.

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"Let Our Praise to You Be As Incense"

Let our praise to You be as incense.
Let our praise to You be as pillars of Your throne.
Let our praise to You be as incense.
As we come before You and worship You alone.

As we see You in Your splendor,
As we gaze upon Your majesty.
As we join the hosts of angels,
And proclaim together Your holiness.

Chorus: Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord.
Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord.

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Post Communion Prayer *[All rise]*

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

“He Reigns”

It's the song of the redeemed rising from the African plain
It's the song of the forgiven drowning out the Amazon rain
The song of Asian believers filled with God's holy fire
It's every tribe every tongue, every nation
A love song born of a grateful choir

Chorus: It's all God's children singing
Glory, glory hallelujah, He reigns, He reigns

Let it rise above the four winds
Caught up in the heavenly sound
Let praises echo from the towers of cathedrals
To the faithful gathered underground
Of all the songs sung from the dawn of creation
Some were meant to persist
Of all the bells rung from a thousand steeples
None rings truer than this

Bridge: And all the powers of darkness
Tremble at what they've just heard
'Cause all the powers of darkness
Can't drown out a single word

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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, July 10th – July 16th

Monday

Creative Journaling, 6:00-9:00 PM (Tompkin's Glory Barn)
Vestry Meeting, 6:30-8:30 PM (Conference Room)
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 (Conference Room)
Women's Group, 7:00-8:30 PM (Common Room)

Wednesday

Thursday

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

Friday

Summer Gathering/VBS, 6:00-9:00 PM (The Harbor & Tent)

Saturday

Men's Group, 9:30-11:00 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)

St. Luke's Summer Gatherings:

July 28th August 13th August 25th

Save the Date:

July 16th thru 22nd – Youth Group Mission Trip to Chicago
August 4th thru 6th – Copley Heritage Days
October 5th thru 7th – New Directory Photos

**Readings for July 30: 1 Kings 3:3-14, Psalm 119:121-136
Romans 8:26-34, Matthew 13:31-33, 40-50**