



Welcome to St. Luke's Church

Sunday, June 11, 2023

Proper 5

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

“Forever”

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King,
His love endures forever
For He is good, He is above all things,
His love endures forever
Sing Praise, sing Praise

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm,
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn,
His love endures forever
Sing Praise, sing Praise, sing praise, sing praise

Chorus: Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,
Forever God is with us, forever.

From the rising to the setting sun,
His love endures forever
By the grace of God we will carry on,
His love endures forever
Sing Praise, sing Praise

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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: Grant, O Lord, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your providence, that your Church may joyfully serve you in quiet confidence and godly peace; 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

“Forever Reign”

You are good, You are good
When there's nothing good in me
You are love, You are love on display for all to see
You are light, You are light when the darkness closes in
You are hope, You are hope, You have covered all my sin

You are peace, You are peace when my fear is crippling
You are true, You are true even in my wandering
You are joy, You are joy, You're the reason that I sing
You are life, You are life, In You death has lost its sting

Chorus:

Oh, I'm running to Your arms, I'm running to Your arms
The riches of Your love will always be enough
Nothing compares to Your embrace
Light of the world forever reign

You are more, You are more
Than my words will ever say
You are Lord, You are Lord
All creation will proclaim
You are here, You are here,
In Your presence I'm made whole
You are God, You are God,
Of all else I'm letting go (Chorus)

Bridge:

My heart will sing no other Name: Jesus, Jesus

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"To Our God"

Up from the ashes Your love has brought us
Out of the darkness and into the light
Lifting our sorrows, bearing our burdens
Healing our hearts

Chorus: To our God we lift up one voice
To our God we lift up one song
To our God we lift up one voice
Singing hallelujah

Chains have been broken, eyes have been opened
An army of dry bones is starting to rise
Death is defeated, we are victorious
For You are alive

Bridge: Hallelujah, singing hallelujah
Hallelujah, singing hallelujah
Hallelujah, singing hallelujah, hallelujah

Make His praise glorious, glorious, glorious
For His name is glorious, glorious, glorious
Make His praise glorious, glorious, glorious
Shout His name glorious, glorious, glorious

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"How Great Thou Art"

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When thru the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

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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.

Hosea 5:15-6:6

Psalm 50

Romans 4:13-18

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 9:9-13.

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 prayer 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 prayer 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)

“Ain't No Grave”

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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.]

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.

Celebrant: The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven.
 The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation.

Music During Communion

"Forever Grateful"

You did not wait for me To draw near to You
But You clothed Yourself with frail humanity
You did not wait for me To cry out to You
But You let me hear Your voice calling me

Chorus:

And I'm forever grateful to You
I'm forever grateful For the cross
I'm forever grateful to You That You came
To seek and save the lost

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"God You're Beautiful"

I see Your beauty in the wind. I see Your beauty in the rain.
I feel Your Spirit move within.
I feel Your passion in the pain.

Chorus: God You're beautiful to me
 God You're beautiful to me

I see Your glory in the sun. I see Your power in the sky.
When I behold all You've done.
How could I ever wonder why.

Bridge: You can be my king, lover of my soul
You mean everything to me.

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“The Steadfast Love of the Lord “

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases
His mercies never come to an end
They are new every morning, new every morning
Great is Thy faithfulness O Lord, great is Thy faithfulness

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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

“Build Your Kingdom Here”

Come set Your rule and reign in our hearts again
Increase in us we pray unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your church, we need Your power in us

Chorus: Build Your kingdom here let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here we pray

We seek Your kingdom first, we hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives for You're our joy and prize
To see the captives' hearts released
The hurt the sick the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause
We are Your church, we pray revive this earth (Chorus)

Unleash Your kingdom's power reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church, we are the hope on earth (Chorus)

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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, June 12th – June 18th

Monday

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

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:

June 30th July 9th July 28th
August 6th August 25th

Save the Date:

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

**Readings for June 18: Exodus 19:1-8, Psalm 100
Romans 5:1-11, Matthew 9:35-10:15**