



**Welcome to St. Luke's Church
Sunday, June 2, 2024**

Proper 4

**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

“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: Kyrie eleison, Lord have mercy on me
Kyrie eleison, Lord have mercy on me
Christe eleison, Christ have mercy on me
Christe eleison, Christ have mercy on me**

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Praise and Worship

“Praise”

Intro: Let everything that has breath
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord

I'll praise in the valley, praise on the mountain
I'll praise when I'm sure, praise when I'm doubting
I'll praise when outnumbered, praise when surrounded
'Cause praise is the water my enemies drown in

Pre-Chorus: As long as I'm breathing, I've got a reason to

Chorus 1: Praise the Lord oh my soul
Praise the Lord oh my soul

I'll praise when I feel it and I'll praise when I don't
I'll praise 'cause I know, You're still in control
'Cause my praise is a weapon, It's more than a sound
My praise is the shout that brings Jericho down

Chorus 2: Praise the Lord oh my soul
Praise the Lord oh my soul
I won't be quiet, my God is alive
How could I keep it inside
Praise the Lord oh my soul

Bridge: I'll praise 'cause You're sovereign
Praise 'cause You reign
Praise 'cause You rose and defeated the grave
I'll praise 'cause You're faithful
Praise 'cause You're true
Praise 'cause there's nobody greater than You

Chorus 3: Praise the Lord oh my soul (4x)
I won't be quiet, my God is alive
How could I keep it inside
I won't be quiet, my God is alive
How could I keep it inside
I won't be quiet, my God is alive
How could I keep it inside
Praise the Lord oh my soul

Ending: Let everything that has breath
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord

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“Your Love, Oh Lord”

Your love, oh Lord reaches to the heavens
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky.
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains.
Your justice flows like the ocean's tides.

I will lift my voice to worship You, my King.
I will find my strength in the shadow of Your wings.

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“Be Exalted, O God”

I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord, among the people.
I will sing praises to Thee among the nations.
For Thy steadfast love is great, is great to the heavens,
And Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness to the clouds.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.
Let Thy glory be over all the earth.
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.
Let Thy glory be over all the earth.

Ending: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.
Let Thy glory, let Thy glory,
Let Thy glory be over all the earth.

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"I Exalt Thee"

For Thou, O Lord, art high above all the earth.
Thou art exalted far above all gods.
For Thou, O Lord, art high above all the earth.
Thou art exalted far above all gods.

I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, O Lord.
I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, O Lord.

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Children Released for Sunday School

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.

Deuteronomy 5:6-21

Psalm 81

2 Corinthians 4:1-12

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**

Lector: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Deacon: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 2:23-28.

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: Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
 Holy reverence, true humility.
 Test our thoughts and our attitudes
 in the radiance of Your purity.**

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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: 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 sphere of influence than just our church and we pray to 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 all 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, Lord, that you would call our nation back to faithfulness 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, and for those facing 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 loving 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: Our offertory sentences are from scripture. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. (Hebrews 13:16)

"Your Nature"

You bring life to the barren places
Light to the darkest spaces, God it's Your nature
You bring joy to the broken hearted
Hope to the ones who've lost it, God it's Your nature

Chorus: There is no desert that Your streams can't run to
There are no ruins that Your love won't make new
You tell the wasteland that it will bloom again
'Cause it's Your nature
You will restore the years that shame has stolen
You keep the promises that You have spoken
I know this wasteland will be whole again
'Cause it's Your nature

You bring peace to the war inside us
Speak and all fear is silenced, God it's Your nature
You bring joy to the broken-hearted
Hope to the ones who've lost it, God it's Your nature

Bridge: Sing out O barren woman
Sing out O broken man
Stretch out your hands
Believing this is your promised land
Break out of disappointment
Break out of hopelessness
Stretch out your hands
Believing this is your promised land

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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

[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; for he is your living Word from before time and for all ages; by him you created all things, and by him you make all things new.

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, 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 in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those
Who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
Now and for 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:

“The Power Of Your Love”

Lord I come to You, let my heart be changed renewed
Flowing from the grace that I found in You
And Lord I've come to know
The weaknesses I see in me will be stripped away
By the pow'r of Your love

Chorus: Hold me close let Your love surround me
Bring me near draw me to Your side
And as I wait I'll rise up like the eagle
And I will soar with You, Your Spirit leads me on
In the pow'r of Your love

Lord unveil my eyes, let me see You face to face
The knowledge of Your love as You live in me
Lord renew my mind as Your will unfolds in my life
In living ev'ry day by the pow'r of Your love

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"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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"I Will Restore"

You will restore what has been taken
And for my ashes You will give me beauty beyond compare
You will restore my soul with healing oil
You will pick me up from where I fall.

For You are my God, You are my Lord
You are to be adored
Out of my brokenness You took my hand,
And proclaimed, "I will restore!"

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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 our hopes

All: We set on the risen Christ

The Blessing

The Recessional

“Be Exalted, O God“

I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord, among the people.
I will sing praises to Thee among the nations.
For Thy steadfast love is great, is great to the heavens,
And Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness to the clouds.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.
Let Thy glory be over all the earth.
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.
Let Thy glory be over all the earth.

Ending: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.
Let Thy glory, let Thy glory,
Let Thy glory be over all the earth.

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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 3rd – June 9th

Monday

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

Thursday

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

Morning Intercession Group, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM (Sanctuary)

Friday

Church Offices, CLOSED

Saturday

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

Sunday

Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00 AM (Sanctuary)

Sharing Jesus Workshop, 12:30 PM (Sanctuary)

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

Upcoming

June 17th-July 22nd (Mondays) – Vacation Bible School, 6:00 PM

June 25th-28th – ACNA Provincial Assembly

June 28th – Evening of God's Presence & Healing, 7:00 PM

July 15th-21st – Youth Group Mission Trip to Newport News, VA.

July 24th – Red Cross Blood Drive, 12:00-6:00 PM

July 1st-August 18th – Rev Dan on Sabbatical

**Readings for June 9: Genesis 3:1-21 ○ Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 4:13-18 ○ Mark 3:20-35**