



**Welcome to St. Luke's Church  
Sunday, March 15, 2026**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**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.*

[www.stlukesakron.com](http://www.stlukesakron.com)

## Processional Hymn

### “Cornerstone - My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name (Repeat)

Chorus: Christ alone cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Savior's love  
Through the storm  
He is Lord, Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil  
My anchor holds within the veil

When He shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless stand before the throne

Edward Mote | Eric Liljero | Jonas Myrin | Reuben Morgan | William  
Batchelder Bradbury © 2011 Hillsong Publishing CCLI# 73146g

## Welcome and Call to Worship

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**All: His mercy endures forever.**

## 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

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**All: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

## Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

## Praise and Worship

### “I Know A Name”

I know a Name that can silence roaring waves  
I know a Name that can empty out a grave  
I know a Name it's the only Name that saves  
And it's worthy of all praise

Chorus: I call You Jesus I call You I call You Healer  
Risen and reigning in power  
Something comes out of the grave  
Every time I call You Jesus  
I call You I call You Savior  
Worthy of glory forever  
Something comes out of the grave  
(Every time I call Your Name)

I have a King with dominion over death  
He holds the keys in his holy nail-scarred hands  
He is the heel that has crushed the serpent's head  
Our resurrected Great I Am

Bridge 1: Every time I call Your Name  
Chains break dry bones wake  
Every time I call Your Name  
The gates of hell shake  
(Every time I call Your Name)

Bridge 2: Where oh death is now your sting  
And where oh grave your victory

Bridge 3: Dead things come alive  
Dead things come alive  
Dead things come alive  
In the name of Jesus

Brandon Lake | Hank Bentley | Jacob Sooter | Steven Furtick © 2025 Brandon  
Lake Music; Capitol CMG Paragon; Songs By That Dog Will Hunt; Just When  
Publishing; Music by Elevation Worship Publishing; So Essential Tunes  
CCLI License # 73146

### **“You Are So Good To Me”**

You are so good to me, You heal my broken heart  
You are my Father in heaven (Repeat)

Chorus: You are beautiful my sweet, sweet, song  
You are beautiful my sweet, sweet, song  
You are beautiful my sweet, sweet, song  
I will sing again

You ride upon the clouds, You lead me to the truth  
You are the Spirit inside me (Repeat)

Bridge: You are my strong melody  
You are my dancing rhythm  
You are my perfect rhyme  
And I want to sing forever

You poured out all your blood, You died upon the cross  
You are my Jesus who loves me (Repeat)

Don Chaffer, Ben and Robin Pasley ©1999 Blue Renaissance Music, Hey Ruth Music, & Squint Songs CCLI# 73146

### **“Good, Good Father”**

I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like  
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night  
You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone

Chorus: You're a Good, Good Father  
It's who You are, it's who You are  
It's who You are  
And I'm loved by You, it's who I am  
It's who I am, It's who I am

I've seen many searching for answers far and wide  
But I know we're all searching for answers only You provide  
Because You know just what we need before we say a word

Bridge: You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak  
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think  
As You call me deeper still, as You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still into love, love, love

Anthony Brown | Pat Barrett©2014 Capitol CMG Paragon, Common Hymnal Publishing, Housefires Sounds, sixsteps Music, Tony Brown Publishing Designee, Vamos Publishing, worshiptogether.com songs CCLI # 73146

## **Children Released for Sunday School / Announcements**

### **The Lessons**

1 Samuel 16:1-13  
Psalm 23  
Ephesians 5:1-14

*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: 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**

Deacon: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 9:1-13, 28-41.

**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: 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**

Bart Millard | Pete Kipley © 2002 Songs From The Indigo Room, Simpleville  
Music, Curb Wordspring Music CCLI License # 73146

## **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 worshipped 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.

### **Confession and Litany of Penitence**

Deacon: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

**All: Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault 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, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven. We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.**

Deacon: Lord, have mercy upon us:

**All: For we have sinned against you.**

Deacon: For all our unfaithfulness and disobedience; for the pride, vanity, and hypocrisy of our lives; Lord, have mercy upon us:

**All: For we have sinned against you.**

Deacon: For our self-pity and impatience, and our envy of those we think more fortunate than ourselves; Lord, have mercy upon us:

**All: For we have sinned against you.**

Deacon: For our unrighteous anger, bitterness, and resentment; for all lies, gossip, and slander against our neighbors; Lord, have mercy upon us:

**All: For we have sinned against you.**

Deacon: For our sexual impurity, our exploitation of other people, and our failure to give of ourselves in love; Lord, have mercy upon us:

**All: For we have sinned against you.**

Deacon: For our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our intemperate pursuit of worldly goods and comforts; Lord, have mercy upon us:

**All: For we have sinned against you.**

Deacon: For our dishonesty in daily life and work, our ingratitude for your gifts, and our failure to heed your call. Lord, have mercy upon us:

**All: For we have sinned against you.**

Deacon: For our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty; Lord, have mercy upon us

**All: For we have sinned against you.**

Deacon: For our wastefulness and misuse of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us; Lord, have mercy upon us:

**All: For we have sinned against you.**

Deacon: For all false judgments, for prejudice and contempt of others, and for all uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors; Lord, have mercy upon us:

**All: For we have sinned against you.**

Deacon: For our negligence in prayer and worship; for our presumption and abuse of your means of grace; Lord, have mercy upon us:

**All: For we have sinned against you.**

Deacon: For seeking the praise of others rather than the approval of God; Lord, have mercy upon us:

**All: For we have sinned against you.**

Deacon: For our failure to commend the faith that is in us; Lord, have mercy upon us:

**All: For we have sinned against you.**

Celebrant: Show favor to your people, O Lord, who turn to you in weeping, fasting, and prayer. For you are a merciful God, full of compassion, long-suffering, and abounding in steadfast love. You spare when we deserve punishment, and in your wrath, you remember mercy.

Spare your people, good Lord, spare us; in the multitude of your mercies, look upon us and forgive us; through the merits and mediation of your blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### **The Absolution**

Celebrant: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, desires not the death of sinners, but that they may turn from their wickedness and live.

He has empowered and commanded his ministers to pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He now pardons and absolves all who truly repent and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel.

For this reason, we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that our present deeds may please him, the rest of our lives may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may come to his eternal joy, 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**

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: 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. "I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." (Romans 12:1)

### **"Great Are You Lord"**

You give life You are love, You bring light to the darkness  
You give hope You restore every heart that is broken  
And great are You Lord

Chorus: It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise  
It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise to You only

Bridge: And all the earth will shout Your praise  
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing  
Great are You Lord

David Leonard | Jason Ingram | Leslie Jordan © 2012 Integrity's Alleluia! Music  
Integrity's Praise! Music, Open Hands Music, Sony/ATV Timber Publishing CCLI  
License # 73146

### **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.**

Louis Bourgeois | Thomas Ken © Words & Music: Public Domain Music CCLI# 73146

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.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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**

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,  
Hosanna in the highest!**

## 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, according to his command, O Father:

**All: We remember his death. We proclaim his resurrection.  
We await his coming in glory.**

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 it is 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: Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup

**All: We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

### **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:**

### **“Land Of The Living”**

Ben Pasley | Robin D. Pasley © 1999 Blue Renaissance Music CCLI License # 73146

### **“Your Love Is Extravagant”**

Darrell Evans © 1998 Integrity's Hosanna! Music CCLI License # 73146

## **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**

### **"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!

Stuart Wesley Keene Hine © Copyright 1949 and 1953 Stua

## **The Dismissal**

Deacon: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **This Week at St. Luke's Church, March 16<sup>th</sup> – March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

### **Monday**

Creative Journaling, 6:00 PM (Tompkin's Glory Barn)  
Boy Scout Troop 411, 6:30 PM (The Harbor)

### **Tuesday**

Worship With the Word, 6:30 PM (Sanctuary)  
Stage 4 Ministry, 6:30 PM (Conference Room)  
Women's Group, 7:00 PM (Common Room)

### **Wednesday**

Evening Tazie Service, 7:00 PM (Sanctuary)

### **Thursday**

Stage 4 Ministry, 9:30 AM (Common Room)

### **Friday**

*Church Offices CLOSED*

### **Saturday**

Men's Group, 9:30 AM (Lower Kitchenette)

### **Sunday**

Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00 AM (Sanctuary)  
Emotionally Healthy Spirituality Series, 12:30 PM (Sanctuary)  
Prayer Team Meeting, 12:30 PM (Common Room)  
Youth Group, 6:30 PM (The Harbor)

### **Upcoming:**

Holy Week:

March 29<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday

March 30<sup>th</sup> – Stations of the Cross Service, 7:00 PM

March 31<sup>st</sup> – Worship With the Word Service, 7:00 PM

April 1<sup>st</sup> – Evening Tazie Service, 7:00 PM

April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 PM

April 3<sup>rd</sup> – "Remember: a Communion Event," 7:00 PM

April 4<sup>th</sup> – Holy Vigil Service, 7:00 PM

April 5<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday Morning Service, 10:00 AM

**Readings for March 22: Ezekiel 37:1-14 ○ Psalm 130  
Romans 6:15-23 ○ John 11:1-44**