



**Welcome to St. Luke's Church**  
**Sunday, March 26, 2023**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**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

### "Light The Fire Again"

Don't let my love grow cold  
I'm calling out, light the fire again  
Don't let my vision die  
I'm calling out, light the fire again

You know my heart, my deeds  
I'm calling out, light the fire again  
I need Your discipline  
I'm calling out, light the fire again

I am here to buy gold refined in the fire  
Naked and poor  
Wretched and blind I come clothe me in white  
So I won't be ashamed, Lord, light the fire again

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## 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 Trisagion

**All: Holy God, Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

## Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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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### **“At the Cross (Love Ran Red)”**

Theres a place where mercy reigns and never dies  
Theres a place where streams of grace flow deep and wide  
Where all the love I've ever found  
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

Chorus: At the cross at the cross I surrender my life  
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You  
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white  
I owe all to You I owe all to You (Jesus)

Theres a place where sin and shame are powerless  
Where my heart has peace with God and forgiveness  
Where all the love I've ever found  
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

Bridge: Here my hope is found, here on holy ground  
Here I bow down here I bow down  
Here arms open wide, here You saved my life  
Here I bow down here I bow (down)

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### **“Holy God”**

Chorus: Holy, holy, holy God  
Holy, holy, holy God

Creating, commanding, transcendent Adonai  
Defending love, destroying sin, the Warrior Divine

Forgiving, redeeming from every tribe and tongue  
Arising first the nail scarred Lamb, Salvation's Champion

Romancing, pursuing, reclaiming to restore  
Releasing hearts, transforming lives the Lion's mighty roar

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## **Announcements**

### **The Lessons**

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 130

Romans 6:15-23

*At the end of each reading the lector says:*

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gospel Procession**

*(Please rise, silence is kept)*

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Deacon: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
John 11:18-44.

**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.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

Reader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer." For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God. Lord, in your mercy:  
**All: Hear our prayer.**

Reader: For Foley Beach, our Archbishop, Mark Engel, our Bishop, Daniel Morgan, our Rector, Andrew Unger, our Associate Rector, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation. Lord, in your mercy:  
**All: Hear our prayer.**

Reader: For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others. Lord, in your mercy:  
**All: Hear our prayer.**

Reader: For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith. Lord, in your mercy:

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Reader: For our nation and for Joe Biden, our President, James Vance and Sherrod Brown, our Senators, for our state and for Mike DeWine, our Governor, and for all those in authority and in public service. Lord, in your mercy:

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Reader: For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Lord, in your mercy:

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Reader: For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray. Lord, in your mercy:

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**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: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. (Ephesians 5:2)

### **Kyrie Eleison (a Song of Confession)**

For the things we've done and left undone  
For the ways we've wandered from your heart  
Forgive us we pray, forgive us we pray

For the idols we put on Your throne  
For the loves we choose above Your own  
Forgive us we pray, forgive us we pray



Chorus: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy on us on us

For the lies that we clutch to our chests  
For the fear that wants to steal our breath  
Forgive us we pray and give us Your grace

Bridge: Forgiving God forgiving us  
Forgiving God forgiving us  
Forgiving God forgiving us  
Forgiving God forgiving us

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Celebrant: All things come of you, O Lord.

**All: And of Your own have we given You.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

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 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 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.**

## **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.**

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**

### **“To be in Your Presence”**

To be in Your presence, to sit at Your feet,  
Where Your love surrounds me and makes me complete.  
This is my desire, O Lord, this is my desire.  
This is my desire, O Lord, this is my desire.

To rest in Your presence, not rushing away;  
To cherish each moment, here I would stay.  
This is my desire, O Lord, this is my desire.  
This is my desire, O Lord, this is my desire.

## **“We Fall Down”**

We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus  
The greatness of Your mercy and love at the feet of Jesus

And we cry holy, holy, holy. And we cry holy, holy, holy.  
And we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.

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## **“Majesty”**

Majesty, worship His majesty  
Unto Jesus be all glory, power and praise  
Majesty, kingdom authority flow from his throne  
Unto his own his anthem raise

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus  
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King

Majesty, worship his majesty  
Jesus who died now glorified King of all kings.

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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**

### **"Be Thou My Vision"**

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for the fight  
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight  
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower  
Raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

## **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 27<sup>th</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

### **Monday**

Creative Journaling, 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)  
Morning Intercession, 9:30-11:30 AM (Sanctuary)

### **Friday**

### **Saturday**

Men's Group, 9:30-11:00 AM (Café)  
Easter Food Basket Distribution, 11:00-1:00 PM (Common Room)  
Dinner & "The Chosen", 6:00-8:30 PM (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)

### **Upcoming:**

Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Stations of the Cross, 7:00 PM  
Apr. 6<sup>th</sup> – Maundy Thursday, 7:00 PM  
Apr. 7<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday: "The Seven Last Words of Jesus," 7:00 PM  
Apr. 8<sup>th</sup> – Holy Vigil, 7:00 PM  
Apr. 9<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday, 10:00 AM

**Readings for April 2: Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Psalm 22:1-11,  
Philippians 2:5-11, Passion of the Christ**