



**Welcome to St. Luke's Church**

**Sunday, March 5, 2023**

**Second 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

### “The God of Abraham Praise”

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above  
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love  
To Him uplift your voice, at whose supreme command  
From earth we rise and seek the joys at His right hand

He by himself hath sworn: I on his oath depend  
I shall, on eagle wings upborne, to heav'n ascend  
I shall behold his face, I shall His power adore  
And sing the wonders of His grace for evermore

There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Righteousness  
Triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace  
On Sion's sacred height His kingdom He maintains  
And, glorious with His saints in light, forever reigns

The God who reigns on high, the great archangels sing  
And “Holy, holy, holy,” cry, “Almighty King!  
Who was, and is, the same, and evermore shall be  
Eternal Father, great I AM, we worship Thee”

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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 know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities that may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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**

### **“God of Wonders”**

Lord of all creation, of water earth and sky  
The heavens are Your tabernacle  
Glory to the Lord on high

Chorus: God of wonders beyond our galaxy  
You are Holy, You are Holy  
The universe declares Your majesty  
You are holy, You are Holy  
Lord of heaven and earth  
Lord of heaven and earth

Early in the morning I will celebrate the light  
When I stumble in the darkness  
I will call Your name by night

Bridge:

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth (Repeat)

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### **“Every Nation (Every Soul)”**

All the nations, they will come  
Holding broken chains above their heads  
Singing, "We have overcome by the blood of the Lamb"

Chorus: Jesus, You, You're worth it all  
Every nation, and every soul  
Jesus, You, You're worth it all  
Every nation, and every soul

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### **“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

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## Announcements

### The Lessons

Genesis 12:1-9

Psalm 33:12-22

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

*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 3:1-16

**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)

### **"Jesus Messiah"**

He became sin, who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross  
Love so amazing, Love so amazing

Chorus: Jesus, Messiah, Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel  
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven  
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all

His body the bread, His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out, all for love  
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn  
Love so amazing, Love so amazing



Bridge: All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You  
All the glory to You God, the Light of the world

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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**

#### **“You Have Redeemed My Soul”**

You have redeemed my soul from the pit of emptiness  
You have redeemed my soul from death (2x)

I was a hungry child, a dried up river  
I was a burned out forest  
And no one could do anything for me

But you put food in my body, water in my dry bed  
And to my blackened branches  
You brought the springtime green of new life  
And nothing is impossible for You

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#### **"Glory Be to Jesus"**

Glory be to Jesus, who in bitter pains,  
Poured for me the life-blood from his sacred veins!

Grace and life eternal in that blood I find,  
Blest be his compassion infinitely kind!

Blest through endless ages be the precious stream  
Which from sin and sorrow doth the world redeem!

Of t as earth exulting wafts its praise on high,  
Angel hosts, rejoicing, make their glad reply.

Lift ye then your voices; swell the mighty flood;  
Louder still and louder praise the precious blood.

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### **“Lord Take My Yes”**

Jesus be formed in me, Jesus transformed in me  
Lord I confess you, Lord take my yes  
Jesus at home in me

Jesus be strong in me, Jesus belong in me  
Lord I confess You, Lord take my yes  
Jesus a song in me

Jesus be light in me, Jesus be sight in me  
Lord I confess You, Lord take my yes  
Jesus delight in me

Jesus be found in me, Jesus be sound in me  
Lord I confess You, Lord take my yes  
Jesus abound in me

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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**

### **"Jesus Messiah"**

Chorus: Jesus, Messiah, Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel  
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven  
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all

His body the bread, His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out, all for love  
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn  
Love so amazing, Love so amazing

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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, March 5<sup>th</sup> – March 12<sup>th</sup>**

### **Monday**

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 (Common Room)

### **Friday**

### **Saturday**

Men's Group, 9:30-11:00 AM (Café)

### **Sunday**

Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00 AM (Sanctuary)

**Lenten Teaching Series, 12:00-1:00 PM (Sanctuary)**

*Bethel Akron Worship, 5:00-7:00 PM (Sanctuary & Upper Level)*

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

### **Upcoming:**

Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Red Cross Blood Drive, 12:00-6:00 PM

Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Palm Sunday, 10:00 AM

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 March 12: Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 95,  
Romans 1:16-32, John 4:5-26, 39-42**