



Welcome to St. Luke's Church **Sunday, May 11, 2025**

4th Sunday of Easter

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

“Lead On O King Eternal”

Lead on, O King eternal
The day of march has come
Henceforth in fields of conquest
Thy tents shall be our home
Through days of preparation
Thy grace has made us strong
And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle-song

Lead on, O King eternal
Till sin's fierce war shall cease
And holiness shall whisper the sweet Amen of peace
For not with swords loud clashing
Nor roll of stirring drums
But deeds of love and mercy
The heav'nly kingdom comes

Lead on, O King eternal
We follow, not with fears
For gladness breaks like morning
Where'er thy face appears
Thy cross is lifted o'er us we journey in its light
The crown awaits the conquest
Lead on, O God of might

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Welcome and Call to Worship

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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
 For Your name is great and Your heart is grace
 Kyrie Eleison
 Over all You reign You alone can save
 Kyrie Eleison
 Lord have mercy Christ have mercy on us now

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: O God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd of your people: Grant that, when we hear his voice, we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads, who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Praise and Worship

“I Believe”

I believe there is one salvation
One doorway that leads to life
One redemption one confession
I believe in the name of Jesus Christ

I believe in the crucifixion
By His blood I have been set free
I believe in the resurrection
Hallelujah His life is death's defeat

Chorus 1:

All praise to God the Father, all praise to Christ the Son
All praise to the Holy Spirit, our God has overcome
The King who was and is and evermore will be
In Jesus' mighty name I believe

I believe in the hope of heaven
He's preparing a place for me
Far beyond what hearts imagine
Ears have heard or eyes have seen

I believe that day is coming
He's returning to claim His bride
Light the altar keep it burning
See the Lamb who rose a roaring Lion

Bridge: No I'll never be ashamed
Of the gospel of Jesus Christ
How could I ever walk away
From the One who saved my life

Chorus 2:

All praise to God our Father, all praise to Christ the Son
All praise to the Holy Spirit, Our God has overcome
The King who was and is and evermore will be
In Jesus' mighty name I believe
In Jesus' mighty name I believe

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"Jesus Is Our King"

He is with us, with us, God Emmanuel
He is near us, near us, Heaven come to dwell
Messiah, Messiah, our promise here to save
He is with us, He is with us

Chorus: Holy, holy, hear the angels sing
Worthy is our King
Worthy, worthy, all creation sings
Jesus is our King

He is with, us with us, Lion and the Lamb
He is for us, for us, Beginning and the End
Oh Jesus, Jesus, our mighty Prince of peace
He is with us, He is with us

Bridge: Glory, glory, thank You Jesus
For the day that everything changed
Glory, glory, thank you Jesus
Our thrill of hope remains
Glory, glory, thank You Jesus
Let the earth resound with praise

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“Build My Life”

Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You

Jesus the name above every other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, we live for You

Chorus: Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder
And show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

Bridge: I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

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The Lessons

Acts 13:14b-16, 26-39

Psalm 100

Revelation 7:9-17

At the end of each reading, the lector says:

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Sung: Alleluia! Alleluia! Opening our hearts to him
Singing Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus is our King

Deacon: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
John 10:22-30.

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: Alleluia! Alleluia! Opening our hearts to him
Singing Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus is our King

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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 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.

The Prayers of the People

Deacon: Rejoicing in the Power of the resurrection, let us pray for the Church and the World as our hearts and voices proclaim our desire to see your risen presence move in our midst.

Risen Lord, we thank you for conquering sin and death and we pray that the world would experience the freedom and cleansing power that comes to us through your spirit.

We pray that your peace, joy, and presence will result in a church that reflects these things to a world that needs to experience the grace and mercy of your cross and resurrection.

Pray for the World. Please add here your prayers and intercessions for the world.

Deacon: We pray for an outpouring of your resurrection power and spirit upon our archbishop, our bishops, our priests, and our deacons. Pray for the church that we may know Christ and make him known.

Pray for the Church. Please add here your prayers and intercessions for the church.

Deacon: Lord, help us to be children of your Word. We Pray that you would empower us to witness daily to your good news, and how your word fills and guides our days. Lord, help us to proclaim your truth.

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 that our nation would seek and follow you. Lord, we pray for our President, Governor, and all who lead us in public service. May they seek to serve your kingdom purposes and honor your name.

Pray for our nation's leadership. Please add your prayers for our nation.

Deacon: We Pray for those who are sick, the needy and all who need your healing. Risen Lord, meet each person in their place of need in your perfect will and timing.

Pray for those in need. Please add your prayer for those whom the Lord has placed on your heart.

Deacon: We pray for those who have lost loved ones. Lord as we live in the power of your resurrection, teach us to long for your heavenly restoration and joy.

Pray with thanksgiving for those who have entered your glory. Please add the names of those who have gone to be with the Lord.

Deacon: Father God, we trust in the power you have given us over sin and death through your cross. We know the truth of your resurrection and we seek to live through the power of your spirit. Hear our prayers and respond to them as may be best for us. May our hearts and minds 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 lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:19-21)

"We're Singing Holy"

Take us into the Holy of Holies
Into the place where kings take off their crowns
We're overwhelmed by the weight of Your glory
You're lifted higher as ev'ry knee bows down

Chorus: (We're singing) holy holy holy is the Lord
We're singing holy holy holy is the Lord

Ev'rything changes here in Your presence
Nothing can stand before Your majesty
So be magnified until earth looks like heaven
Jesus shine brighter until the whole world sings
We will sing out

Bridge: We'll join with all of heaven singing Holy is the Lord
The ground is shaking earth is waking
With this holy roar

Tag: We join with the angels we join with the saints
We lift up Your praise and we lift up Your name
Singing holy holy holy is the Lord

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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. 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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has won for us 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 (Holy) Lord God Almighty
Heaven (Heaven) And Earth (And Earth)
Are full of your glory
Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest (In the highest)
Hosanna, Hosanna to the Lord
Blessed is he who comes
In the Name of the Lord
Hosanna, Hosanna to the Lord**

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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 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

**Sung: Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us your peace.**

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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:

“You Have Redeemed My Soul”

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“The Prayers of the Saints”

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“Radiant Beams of Glory”

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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

"We're Singing Holy"

Chorus: (We're singing) holy holy holy is the Lord
We're singing holy holy holy is the Lord

Bridge: We'll join with all of heaven singing Holy is the Lord
The ground is shaking earth is waking
With this holy roar

Tag: We join with the angels we join with the saints
We lift up Your praise and we lift up Your name
Singing holy holy holy is the Lord

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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, May 5th – May 11th

Monday

Creative Journaling Class, 6:00-9:00 PM (Tompkin's Glory Barn)
Boy Scout Troop 411, 6:30-8:30 PM (The Harbor)

Tuesday

Worship With the Word, 6:30-8:30 PM (Sanctuary)
Stage 4 Ministry, 6:30-8:30 PM (Conference Room)
Women's Group, 7:00-8:30 PM (Common Room)

Wednesday

MomCo, 9:30-11:30 AM (Café)
St. Luke's Golf League, 5:15 PM (Pine Valley GC, Wadsworth)

Thursday

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

Friday

Church Offices, CLOSED
Alpha Marriage Course, 6:30-9:00 PM (Sanctuary)

Saturday

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

Sunday

Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00 AM (Sanctuary)
Youth Group, 6:30-8:30 PM (The Harbor)

Upcoming

Thru-June 20 – 'Reason for God' teaching series (Sundays)
May 2-June 20 – Alpha Marriage Course (Friday Evenings)
May 15-17 – NEO/Northcoast Deaneries Clergy & Spouse Retreat
May 18 – Youth Group Mission Trip Raffle, 12:30 PM (Sanctuary)
July 6-12 – Youth Group Mission Trip to Jesus People Chicago
June 23-July 28 – Vacation Bible School (Monday Evenings)
July 31-Aug 3 – Copley Heritage Days

<p>Readings for May 11: Acts 13:14b-16, 26-39 ◊ Psalm 100 Revelation 7:9-17 ◊ John 10:22-30</p>
