



**Welcome to St. Luke's Church  
Sunday, May 18, 2025**

**5<sup>th</sup> 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

### “Even So”

All of creation, all of the earth  
Make straight a highway, a path for the Lord  
Jesus is coming soon

Call back the sinner, wake up the saint  
Let every nation shout of Your fame  
Jesus is coming soon

Chorus: Like a bride waiting for her groom  
We'll be a church ready for You  
Every heart longing for our King  
We sing, even so come Lord Jesus, come  
Even so come Lord Jesus, come

There will be justice, all will be new  
Your name forever, faithful and true  
Jesus is coming soon

Bridge: So we wait, we wait for You  
God, we wait, Your coming soon

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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, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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**

### **“No Other”**

There is no other friend  
There is no other friend like You oh Lord  
No other brother, no other brother (sister) like You

There is no other love  
There is no other love like You oh Lord  
No other sweeter, no other fountain but You

Pre-Chorus: How long until I'm satisfied  
I must have more of You  
For I was born in Zion  
Awakened love is crying out for You  
It must be You

Chorus: And if I am healed by  
Just one touch of Your garment Lord  
Then how much more of Your  
Love is for me than I'm tasting Lord  
Draw me, take me and I will run  
Over the mountains and down  
Into the valleys I will run with You

Ending: All, all my fountains are in You  
(Repeat 4x)

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### **“Garments Of Praise”**

Chorus:  
Put on the garments of praise for the spirit of heaviness  
Let the oil of gladness flow down from Your throne  
Put on the garments of praise for the spirit of heaviness  
Your joy is my strength alone, my strength alone

Make these broken weary bones rise to dance again  
Wet this dry and thirsty land with a river  
Lord our eyes are fixed on You and we are waiting  
For Your garland of grace as we praise Your name

Bridge: Hallelujah sing hallelujah  
We give all honor and praise to Your name  
Hallelujah sing hallelujah  
We trade our sorrows for garments of praise

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## **“Ascribe”**

Ascribe unto the Lord the glory due His Name  
Ascribe unto the Lord the honor and the praise  
For He is holy and He is worthy of  
All of the glory and all of our love

Great and marvelous are Your works oh Lord  
Just and true are all of Your ways in all the earth  
Alpha Omega the Beginning and the End  
Forever we'll praise the Name of the Lord most high

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

### **The Lessons**

Acts 13:44-52

Psalm 145

Revelation 19:1-9

*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 13:31-35.

**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)

### **"Desert Song"**

This is my prayer in the desert  
When all that's within me feels dry  
This is my prayer in my hunger and need  
My God is the God who provides

This is my prayer in the fire  
In weakness or trial or pain  
There is a faith proved of more worth than gold  
So refine me Lord through the flame

Chorus: I will bring praise, I will bring praise  
No weapon formed against me shall remain  
I will rejoice, I will declare  
God is my victory, and He is here

This is my prayer in the battle  
When triumph is still on its way  
I am a conqueror and co-heir with Christ  
So firm on His promise I'll stand

Bridge: All of my life in ev'ry season  
You are still God, I have a reason to sing  
I have a reason to worship

This is my prayer in the harvest  
When favor and providence flow  
I know I'm filled to be emptied again  
The seed I've received I will sow

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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:**

**“Surrounded (Fight My Battles)”**

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**“Yahweh”**

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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**

### **“Rising Sun”**

Praise Him all you sinners, sing oh sing you weary  
Oh praise Him all you children of God

We lift high His glory shown throughout our stories  
We praise Him as the children of God

**Chorus:** Our great Redeemer glorious Savior  
Your Name is higher than the rising sun  
Light of the morning You shine forever  
Your Name is higher than the rising sun  
Your Name is higher than the rising sun

Praise His Name forever, speak it loud and clear now  
Oh praise Him all you children of God

Bridge: Oh oh oh oh, oh oh oh oh  
Hallelujah name above all  
Simply to speak Your Name is praise  
Hallelujah now and always  
Forever we lift Your Name in praise  
Hallelujah our God You reign  
Simply to speak Your Name is praise oh

Ending: Hallelujah name above all  
Hallelujah name above all  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah

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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 19<sup>th</sup> – May 25<sup>th</sup>**

### **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 Breakfast, 8:30-11:00 AM (The Harbor)

### **Sunday**

Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00 AM (Sanctuary)  
'Reason for God' teaching series, 12:30 PM (Sanctuary)  
Youth Group, 6:30-8:30 PM (The Harbor)

### **Upcoming**

Thru-June 22 – 'Reason for God' teaching series (Sundays)  
May 2-June 20 – Alpha Marriage Course (Friday Evenings)  
July 6-12 – Youth Group Mission Trip to JesusPeople USA, Chicago  
June 23-July 28 – Vacation Bible School (Monday Evenings)  
July 31-Aug 3 – Copley Heritage Days

<p><b>Readings for May 25: Acts 14:8-18 ○ Psalm 67</b> <b>Revelation 21:1-4, 22-22:5 ○ John 14:21-29</b></p>
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