



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

**Sunday, May 21, 2023**

**Sunday after Ascension Day**

**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

### “All Creatures of Our God and King”

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along.  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!  
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
Make music for thy Lord to hear.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
That givest man both warmth and light,  
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,  
Forgiving others, take your part.  
O sing ye! Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and on Him cast your care.  
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship Him in humbleness.  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!  
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## 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:                   Kyrie eleison, Lord have mercy on me  
                              Kyrie eleison, Lord have mercy on me  
                              Christe eleison, Christ have mercy on me  
                              Christe eleison, Christ have mercy on me**

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## Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

**All: Amen.**

## Praise and Worship

### “Sing To The Lord (Banner)”

Sing to the Lord a new song  
Sing to the Lord all the earth  
In the beauty of His holiness  
The beauty of His holiness

Sing to the Lord a new song  
Sing to the Lord O my soul  
In the wonders of His mighty hand  
The wonders of His mighty hand

Chorus: Great is the Lord we cry  
(And) Greatly to be praised  
Let every nation rise and say  
Our God reigns our God reigns

Sing to the Lord a new song  
Worship the Lord evermore  
In the glory of His majesty  
The glory of His majesty

Bridge: Your banner Your banner over us is love  
Unfailing love

Tag: Let all within me bless Your holy name. (4X)  
Sing, sing, sing to the Lord.  
Sing, sing, all that's with in me.  
Sing, sing, sing to the Lord.  
Sing, sing, all that's with in me.  
Let all within me bless Your holy name.  
Let all within me bless Your holy name.  
Awake my soul within me, give Him praise  
Let all within me bless Your holy name.

## “Yes I Will”

I count on one thing the same God that never fails  
Will not fail me now, You won't fail me now  
In the waiting the same God who's never late  
Is working all things out, You're working all things out

Chorus: Yes I will lift You high in the lowest valley  
Yes I will bless Your name  
Yes I will sing for joy when my heart is heavy  
All my days yes I will

Bridge: I choose to praise to glorify, glorify  
The name of all names  
That nothing can stand against

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## “Only You”

Take my heart, I lay it down  
At the Feet of You who's crowned  
Take my life, I'm letting go  
I lift it up to You who's throned

Chorus: And I will worship You, Lord, only You, Lord  
And I will bow down before You, only You, Lord

Take my fret, take my fear  
All I have, I'm leaving here  
Be all my hopes, be all my dreams  
Be all my delights ,be my everything

And it's just You and me here now  
Only You and me here now

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## Announcements

## The Lessons

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

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Acts 1:1-14

Psalm 68:1-20

1 Peter 4:12-19

## The Gospel *[All rise]*

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

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Deacon: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 17:1-11.

**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 *[All rise]*

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: Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

### **“Oh Give Thanks”**

We were wand'ring in the desert  
With our souls so starved and weak  
We were hungry for a homeland  
We did not know how to seek  
But we lifted up our voices  
To the only One who hears  
And the God of mercy came and brought us near

We were locked out of the garden  
And our backs bend down with pain  
In the shadow of death's darkness  
We were slaves to sin and blame  
Then we cried out in our labor  
To the only One who hears  
And the God of mercy wiped away our tears

Chorus: Oh give thanks to the Lord  
For His love endures forever  
We were wandering and lost  
And our Father brought us home  
To a safe dwelling place  
To a feast of joy and laughter  
Oh give thanks to the Lord for He is good

We were fools in our rebellion  
With our hunger strike of pride  
We were sick and growing closer  
To the death we should have died  
Then He heard of our condition  
And He called us by our names  
And the God of glory took away our shame

We were far out on the ocean  
Making wealth and chasing dreams  
But the waves of great destruction  
Brought us trembling to our knees  
And we cried like drunken sailors  
To the only One who hears  
And the God of comfort took away our fears

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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.]*

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.

Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his most glorious resurrection appeared to his Apostles, and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory.

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 Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.  
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.  
Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,  
Hosanna in the highest!**

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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.

Celebrant: The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven.  
The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation.

## Music During Communion

### "Hungry"

Hungry, I come to You for I know You satisfy.  
I am empty, but I know Your love does not run dry.  
And so I wait for You, so I wait for You

Chorus: I'm falling on my knees offering all of me  
Jesus, You're all this heart is living for

Broken, I run to You for Your arms are open wide.  
I am weary, but I know Your touch restores my life.  
And so I wait for You, so I wait for You

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### "Merciful God"

Chorus: What a merciful, merciful, merciful God (3X)  
You are, you are

You are so gentle, you are forgiving  
You hold me close to Your heart.  
When I am distant You show me mercy.  
You bring me close to Your heart.

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### "I Lift My Eyes"

I lift my eyes up to the mountains,  
Where does my help come from?  
My help comes from You, Maker of heaven  
Creator of the earth.

Chorus: O how I need You, Lord, You are my only hope,  
You are my only prayer.  
So I will wait for You to come and rescue me,  
Come and give me life.

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## Post Communion Prayer *[All rise]*

**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

### **"We Lift the Name"**

We lift the name of the Lord our God. (4X)

With the heavenly hosts, we will raise,  
Our voices to heaven in praise.

Singing, hallelujah, hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, to the Lamb of God,  
Singing, hallelujah, oh, hallelujah,  
To the Lamb who shed His blood.

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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 22<sup>nd</sup> – May 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday**

Creative Journalling, 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 Intercessions, 9:30-11:30 AM (Sanctuary)

**Friday**

**Saturday**

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

**St. Luke's Summer Gatherings:**

June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	June 11 <sup>th</sup>	June 30 <sup>th</sup>	July 9 <sup>th</sup>
July 28 <sup>th</sup>	August 6 <sup>th</sup>	August 25 <sup>th</sup>	

**Save the Date:**

June 26<sup>th</sup> thru 29<sup>th</sup> – Vacation Bible School  
July 16<sup>th</sup> – Youth Group Mission Trip to Chicago  
August 4<sup>th</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> – Copley Heritage Days  
October 5<sup>th</sup> thru 7<sup>th</sup> – New Directory Photos

**Readings for May 28: Acts 2:1-11, Psalm 104:25-37  
1 Corinthians 12:4-13, John 14:8-17**