



**Welcome to St. Luke's Church  
Sunday, May 25, 2025**

**6<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

### "'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus (Trust In Jesus)"

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus  
Just to take Him at His word  
Just to rest upon His promise  
Just to know thus saith the Lord

Chorus: Jesus Jesus how I trust Him  
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er  
Jesus Jesus precious Jesus  
O for grace to trust Him more

O how sweet to trust in Jesus  
Just to trust His cleansing blood  
Just in simple faith to plunge me  
'Neath the healing cleansing flood

Yes 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus  
Just from sin and self to cease  
Just from Jesus simply taking  
Life and rest and joy and peace

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee  
Precious Jesus Savior Friend  
And I know that Thou art with me  
Wilt be with me to the end

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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**

### **“In Christ Alone”**

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save:  
'Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as he stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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### **“House Of The Lord”**

We worship the God who was  
We worship the God who is  
We worship the God who evermore will be  
He opened the prison doors  
He parted the raging sea  
My God He holds the victory yeah

Chorus: There's joy in the house of the Lord  
There's joy in the house of the Lord today  
And we won't be quiet  
We shout out Your praise  
There's joy in the house of the Lord  
Our God is surely in this place  
And we won't be quiet  
We shout out Your praise

We sing to the God who heals  
We sing to the God who saves  
We sing to the God who always makes a way  
'Cause He hung up on that cross  
Then He rose up from that grave  
My God's still rolling stones away

Bridge: ('Cause) We were the beggars  
Now we're royalty  
We were the prisoners  
Now we're running free  
We are forgiven accepted  
Redeemed by His grace  
Let the house of the Lord sing praise

Ending: We shout out Your praise  
There is joy in this house  
There is joy in this house today  
We shout out Your praise  
We shout out Your praise

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### **“Holy Spirit”**

There is nothing worth more that will ever come close  
Nothing can compare, You're our Living Hope  
Your presence, Lord

I've tasted and I've seen of the sweetest of loves  
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone  
Your presence, Lord

Chorus:

Holy Spirit You are welcome here  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere  
Your glory God is what our hearts long for  
To be overcome by Your presence Lord

Bridge:

Let us become more aware of your Presence  
Let us experience the glory of your goodness

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

### **The Lessons**

Acts 14:8-18

Psalm 67

Revelation 21:1-4, 22-22:5

*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 14:21-29.

**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)

### **"O Come To The Altar"**

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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**

## 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:**

#### **“Agnus Dei”**

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#### **“You Are So Good To 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 our hopes

**All: We set on the risen Christ**

### **The Blessing**

## The Recessional

### “I Know A Name”

I know a Name that can silence roaring waves  
I know a Name that can empty out a grave  
I know a Name  
It's the only Name that saves and it's worthy of all praise

Chorus: I call You Jesus, I call You I call You Healer  
Risen and reigning in power  
Something comes out of the grave  
Every time I call You Jesus  
I call You I call You Savior  
Worthy of glory forever  
Something comes out of the grave  
(Every time I call Your Name)

I have a King with dominion over death  
He holds the keys in his holy nail-scarred hands  
He is the heel that has crushed the serpent's head  
Our resurrected Great I Am

Bridge 1: Every time I call Your Name  
Chains break dry bones wake  
Every time I call Your Name  
The gates of hell shake  
(Every time I call Your Name)

Bridge 2: Where oh death is now your sting  
And where oh grave your victory

Bridge 3: Dead things come alive, dead things come alive  
Dead things come alive in the name of Jesus

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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 26<sup>th</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup>**

### **Monday**

*Memorial Day (Church Offices CLOSED)*

### **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**

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)

'Meeting w/ God' healing & presence service, 7:00 PM (The Tent)

### **Upcoming**

Thru June 22 – 'Reason for God' teaching series (Sundays)

Thru 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

**Readings for June 1: Acts 16:16-34 ○ Psalm 68:1-20  
Revelation 22:10-21 ○ John 17:20-26**