



He is Risen

Welcome to St. Luke's Church

Sunday, May 7, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,
Earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee,
Center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowering meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,
All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals join the happy chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us,
Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

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, 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

“The Way”

Through every battle, through every heartbreak
Through every circumstance
I believe that You are my fortress, oh You are my portion
You are my hiding place, I believe You are

Chorus: The Way the Truth the Life, I believe You are
The Way the Truth the Life, I believe (You are)

Through every blessing, through every promise
Through every breath I take
I believe that You are provider, You are protector
You are the One I love, I believe You are

Bridge: It's a new horizon and I'm set on You
And You meet me here today
With mercies that are new
All my fears and doubts they can all come too
Because they can't stay long
(When I'm here with You)
(When I believe You are)

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“I Speak Jesus”

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
Over ev'ry heart and ev'ry mind
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence
I speak Jesus

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
'Til ev'ry dark addiction starts to break
Declaring there is hope and there is freedom
I speak Jesus

Chorus: Your Name is power, Your Name is healing
Your Name is life
Break ev'ry stronghold, shine through the shadows
Burn like a fire

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
Over fear and all anxiety
To ev'ry soul held captive by depression
I speak Jesus

Bridge: Shout Jesus from the mountains
Jesus in the streets
Jesus in the darkness over ev'ry enemy
Jesus for my fam'ly
I speak the holy Name Jesus

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“When The Stars Burn Down”

When the stars burn down and the earth wears out
And we stand before the throne
With the witnesses who have gone before
We will rise and all applaud

Chorus: Singing blessing and honor
And glory and power
Forever to our God
Singing blessing and honor
And glory and power
Forever to our God

When the hands of time wind fully down
And the earth is rolled up like a scroll
The trumpets will call and the world will fall
To its knees as we all go home

Bridge: Star of the morning, Light of salvation, Majesty
God of all mysteries Lord of the universe
Righteous King

There will come a day standing face to face
In a moment we will be like Him
He will wipe our eyes dry take us up to His side
And forever we will be His

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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 17:1-15

Psalm 66:1-8

1 Peter 2:1-12

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 14:1-14.

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)

“God Really Loves Us”

I've got a friend closer than a brother
There is no judgement, oh how he loves me
I've got a friend

And He is my strength, He is my portion
With me in the valley, with me in the fire
With me in the storm
Let all my life testify

Chorus: Hallelujah, we are not alone
God really loves us God really loves us
Hallelujah, oh praise my soul
God really loves us God really loves us

His mercy's enough, His grace is sufficient
So come if you're needing
Forgiveness or healing His mercy's enough

Oh and this is our hope, the cross it has spoken
Death is no more, Christ is the Lord
Oh this is our hope

Bridge: (And oh) What a Father, what a Friend
(Oh) What a Savior He is
(Sing oh) What a Father, what a Friend
(Oh) What a Savior He is

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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.

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 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

“O Come To The Altar”

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin, Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well, Jesus is calling

Chorus: O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait, Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born, Jesus is calling

Bridge: Oh what a Savior isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him for he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

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“To See Your Face”

To see Your face and all of Your beauty
To know Your grace and all of Your glory
This is my cry O Lord, my heart's desire O Lord
To see Your face to know Your grace. This is my cry.

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"Ascribe Greatness"

Ascribe greatness to our God the Rock
His work is perfect, and all His ways are just.
Ascribe greatness to our God the Rock
His work is perfect,
And all His ways are just.

A God of faithfulness and without injustice,
Righteous and upright is He.
A God of faithfulness and without injustice,
Righteous and upright is He.

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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

"Only You"

You have known my every situation
And Your goodness sustains me Lord
I will bow in humble expectation
Of Your presence in the storm

Yes there will be trial and tribulation
And You'll grant me breath to persevere
May my heart beat in pure anticipation
Of the day You'll dry these tears

Chorus 1: Only You have set the earth on its foundation
Only You give orders to the dawn
Only You can know the depths of every ocean
Only You deserve our song

Lord You are the thunder to my whisper
Yes Your greatness knows no bounds
All these things too wonderful to speak of
Fill my soul with a heavenly sound (Chorus 1)

Chorus 2: Only You have torn the cover off the darkness
You expose the evils of the night
Only You reveal Your glory to the humble
Only You are clothed in light

Here I am in the valley of decision
I know You hear me when I call
I repent of my prideful disposition
Where was I when the stars sang out

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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 8th – May 14th

Monday

Creative Journaling, 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)
Homeless Ministry Food Prep, 4:00-6:30 PM (The Harbor)

Sunday

Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00 AM (Sanctuary)
Homeless Ministry, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM (Peter Maurin Center)
Bethel Akron Worship, 5:00-7:00 PM (Sanctuary & Upper Level)
Youth Group, 6:30-8:30 PM (The Harbor)

Save the Date:

May 20th – Akron Pregnancy Services' 2023 Walk for Life
June 26th thru 29th – Vacation Bible School
June 30th – St. Luke's Family Picnic
July 16th – Youth Group Mission Trip to Chicago
August 4th thru 6th – Copley Heritage Days
October 5th thru 7th – New Directory Photos

**Readings for May 14: Acts 17:22-34, Psalm 148
1 Peter 3:8-18, John 15:1-11**