



**Welcome to St. Luke's Church**  
**Sunday, November 5, 2023**

**Proper 26**

**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

### “On Christ The Solid Rock”

My hope is built on nothing less,  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Chorus:

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood,  
Support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in Him be found;  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne.

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## Welcome and Call to Worship

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

**All: Blessed be His Kingdom now and forever. Amen.**

## 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**

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## Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, as we live among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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

### “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

Interlude: Oh oh oh, 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: 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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### **"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"**

Chorus: Bless the Lord, Oh my soul  
Oh my soul, worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, Oh my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes (Chorus)

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find (Chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore (Chorus)

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### **“Worthy Of It All”**

All the saints and angels  
They bow before Your throne  
All the elders cast their crowns  
Before the Lamb of God and sing

Chorus: You are worthy of it all, You are worthy of it all  
For from You are all things  
And to You are all things, You deserve the glory

Bridge: Day and night night and day let incense arise  
Day and night night and day let incense arise

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## **Announcements**

### **The Lessons**

Micah 3:5-12

Psalm 43

1 Thessalonians 2:9-20

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

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gospel** *[All rise]*

**Sung: Word of God speak would You pour down like rain  
Washing my eyes to see Your majesty**

**To be still and know that You're in this place  
Please let me stay and rest in Your holiness  
Word of God speak**

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Deacon: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
Matthew 23:1-12.

**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**

Deacon: Let's pray for the Church and the World as our hearts and voices proclaim our desire to see you move in our midst.

We pray for peace, Lord, that the world would operate in your presence, apply your love and live in unity until we are called into your heavenly kingdom.

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

Deacon: We pray for our archbishop, our bishop, our priests, and deacons. We are connected to a larger sphere of influence than just our church and we pray that we would be unified in our purpose and ministry so that people would be drawn to your transforming love and kingdom purposes.

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

Deacon: We pray that your Word would go out to the ends of the earth. We pray for all believers to have a hunger for your word and to seek to teach and disciple others from it.

*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 implore you, O Lord, to call our nation and those in authority and public service back to you. That we may seek your face and do your will.

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

Deacon: We pray for the broken, anxious, depressed, ill, recovering, or any form of physical or spiritual oppression.

*Pray for those in need: Please add your prayers for those who the Lord has placed on your heart.*

Deacon: We pray for those who grieve the loss of loved ones. We thank you Lord for the hope of heaven and we entrust those who have passed to your eternal care.

*Pray with thanksgiving for the hope of heaven: Please add the names of those who have gone to be with the Lord.*

Celebrant: Father God, we lift our hearts to you in prayer, trusting our hopes and hearts desires to your response. May we continue to give thanks for your continued hand upon our lives and that our hearts and minds would 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: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

## “Baptized”

I can still see the steeple, a little church on the hill  
There was a line at the altar every pew had been filled  
I remember the water, the choir singing old hymns  
There was a peace in the valley  
As the preacher man he said

Chorus: In the name of the Father, the name of the Son  
The name of the Spirit you're washed by the blood  
I'm buried with Christ, raised in new life  
Baptized

I can still hear the sermon, all the people said Amen  
There was a gift of salvation and you could be born again  
I remember the power, the Holy Spirit rushing in  
There was a peace like a river  
When the preacher man said

Bridge: All those old stained glass windows  
And the stories they tell  
All the memories as clear as the day I was there  
All those years I spent running  
You've given me back  
Now I'm stepping in, oh I'm stepping in  
Oh I'm stepping in

Ending: I can still see the steeple, a little church on the hill

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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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of 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 Most  
                      Holy, Holy, Holy Lord Most High  
                      All glory power and praise  
                      And blessing now we raise for You alone can save**

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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, 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**

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world

**All: Have mercy on us.**

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world

**All: Have mercy on us.**

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world

**All: Grant us your peace.**

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**

### **“Heart of Worship”**

When the music fades, all is stripped away  
And I simply come, longing just to bring  
Something that’s of worth, that will bless Your heart

Pre-Chorus: I’ll bring You more than a song  
For a song in itself is not what You have required  
You search much deeper within  
Through the way things appear  
You’re looking into my heart

Chorus: I'm coming back to the heart of worship  
And it's all about You, all about You Jesus  
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it  
When it's all about You, all about You Jesus

King of endless Worth, No one could express  
How much You deserve, though I'm weak and poor,  
All I have is Yours every single breath.

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### **“How Deep The Father’s Love For Us”**

How deep the Father’s love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss,  
The Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life -  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer,  
But this I know with all my heart,  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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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

### "House Of 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, November 6<sup>th</sup> – November 12<sup>th</sup>**

### **Monday**

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 Intercessors, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM (Sanctuary)

### **Friday**

### **Saturday**

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

### **Sunday**

Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00 AM (Sanctuary)

Angel Tree Planning Meeting, 12:20-1:30 PM (Common Room)

*Bethel Akron Worship, 5:00-7:00 PM (Sanctuary & Upper Level)*

Youth Group, 6:30-8:30 PM (The Harbor)

### **Coming Up:**

Thru 11/19 – Copley Outreach Center Thanksgiving GC Drive

11/15 – Empty Bowl Project, 6:00-8:00 PM (Copley High School)

11/22 – Red Cross Blood Drive, 12:00-6:00 PM (Common Room)

12/24 – Christmas Eve Service, 7:00-8:30 PM (Sanctuary)

12/25 – Christmas Day Service, 10:00-11:30 AM (Sanctuary)

**Readings for November 12: Amos 5:18-24, Psalm 70  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13**