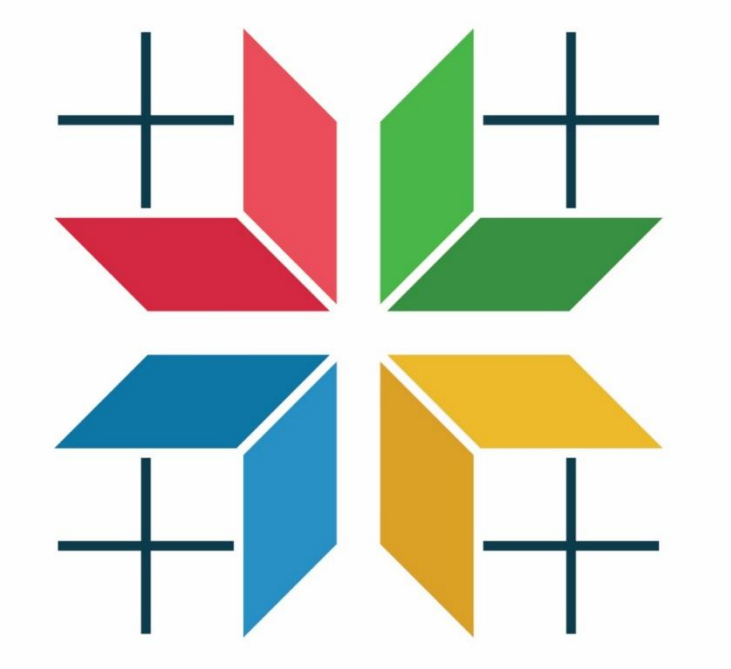


Welcome to St. Luke's Church
Sunday, October 11, 2026

Proper 23

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

"Rejoice, The Lord Is King"

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore:

Chorus: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above:

His Kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n:

Rejoice, in glorious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come,
And take his servants up to their eternal home.

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"Rejoice In the Lord Always"

Rejoice in the Lord always And again, I say, rejoice!
Rejoice in the Lord always And again, I say, rejoice!

Rejoice, rejoice and again, I say, rejoice!
Rejoice, rejoice and again, I say, rejoice!

Composer Unknown

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**
Lord have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy on us.

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Praise and Worship

"To Our God"

Up from the ashes Your love has brought us
Out of the darkness and into the light
Lifting our sorrows, bearing our burdens
Healing our hearts

Chorus: To our God we lift up one voice
To our God we lift up one song
To our God we lift up one voice
Singing hallelujah

Chains have been broken, eyes have been opened
An army of dry bones is starting to rise
Death is defeated, we are victorious for You are alive

Bridge: Hallelujah, singing hallelujah
Hallelujah, singing hallelujah
Hallelujah, singing hallelujah, hallelujah
Make His praise glorious, glorious, glorious
For His name is glorious, glorious, glorious
Make His praise glorious, glorious, glorious
Shout His name glorious, glorious, glorious

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"Step By Step"

O God You are my God and I will ever praise You
O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You
I will seek You in the morning
And I will learn to walk in Your ways
And step by step You'll lead me
And I will follow You all of my days

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"Exalted"

Exalted, He is exalted. On high, He is exalted.
For great is the Lord; let all the nations say,
Exalted, He is exalted.

Blessing and honor, glory and power;
Unto to the Lord be praise.
Sing with the chorus resounding before us,
Holy is His name, His name

Yahweh holy is Your name (x4)

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: O God, our refuge and strength, true source of all godliness: Graciously hear the devout prayers of your Church, and grant that those things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
All: Amen.

The Lessons

Isaiah 25:1-9 Psalm 23 Philippians 4:4-13

The Gospel

Sung: Speak, O Lord, as we come to You,
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness;

Deacon: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 22:1-14.
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.

Sung: Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of Your purity.

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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 would result in a church that reflects these things to a world that needs to experience the grace and mercy of your cross and resurrection. Lord in Your mercy
All: Hear Our Prayer

Deacon: We pray for an outpouring of your resurrection power and spirit upon our Archbishop, our Provincial Dean, our Assistant Dean, our Bishop, our Suffragan Bishop, our priests, and our deacons. We pray especially for the nominees for our next Bishop.

And we pray for the church that we may know Christ and make him known. Lord in Your mercy
All: Hear Our Prayer

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. Lord in Your mercy
All: Hear Our Prayer

Deacon: We pray for believers and missionaries who are persecuted for their faith. Lord in Your mercy
All: Hear Our Prayer

Deacon: We Pray that our nation would seek and follow you. Lord, we pray for our President, our Governor, our Senators and Representatives, and all who lead us in public service. May they seek to serve your kingdom purposes and honor your name. Lord in Your mercy
All: Hear Our Prayer

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. Lord in Your mercy
All: Hear Our Prayer

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. Lord in Your mercy
All: Hear Our Prayer

Celebrant: 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. (I 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. (I 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 neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. (Hebrews 13:16)

"Faithful"

You're faithful. You're faithful.
You're faithful. Oh, You're faithful, Lord, to me
You're faithful through the darkness of the night
You're faithful. You're my bright and morning light
You're faithful. Oh, You're faithful, Lord, to me

Chorus:
And I lift my eyes up to Your throne, oh God
Oh and I know, oh God, that I am not alone
And I lift my eyes up to Your throne, oh God
Oh and against all odds, I'm not alone

Bridge:
And you stand by my side while the enemy
Accuses me of all I've done
And you stand by my side while the enemy
Accuses me. You call me Your son
And you stand by my side while the enemy
Accuses me of all I've done
And you stand by my side in the face of the enemy
And cover me in Your blood

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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, 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

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world
All: Have mercy on us.

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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:

God Is Our Refuge

God is our refuge and our strength
An ever present help in time of trouble

The seas may rise up
The nations may fall
But there's a city
A holy place
Where the Most High dwells
There's a river, a fortress
Therefore we will not fear

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"We Fall Down"

We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus
The greatness of Your mercy and love at the feet of Jesus

And we cry holy, holy, holy. And we cry holy, holy, holy.
And we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.

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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

"To Our God"

Up from the ashes Your love has brought us
Out of the darkness and into the light
Lifting our sorrows, bearing our burdens
Healing our hearts

Chorus: To our God we lift up one voice
To our God we lift up one song
To our God we lift up one voice
Singing hallelujah

Chains have been broken, eyes have been opened
An army of dry bones is starting to rise
Death is defeated, we are victorious
For You are alive

Bridge: Hallelujah, singing hallelujah
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Make His praise glorious, glorious, glorious
For His name is glorious, glorious, glorious
Make His praise glorious, glorious, glorious
Shout His name glorious, glorious, glorious

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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, October 11th – October 18th

Monday
Milo Abercrombie Calling Hours, 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM (Waite Funeral Homes)
Boy Scout Troop 411, 6:30 PM (The Harbor)

Tuesday
Milo Abercrombie Memorial Service, 10:00 AM (Sanctuary & Cafe)
Worship With the Word, 6:30 PM (Sanctuary)
Stage 4 Ministry, 6:30 PM (Conference Room)
Women's Group, 7:00 PM (Common Room)

Wednesday
MomCo Meeting, 9:00 AM (Café & Nursery)
Harvest Leadership Alliance Training Course, 7:00 PM (Sanctuary)

Thursday
Stage 4 Ministries, 9:30 AM (Common Room)

Friday
Church Offices, CLOSED

Saturday
Men's Group, 9:30 AM (Lower Kitchenette)

Sunday
"Experiencing God" Adult Sunday School, 9:00 AM (Sanctuary)
Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00 AM (Sanctuary)

Upcoming:
October 15th-17th – ADGL Mission Conference and Synod
October 16th - Children Of The Liturgy Workshop

Readings for October 18: Sirach 38:1-14
Psalm 147:1-11 ○ 2 Timothy 4:1-13 ○ Luke 4:14-21