



**Welcome to St. Luke's Church**  
**Sunday, October 15, 2023**

**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

### "'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: 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: 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.**

## Praise and Worship

### “Your Love, Oh Lord”

Your love, oh Lord reaches to the heavens  
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky.  
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains.  
Your justice flows like the ocean's tides.

I will lift my voice to worship You, my King.  
I will find my strength in the shadow of Your wings.

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## **“Our God”**

Water you turned into wine,  
Opened the eyes of the blind  
There's no one like you, none like You

Into the darkness you shine,  
Out of the ashes we rise  
There's no one like you, none like You

Chorus: Our God is greater, our God is stronger,  
God you are higher than any other.  
Our God is Healer, Awesome in Power  
Our God! Our God!

Into the darkness you shine,  
Out of the ashes we rise  
There's no one like you, none like You

Bridge:

And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us.  
And if our God is with us, then what could stand against.  
And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us.  
And if our God is with us, then what could stand against.  
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## **“How Great is Our God”**

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice  
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice

Chorus: How great is our God! Sing with me  
How great is our God! And all will see  
How great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands  
Beginning and the end. Beginning and the end  
The Godhead Three in One, Father, Spirit, Son  
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb

Tag: Name above all Names, worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing: How great is our God

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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.**

Isaiah 25:1-9

Psalm 23

Philippians 4:4-13

### 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 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.**

## 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 Lord for peace, 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 know that we are connected to a larger fellowship 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 pray for you to call our nation back to you, and for those in authority and public service, that they 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)

### "Satisfied"

All my life long I had panted  
For a drink from some cool spring  
That I hoped would quench the burning  
Of the thirst I felt within

Chorus: Hallelujah He has found me  
The One my soul so long has craved  
Jesus satisfies all my longings  
Through His blood I now am saved

Feeding on the filth around me  
Till my strength was almost gone  
Longed my soul for something better  
Only still to hunger on

Poor I was and sought for riches  
Something that would satisfy  
But the dust I gathered 'round me  
Only mocked my soul's sad cry

Well of water ever springing  
Bread of Life so rich and free  
Untold wealth that never faileth  
My Redeemer is to me

Ending: Through His blood I now am saved  
Through His blood I now am saved

## 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**

## 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**

#### **“Here as in Heaven”**

The atmosphere is changing now  
For the Spirit of the Lord is here  
The evidence is all around  
That the Spirit of the Lord is here

Chorus: Overflow in this place fill our hearts with your love  
Your love surrounds us  
You're the reason we came to encounter your love  
Your love surrounds us

A miracle can happen now  
For the Spirit of the Lord is here  
The evidence is all around  
That the Spirit of the Lord is here

Bridge: Spirit of God fall fresh on us  
We need your presence  
Your kingdom come your will be done  
Here as in heaven

Tag: Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the power  
Yours is the glory forever (Amen)  
Let heaven come, let heaven come  
Fling wide the door to my heart  
Open the door to my soul  
Have your way, have your way

## “Hosanna, Praise is Rising”

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You, we turn to You  
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You  
We long for You

Pre-Chorus:

Cause when we see You we find strength to face the day  
In Your presence all our fears are washed away  
Washed away

Chorus:

Hosanna, Hosanna, You are the God who saves us  
Worthy of all our praises  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Come have Your way among us  
We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You, we turn to You  
In Your kingdom broken lives are made new  
You make us new

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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**

### **“Way Maker”**

You are here moving in our midst  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here working in this place  
I worship You I worship You

Chorus: (You are) Way Maker, Miracle Worker  
Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness  
My God that is who You are

You are here touching every heart  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here healing every heart  
I worship You I worship You

You are here turning lives around  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here mending every heart  
I worship You yeah I worship You Lord

Tag: That is who You are, that is who You are  
That is who You are, that is who You are

Bridge: Even when I don't see it You're working  
Even when I don't feel it You're working  
You never stop You never stop working  
You never stop You never stop working

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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 16<sup>th</sup> – October 22<sup>nd</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**

MOPS/MomsNEXT, 9:30-11:30 AM (Café)

### **Thursday**

Stage 4 Ministry, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM (Conference Room)

### **Friday**

Youth Group Movie Night, 7:00-10:00 PM (The Harbor)

### **Saturday**

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

10/21 – 'They Also Died as Jews' evening with Kelvin Crombie

### **Sunday**

Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00 AM (Sanctuary)

Anglican Living & History Series, 12:30-2:00 PM (Sanctuary)

Angel Tree Planning Meeting, 12:30-1:30 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

11/22 – Empty Bowl Project, 6:00-8:00 PM (Copley High School)

**Readings for October 22: Malachi 3:6-12, Psalm 96  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matthew 22:15-22**