



LOVE

Mark 12:30-31



GROW

EPHESIANS 4:11-13



SERVE

1 PETER 4:10-11



GO

MATTHEW 28:19-20

Welcome to St. Luke's Sunday, September 4, 2022

**Our Vision:
To Know God and To Make Him Known**



St. Luke's Church

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Processional Hymn

“To God Be The Glory”

To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Chorus: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory
Great things He hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (Chorus)

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Chorus)

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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)

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: O Lord God, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Praise and Worship

“Today (As For Me And My House)”

Today I choose to follow You
Today I choose to give my yes to You
Today I choose to hear Your voice and live
Today I choose to follow You

As for me and my house
We will serve You
As for me and my house
We will spend our lives on You

Wonderful Counselor Everlasting Father
Eternal King Lord of Hosts
Willingly we follow

"Exalted Over All"

From Heaven's throne You came to us
And set Your heart upon the cross
We'll never know the sacrifice You made

For all our sin and all our shame
You took the nails and took our place
No one else could do what You have done

Chorus 1: One name is higher, one name is stronger
Than any grave than any throne
Christ exalted over all

From the grave where death would die
You rose again and brought us life
You're reigning now the Savior of the world
You're reigning now the Savior of the world

Chorus 2: The only Savior Jesus Messiah
To You alone our praise belongs
Christ exalted over all

Bridge: We'll sing Your praise, sing Your praise
We sing Your praise forever
And lift Your name, we lift Your name
Jesus over all

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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

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 1

Philemon 1-25

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. Alleluia, alleluia.

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Deacon: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Luke 14:25-33.

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

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

Celebrant: Lord, we pray that you would give us hearts to steward the world we live in. Enable your church to be a catalyst for the kingdom and your people to reflect You in all things.

(Pray aloud, as led, for the world, the church, and its people.)

Celebrant: Lord, because it is our church's mission to Love, Grow, Serve, and Go, increase in us the will to love like Jesus, the hunger to grow in wisdom and discernment, the desire to serve without prejudice or pretense, and the initiative to go to others with the hope of the gospel.

(Pray aloud, as led, for the mission of the church to live the great commandment and fulfil the great commission)

Celebrant: Lord, pour out your favor and blessing upon our nation. Help us to pray for our state and nation's leaders in this challenging season. Empower us to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with You.

(Pray aloud, as led, for our nation)

Celebrant: Lord, open our eyes to see, our ears to hear, and our lives to act on behalf of our neighbors. Give us insight and creativity as we seek to serve their needs, heal their lives, and restore their spirit. Help us to curate the time and effort needed to make impact on our community.

(Pray aloud, as led, for our neighbors.)

Celebrant: Lord, we lift to you those who are sick, in need, oppressed, or grieving. Help us to purposely reach out to them in love and give us the discipline to pray for them until they are restored.

(Pray aloud, as led, for those in need.)

Celebrant: Lord, help us to honor the dead in Christ. With thanksgiving and remembrance, we bless You for the memory of their lives, the legacy of their faith, and the fulness of their joy in Your presence.

(Pray aloud the names of those who have died in Christ)

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 forever.

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)

“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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Doxology

**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

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; for he is your living Word from before time and for all ages; by him you created all things, and by him you make all things new.

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

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest!**

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.

Celebrant: The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven.
 The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation.

Music During Communion

God I Look To You

God I look to You, I won't be overwhelmed
Give me vision to see things like You do
God I look to You, You're where my help comes from
Give me wisdom You know just what to do. (repeat)

Chorus 1:

I will love You Lord my strength
I will love You Lord my shield
I will love You Lord my rock
Forever all my days I will love You God

Chorus 2: Hallelujah our God reigns
Hallelujah our God reigns
Hallelujah our God reigns
Forever all my days hallelujah

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“Stronger”

There is Love that came for us
Humbled to a sinner's cross
You broke my shame and sinfulness
You rose again victorious

Faithfulness none can deny
Through the storm and through the fire
There is truth that sets me free
Jesus Christ who lives in me

Chorus: You are stronger, You are stronger
Sin is broken. You have saved me
It is written Christ is risen
Jesus You are Lord of all

No beginning and no end
You're my hope and my defense
You came to seek and save the lost
You paid it all upon the cross

Bridge: So let Your Name be lifted higher
Be lifted higher, be lifted higher

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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 hopes

All: We set on the risen Christ

The Blessing

The Recessional

"Build Your Kingdom Here"

Come set Your rule and reign in our hearts again
Increase in us we pray unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your church, we need Your power in us

Chorus: Build Your kingdom here let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here we pray

We seek Your kingdom first, we hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives for You're our joy and prize
To see the captives' hearts released
The hurt the sick the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause
We are Your church, we pray revive this earth (Chorus)

Unleash Your kingdom's power reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church, we are the hope on earth (Chorus)

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The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Deacon: Exchange with one another the Lord's Peace.

This Week at St. Luke's Church, September 5th - September 11th

Monday

LABOR DAY, Offices Closed

Tuesday

Worship With the Word, 6:00-8:00 PM (Sanctuary)

Stage 4 Ministry, 6:30-8:30 PM (Lower Conference Room)

Women's Group, 7:00-8:30 PM (Lower Conference Room)

Wednesday

St Luke Golf League, 5:20 PM (Pine Valley Golf Course)

Thursday

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

Friday

Saturday

Men's Group, 9:00-10:30 AM (Common Room)

Memorial Service for Neal Stevens, PM (Sanctuary)

Sunday

Sunday Morning Worship, **10:00 AM** (Sanctuary)

Rule of Life Series, 1:00-2:30 PM (Sanctuary)

Youth Group, 6:30-8:30 PM (Teen Center)

**Readings for September 11: Exodus 32:1, 7-14, Psalm 51:1-17,
1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10**