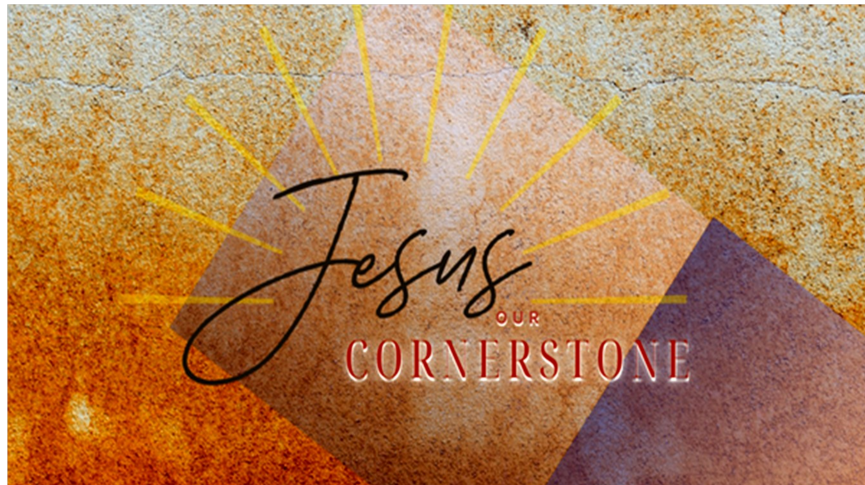


May 3rd, 2026
10:30am



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Please Silence Your Phones & Devices

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Jacob Wilson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are invited to stand as able.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness
who accompanies us on our journeys.
We give you thanks for your life-giving
death and resurrection.
We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.
Blessed are you.
You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup
overflows.
Break down barriers that divide us.
Fill us with the breath of peace.
Blessed are you.
You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation.
We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and
praise, now and forever.
Amen.



GATHERING SONG ELW #397

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds in praise of love that
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, there - fore our heart with
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt-less love; set heart and will on
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring and with the heav'n-ly



still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
things a - bove that we con - quer through your tri - umph;
bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!"



Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song
Now still he comes to give us life and by his pres -
grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's day that by our lives
Be to the Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest,



of glo - ry here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
ence stills all strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
we tru - ly say: Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
most ho - ly God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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GREETING

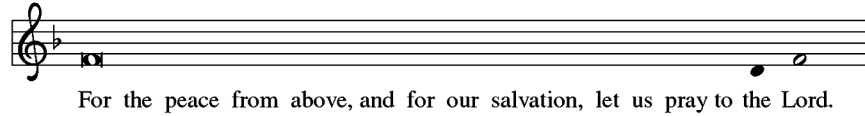
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

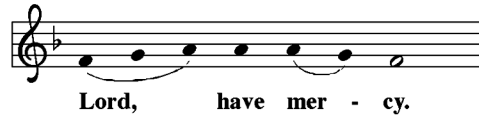
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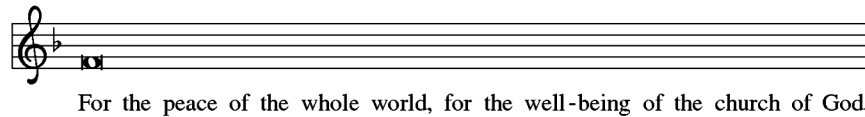
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



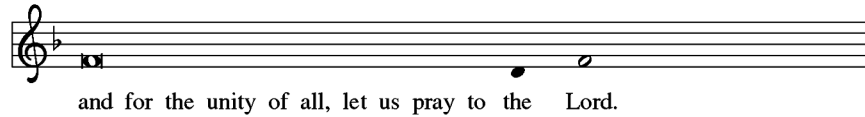
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



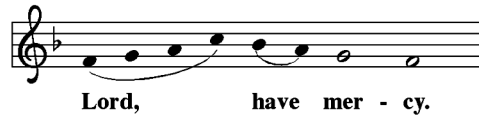
Lord, have mer - cy.



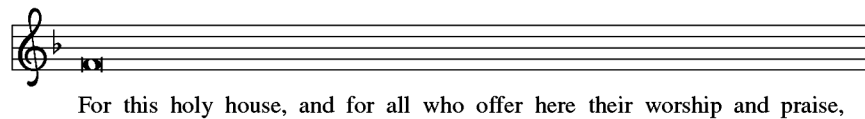
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



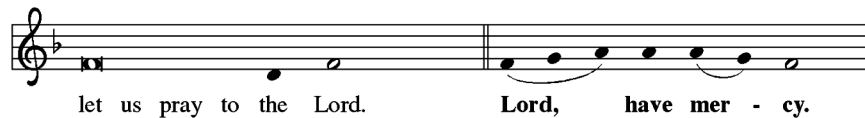
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



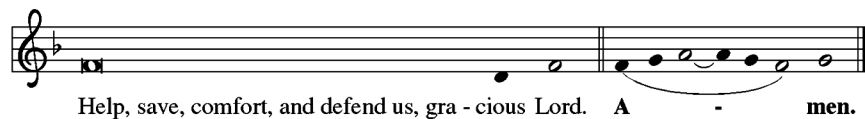
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
Your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Acts 7:55-60

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

¹ In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never
be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

² **Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.**

³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are
my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your
name, lead me and guide me.

⁴ **Take me out of the net that they have secretly set
for me, for you are my tower of strength.**

⁵ Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

¹⁵ **My times are in your hand; rescue me from the
hand of my enemies, and from those
who persecute me.**

¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love."

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:19-25

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

In This Very Room

CHILDREN'S TIME

You are invited to stand as able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

The holy Gospel according John, the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 14:1-14

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.


SERMON

You are invited to stand as able.


HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #708

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

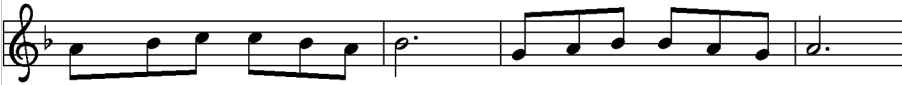
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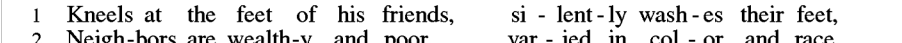
Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



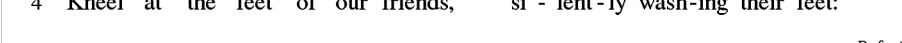
1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent-ly wash-es their feet,



2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,




3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;

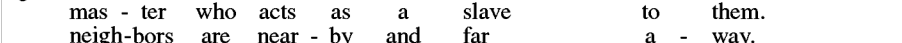


4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent-ly wash-ing their feet:

Refrain



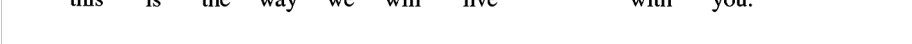
mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.



neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.



all these are neigh - bors to us and you.



this is the way we will live with you.

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APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each portion of the prayers ends:

Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

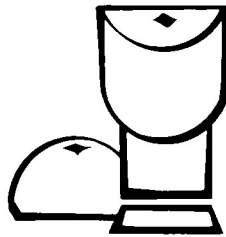
PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say "peace be with you," or similar words.

Please be seated.



MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

An offering is received for the mission of the church.

MUSIC - *Small Choir Group*

"Give Me Jesus"

You are invited to stand as able.

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God,

**accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.
You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day
when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us
with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and
mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the
name of Jesus,
Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn titled "GREAT THANKSGIVING". It consists of four staves of music in a single system, all written in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two measures: "The Lord be with you." and "And al - so with you." The second staff has two measures: "Lift up your hearts." and "We lift them to the Lord." The third staff has two measures: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff has two measures: "It is right to give our thanks and praise." The music is simple, using quarter and eighth notes with some slurs.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...
... We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
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You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that whoever believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for this coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

As often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim Christ's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious
resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought by as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and
thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your
servants,

and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of
Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Creator, Savior, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church,
now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus
taught us.

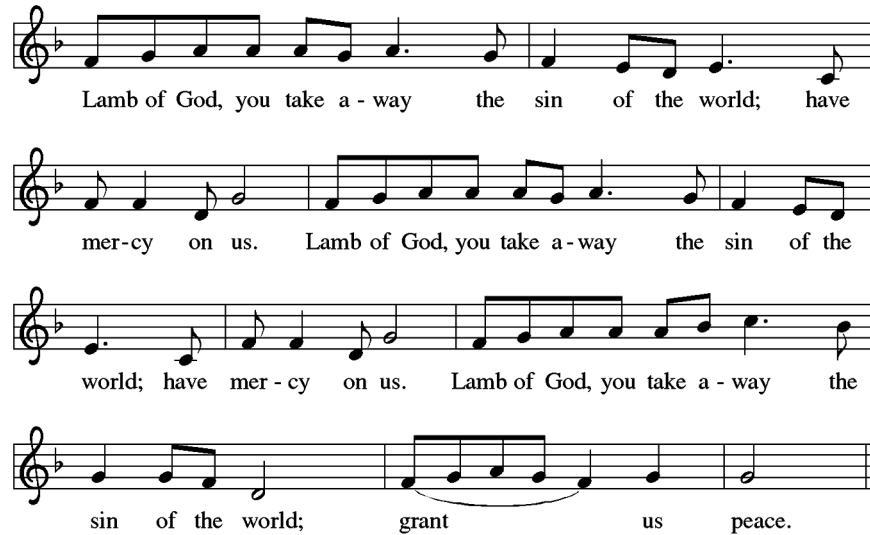
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

*All are welcome at Christ's table. Come forward by the center aisle at
the usher's invitation. Bread will be placed in your open hands. Grape
juice is in the pink glasses in the center of the tray encircled by wine in
clear glasses. Those who wish can instead receive a blessing.
Individual communion packets are available near the entrance for
those who prefer them.*

COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

You are invited to stand as able.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Holy One,

Through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
And the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
+ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG ELW #841

Lift Every Voice and Sing



1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty,
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,



let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,



let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Text: James W. Johnson, 1871-1938

Music: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING, J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873-1954

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Jane Fanucci

Worship Assistants

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|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Announcements: | Sarah Madison |
| Altar Care: | Peggy Moser |
| Acolytes: | Peggy Moser & Kelly Boyer |
| Communion Servers: | Peggy Moser & Linda Duffek |
| Prayer Leader: | Sarah Madison |
| Reader: | Punky Dias |
| Song Leader: | Karen Linfor |
| Ushers: | Gaylen Everett & Cathy Davis |
| Refreshments: | Jacob and Christiana Wilson |



Flowers Today Provided by:

Lois Sherrets

In Celebration of Kelly Boyer's Birthday

THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S
May 4th - 10th, 2026

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| Monday | Soul Sisters—Room 4 | 12:00 pm |
| Thursday | Executive Committee | 3:00 pm |
| Saturday | W-ELCA Mother's Day Lunch | 11:30 am |
| Sunday | Holy Communion | 10:30 am |
| | Adult Forum | 12:00 pm |





From the Community Concerns Board...

International Kids Festival Trip

Sign-up on the sheet in the narthex to participate in our congregational field trip to the International Kids Festival at William Land Park on May 23. Please indicate if you are willing to be a driver or if you would like a voucher for public transportation.

Questionnaire

If you haven't already done so, please complete the questionnaire from Community Concerns included with today's bulletin. Place it in the box on the opportunity table in the narthex. Community Concerns will use your responses to help us plan where to concentrate our congregational efforts and resources.



W-ELCA Mother's Day Luncheon

The St. Luke Women of ELCA (W-ELCA) cordially invites you to join us in celebrating Mother's Day on ***May 9, 2026, at 11:30AM*** with a special luncheon. This event is organized by W-ELCA, and your confirmation of attendance, along with the number of accompanying guests, would be greatly appreciated to ensure appropriate meal planning for all attendees. Kindly register by signing up on the sheet provided in the Church narthex.

Interested in the good of the community? Concerned
about the state of the world?
Then join us at



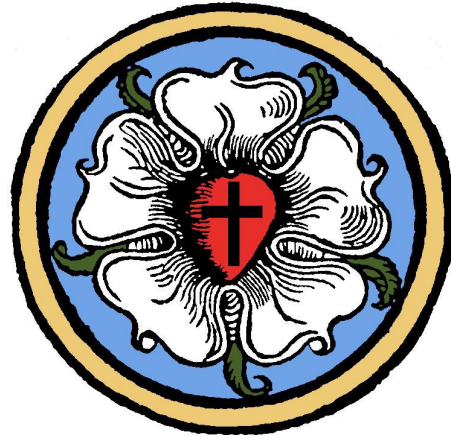
**LUTHERAN OFFICE
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Lutheran Lobby Day

**Wednesday, May 20th
St. John's Lutheran Church
Sacramento, CA
8:30-4:00 pm**



Last year Faith, Peggy, and Pr. Rob attended; this year you can too! Be part of a group of Lutherans from all over our state who meet with legislators and their aides to advocate for issues that align with the values we profess as followers of Christ. Search online for Lutheran Lobby Day or go to **lutheranpublicpolicyca.org** to sign up. Worried about speaking? Don't be! You'll be part of a group, and even your presence makes a difference. Lunch and transportation from St. John's are provided for attendees. Come be part of something amazing! Registration is open through May 12th



Through the power of the
Holy Spirit, we accept
God's call to spread the
Good News,
serve those in need,
and share the Victory of
Jesus Christ
throughout the world.

-St. Luke's Mission Statement