

## **St. Luke's Lutheran Church**

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**March 26th, 2023**

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**Fifth Sunday in Lent  
March 26th, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.**

**Prelude**

Jacob Wilson

**GATHERING**

**Welcome**

*The welcome concludes:*

This is the day the Lord has made;

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!** - Psalm 118:24

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who journeys with us these forty days,  
and sustains us with the gift of grace.

**Amen.**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another  
our need for repentance and God's mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**we confess to you our faults and failings.**

**Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;**

**we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;**

**we spoil rather than steward your creation;**

**we cause hurt though you call us to heal;**

**we choose fear over compassion.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,**

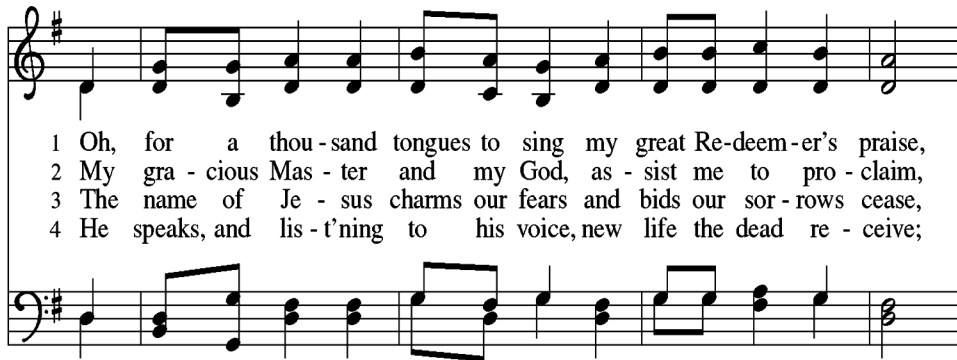
**as we seek to follow in your way of life.**

**Amen.**

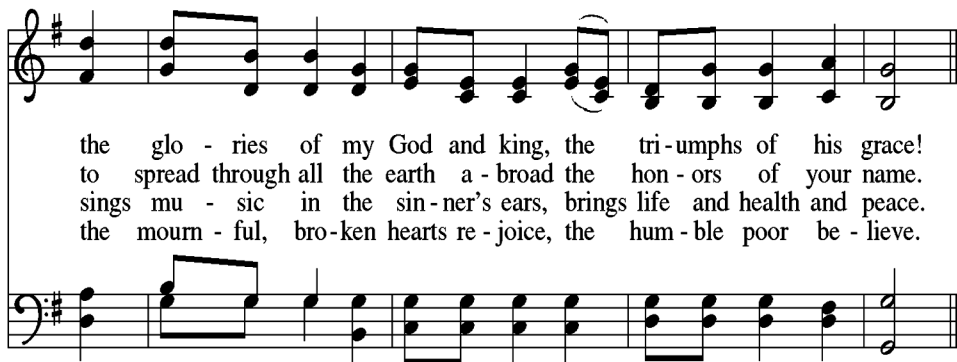
Hear the good news:  
 God so loved the world that God gave the only Son,  
 so that all may receive life.  
 This promise is for you!  
 God embraces you with divine mercy,  
 + forgives you in Christ's name,  
 and revives you in the Spirit's power.  
**Amen.**

*Please stand as able for the entrance hymn.*

**Hymn** Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing # 886



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem - er's praise,  
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,  
 3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,  
 4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
 to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.  
 sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
 the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,  
 O fallen human race!  
 Look and be saved through faith alone,  
 be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
 be now and ever giv'n  
 by saints below and saints above,  
 the church in earth and heav'n.

## **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.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **First Reading**

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Ezekiel 37:1-14

*(Pew Bible page 918)*

## **Psalm 130**

<sup>1</sup>Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**

<sup>3</sup>If you were to keep watch over sins, O LORD, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup>**Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.**

<sup>5</sup>I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

<sup>6</sup>**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

<sup>8</sup>**For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

**Second Reading**  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Romans 8:6-11  
*(Pew Bible page 1201)*

**Choir Anthem**

In This Very Room

**Gospel**

John 11:1-45  
*(Pew Bible page 1141)*

*Because of the length of today's gospel, please remain seated.*

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Pastor: Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus,

Pulpit Side: 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.'

Pastor: But when Jesus heard it, he said,

Choir Side: 'Let us go to Judea again.'

Pulpit Side: 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?'

Choir Side: 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them. Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.'

Pulpit Side: 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.'

Pastor: Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly,

Choir Side: 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.'

Pastor: Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples,

Pulpit Side: 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

Pastor: When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus,

Pulpit Side: 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.'

Choir Side: 'Your brother will rise again.'

Pulpit Side: 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.'

Choir Side: 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

Pulpit Side: 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

Pastor: When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going

to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him,

Pulpit Side: 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.'

Pastor: When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said,

Choir Side: 'Where have you laid him?'

Pulpit Side: 'Lord, come and see.'

Pastor: Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said,

Gentlemen: 'See how he loved him!'

Pastor: But some of them said,

Ladies: 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Pastor: Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said,

Choir Side: 'Take away the stone.'

Pastor: Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him,

Pulpit Side: 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.'

Choir Side: 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?'

Pastor: So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said,

Choir Side: 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said  
(continued)

this for the sake of the crowd standing here,  
so that they may believe that you sent me.'

Pastor: When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice,

Choir Side: 'LAZARUS, COME OUT!'

Pastor: The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound  
with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said  
to them,

Choir Side: 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Pastor: Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary  
and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

The gospel of our Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Children's Message**

*Children are invited to leave the worship service after the  
Children's Message for "Sunday School."*

### **Message**

*You are invited to stand as able.*

**Hymn of the Day** Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land #333

*(next page)*



*Refrain - All*

Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a  
wea - ry land; my Je - sus is a rock in a  
wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

*Leader or All*

1 No one can do like Je - sus, not a  
2 When Je - sus was on earth, . . . . . the . .  
3 Yon - der comes my Sav - ior, him . .

mum - bling word he said; he went walk - ing down to Laz -  
flesh was ver - y weak; . . he took a towel and gird -  
whom I love so well; . . he has the palm of vic -

*Refrain*

- a - rus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.  
ed him - self and he washed his dis - ci - ples' feet.  
- to - ry and the keys of death and hell.

## Prayers of Intercession

*Each prayer petition concludes:*

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:* We lift our prayers to you, O God,  
**trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew  
your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

## MEAL

**Special Music - Choir**

Brother James's Air

## Offering

*This is a great time to remember your offering and place it in your reach so that you may add it to the collection plate as it is passed.*

*Thank you for supporting St Luke's ministry.*

*As the offertory music begins, you are invited to stand as able.*

**Offertory**      Create in Me a Clean Heart      #186

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a  
right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from  
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## Offering Prayer

God of good gifts,  
**receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

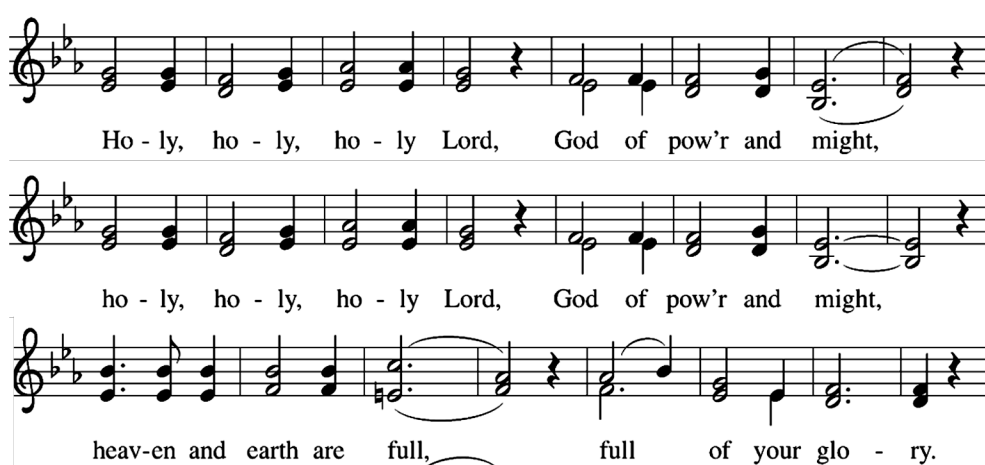
Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

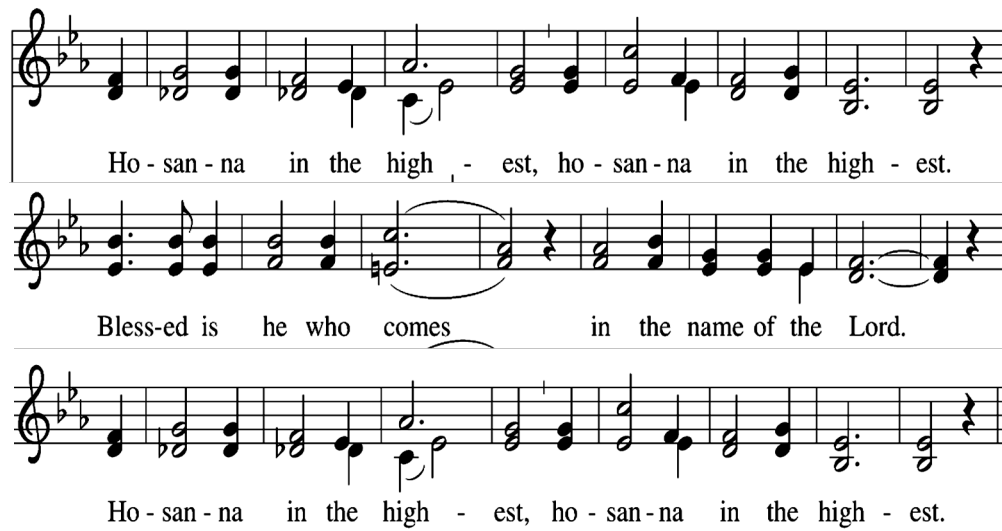
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Words of Institution

### The Lord's Prayer

**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 ever. Amen.**

### Communion

*Please be seated until the ushers direct you forward.*

*Believing that Jesus Christ is present in Communion and to receive him is to receive the forgiveness of sin, all are invited to the Lord's Supper. If you don't yet partake of the bread and wine, you are invited forward to receive a blessing. If you choose not to come forward and would like to use one of the individual Communion packets, please open your Communion packet and receive Communion.*

## Post-Communion Blessing

Now may the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace. **Amen.**

## Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray. Life-giving God,

**You have fed us with heaven's perfect food, the very presence of Jesus Christ. Send us now to be what we have received, that all creation might know your love and sing your praise now and always. Amen.**

## SENDING

### Benediction

God, the giver of love, + Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

**Amen.**

*Please stand as able.*

### Sending Hymn      Restore in Us, O God #328



- 1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen-dor of your love; re -
- 2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from
- 3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -
- 4 Three-per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.  
fruit-less fear un - furl our lives like spring-time bud and flow'r.  
tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.  
we, when all our search-ing ends, may see you face to face.

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve in love.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

Jacob Wilson

### Worship Assistants

Altar Care: Faith Thomas  
Greeter: Steven Lee  
Prelude: Jacob Wilson  
Postlude: Jacob Wilson  
Song Leader: Karen Linfor  
Reader: Phillip Petersen  
Psalm Reader: Riley King  
Prayer Leader: Barbara Manlapig

### This Week at St. Luke's March 26th - April 2nd, 2023

Sunday	Holy Communion	10:30am
Monday	Soul Sisters RM 4	Noon-2pm
Tuesday	Bible Study	10am Zoom
Wednesday	Soup Supper	6:00pm
	<i>I was sick...</i>	6:30pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
Thursday	What Does This Mean?	7:00pm
Saturday	Church Work Day	9:00am
Sunday	Holy Communion	10:30am

## OPPORTUNITIES at ST. LUKE'S

**Easter Candy Donations** - We are seeking candy donations to make Easter goody bags to pass out. Donations may be left in the Narthex. Easter goody bags will be assembled following church service on **April 2nd**.

**Community Concerns Board** - Will be collecting items for "Blessing Bags" for the months of March and April. Personal hygiene and food item bins will be provided in the Narthex.

**Church Work Day - Saturday, April 1st - 9:00am- 12:00pm**  
All members welcome. Bring a friend. Help us beautify the inside and outside of St. Luke's Church property for the Easter and spring season. Donuts and coffee will be provided. Your Humble Servant,  
*Kelly Boyer*

**Wednesdays in Lent - We Want to See Jesus** Join us each Wednesday in March for soup supper at **6:00pm** and a guest ministry partner sharing a profile of Jesus in our midst from **6:30-7:00pm**. To contribute soup, please sign up in the narthex.  
This week: *I was sick...*

### Easter Lilies

Easter Lilies will adorn the Altar and Resurrection Cross on Easter



If you would like to donate \$15 toward the purchase of an Easter Lily in honor or memory of someone, please fill out the Easter Lily form and enclose it in a pew envelope along with your donation.

Thank You!



**\*Friendly Reminder\*** All April News & Views information is now due, please submit to the church e-mail at **office@slelca.org**

*~ Thank you ~ Alison*

**Holy Week at St. Luke's** - Mark your calendars now, and plan to join us in worship the holiest week of the year:

**April 2nd** - Palm Sunday      10:30am

**April 6th** - Maundy Thursday 7:00pm

**April 7th** - Good Friday      7:00pm

**April 9th** - Easter Sunday    10:30am

**Maundy Thursday Sign-ups** - Maundy Thursday service will be held April 6th at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. During this service, the altar will be stripped. Volunteers are needed to help. There is a signup sheet in the narthex. Please consider helping! — *Shirley Prouty*

**Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles**—All are welcome to join us on Zoom for a Bible Study on the book of Acts Tuesday mornings **starting at 10 am**. We will be using “N. T. Wright for Everyone Bible Study Guide” on “Acts”, available for \$9.99 + tax on Amazon. The series is 24 weeks long. To receive the Zoom link, please contact the church office. Thank you. - *Marlene Kiser*



***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.***