



St. Luke's
Episcopal
Church

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 30, 2025

10:00 AM

VISION STATEMENT

We seek to form Beloved Community, which is welcoming and diverse,
with Christian worship and service at the heart.

MISSION STATEMENT

We feed people in body, mind and spirit with the love of God, in the name of Jesus,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

CORE VALUES

Beloved Community + Loving Service + Sacred Space + Spirit Filled + Sustainability

THE GATHERING RITE

OPENING HYMN

Our Father we have wandered

ELW #606



1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;
2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,
3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,



in fool-ish-ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.
be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you.
com - pas-sion-ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,



But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,
In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,
grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.



as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.
in glad-ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

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THE ENTRANCE RITE

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider
People

Blessed be the God of our salvation:
Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e
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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray. Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES *seated*

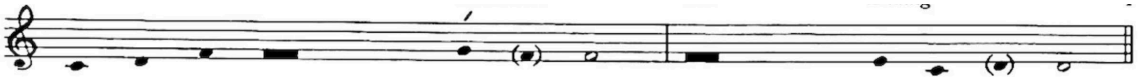
Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain.

The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 32



Happy are they whose transgressions are / forgiven *
and whose sin is / put away!

Happy are they to whom God imputes / no guilt *
and in whose spirit there / is no guile!

While I held my tongue, my bones withered / away, *
because of my groaning / all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day / and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the / heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin / to you *
and did not con- / ceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions / to God." *
Then you forgave me the guilt / of my sin.

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time / of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they / shall not reach them.

You are my hiding-place;

you preserve me / from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts / of deliverance.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you / should go; *
I will guide you / with my eye.

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no un- / derstanding, *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will / not stay near you."

Great are the tribulations of / the wicked, *
but mercy embraces those who trust / in the Most High.

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice / in God; *
shout for joy, all who are / true of heart.

THE EPISTLE *seated*

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Lector
People

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN *standing* Bless the Lord my soul

Taize

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinner and eats with them." So he told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything.

But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father.

But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in.

His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Peter Rodgers

NICENE CREED *said by all, standing*

**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 human.
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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The intercessor offers the petitions, all respond, **Hear our Prayer.***

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Silence may be kept.

Presider and People

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.

ABSOLUTION

THE PEACE *standing*

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The People offer a greeting of peace to one another.

KIDS' WORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND SPECIAL PRAYERS

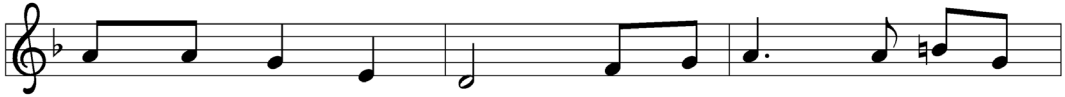
OFFERTORY HYMN

Tree of life

ELW #334



1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your
2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed
3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling



death we are re - born; though you die in all of
on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and
though our steps may be; one with you in joy and



his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you
bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the
sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the



rise with ev - 'ry morn.
bod - y of our Lord.
riv - er, you the sea.

Lent 4 Give us eyes to see you clearly; make us children of your light.
Give us hearts to live more nearly as your gospel shining bright.

Words and Music: Marty Haugen.

DOXOLOGY HYMN *standing*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The prayer continues until

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

The prayer continues until

Presider Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.**
 Christ has risen.
 Christ will come again.

The prayer continues until

By him and with him and in him, in the u - ni - ty of the Ho - ly Spi - rit
all ho - nor and glo - ry is yours, Al - migh - ty Fa - ther, now and for ev - er.
A - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider As Christ teaches us we pray,

People and Presider

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence may be observed.

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

PRAYER FOR THOSE WORSHIPING AT HOME

O Christ, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

THE INVITATION AND COMMUNION

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God: Holy things for Holy people

All are welcome to the meal where Christ is present in bread and wine. The ushers will guide you to form a line up the center aisle. You may choose to receive a sealed packet containing both consecrated wine and wafer, or you may take a piece of bread and receive the common cup. Gluten free options are available.

THE CONCLUDING RITE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *standing*

Presider Let us pray.

All

**Gracious God:
Grant that your people may have in them
the same mind that was in Christ Jesus,
and guide us into harmony of relationship
through loving-kindness and the wise use
of all that you have given;
for you are drawing all things into communion
with you and with each other
by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The Presider blesses the People.



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.
 my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
 and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

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DISMISSAL

The Presider dismisses the People, who respond

Thanks be to God.



Donate to the Clothing Drive during Lent

This Lent St Luke’s will be holding a clothing drive for our unhoused population. Lent is a great time to go through your closets and search for any jackets, pants, sweaters, socks, shirts, or shoes that you no longer use and bring them to Church for our drive. Clothes can be brought Ash Wednesday, March 5th and any Sunday through Lent. Let’s come together to clean out our closets and share our extra with those in need.

Holy Week Schedule and Special Guest

Bishop Phil LaBelle will join us at St. Luke's during Holy Week for the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. On Thursday, April 17, we will begin with an Agape potluck dinner at 5:30 shared with the bishop and our spiritual pilgrims. He will also join us on Good Friday, April 18 for both the 12 & 7pm services. If you are interested in helping with the Agape meal, please contact Alice Rowe at alicerowe100@gmail.com.

April 13	Palm Sunday	10 am	Bennett Hall
April 17	Maundy Thursday with Agape meal	7 pm 5:30 pm	Bennett Hall
April 18	Good Friday	12 pm 7 pm	Bennett Hall Historic Chapel
April 19	Easter Vigil & Great Party	8 pm	Historic Chapel
April 20	Easter Sunday & flowering the cross	10 am	Bennett Hall



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Greeter	Debbie Moore
Altar guild	Bernadette Walcott, Jo Burkholder

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