



Sunday of the Passion

Saturday, April 12, 2025, 5:00 p.m.

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St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Waukesha, WI

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**Helping people make life-changing connections with God
through Jesus Christ.**

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Notes for Worship

- Hymns: ELW: cranberry ACS purple.
- Individually wrapped gluten-free communion wafers are available upon request.
- We invite children of all ages to be in worship with us. Children are welcome to use the Pray-Ground in front of the church on the piano side as a comfortable space to experience worship. If you feel your child(ren) are being too disruptive, you are welcome to move into the Chapel.

GATHERING

Begin in the narthex, with the procession of palms.

Receive palm and bulletin in the narthex.

ACCLAMATION

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Luke 19:28-40

The Holy Gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸ After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,

"Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,

and glory in the highest heaven!”

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” ⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF PALMS

Please raise your palm branch.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

We praise you, O God, ... one God, now and forever.

Amen.

PROCESSION

Let us go in peace,

In the name of Christ. Amen.

We will process into the church while we sing the processional hymn located on the next page as we wave our palm branches.



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



- 1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
- 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
- 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God, ... and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING

(5:00 p.m.)

Palm Sunday Glory

Sharon Elery Rogers
 Godsbells

(8:15 a.m.)

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

arr. Robert Leaf
 Voices of Faith

(10:30 a.m.)

Hosanna, Blessed is He!

Katelyn Pivonka, clarinet
 Michael Bedford
 Angel Choir & Sing for Joy

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 31:9-16

- 1) *The organist plays the refrain.*
- 2) *The cantor sings the refrain.*
- 3) *All sing the refrain.*
- 4) *The congregation joins the cantor for all the bold print verses and sing the refrain when marked (R).*



In - to your hands, O LORD, I com - mend my spir - it.



- ⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I | am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat | and my belly.
- ¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones | are consumed.**
- ¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to | my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street | they avoid me.
- ¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, | out of mind;
I am as useless as a | broken pot. R**
- ¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is | all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to | take my life.
- ¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O LORD.
I have said, "You | are my God.**
- ¹⁵My times are | in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute me.
- ¹⁶**Let your face shine up- | on your servant;
save me in your | steadfast love." R**

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

- ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
8he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

9Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
10so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.



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GOSPEL

Luke 22:14-23:56

The holy gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Reading of the Passion Gospel
Please follow along and participate using the insert.
The congregation responds with the bolded text.

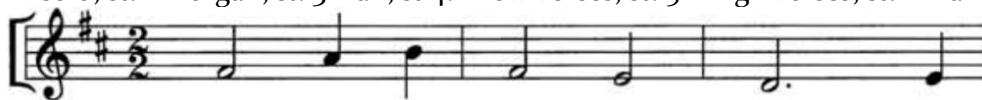
The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

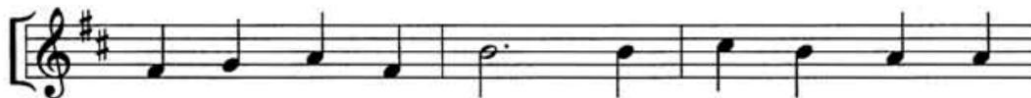
My Song Is Love Unknown

ELW 343

st. 1 - solo; st. 2 - organ; st. 3 - all; st. 4. - low voices; st. 5 - high voices; st. 6 - all



1	My	song	is	love	un -	known,	My
2	He	came	from	His	blest	throne	Sal -
3	Some -	times	they	strew	His	way	And
4	Why,	what	hath	my	Lord	done?	What
5	They	rise	and	needs	will	have	My
6	Here	might	I	stay	and	sing,	No



Sav -	ior's	love	to	me,	Love	to	the	love -	less
va -	tion	to	be -	stow;	But	all	made	strange,	and
His	sweet	prais -	es	sing;	Re -	sound -	ing	all	the
makes	this	rage	and	spite?	He	made	the	lame	to
dear	Lord	made	a -	way;	A	mur -	der -	er	they
sto -	ry	so	di -	vine!	Nev -	er	was	love,	dear



shown	That	they	might	love -	ly	be.	Oh,
none	The	longed -	for	Christ	would	know.	But,
day	Ho -	san -	nas	to	their	King.	Then
run,	He	gave	the	blind	their	sight.	Sweet
save,	The	Prince	of	Life	they	slay.	Yet
King,	Nev -	er	was	grief	like	Thine.	This



who	am	I	That	for	my	sake	My
oh,	my	friend,	My	friend	in -	deed,	Who
"Cru -	ci -	fy!"	Is	all	their	breath,	And
in -	ju -	ries!	Yet	they	at	these	Them -
cheer -	ful	He	to	suff -	'ring	goes	That
is	my	friend,	In	whose	sweet	praise	I



Lord	should	take	Frail	flesh	and	die?
at	my	need	His	life	did	spend!
for	His	death	They	thirst	and	cry.
selves	dis -	please	And	'gainst	Him	rise.
He	His	foes	From	thence	might	free.
all	my	days	Could	glad -	ly	spend!

NICENE CREED

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly 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,*

**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 INTERCESSION

God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!
And also with you!

Two Options to Use Your Phone to Give



1. Point your QR reader at the left QR graphic where you can login and track your giving. Or visit stlukeslutheran.org and click the Online Giving tab on the right side of the page.
2. Point your QR reader at the right QR graphic to make an **online one-time** gift. Or visit omella.com/o/izfds.



April Mission: Tanzania Partnership: We give thanks for our Tanzania partnership and offer our gifts to continue to support five congregations that are arranged into two parishes, Kilimamoja and Mararoni. We support them through prayer, through learning, through relationship building and through financial assistance as well.

MEAL

OFFERING

(5:00 p.m. & 8:15 a.m.)
(10:30 a.m.)

There in God's Garden
A Lenten Love Song

setting, John Eggert
Helen Kemp
Sing for Joy

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious Provider, ... sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.
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, ... join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

ACS pg. 36



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



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



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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you... to age.

Praise to you...

In the night...

Again, after supper...

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION

All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion, regardless of church affiliation. Receive our crucified and resurrected Lord in the bread and wine of this meal.

Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available from the server by request.

LAMB OF GOD

ACS pg.40

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, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Ah, Holy Jesus

ELW 349

1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
 3 Lo, the Good Shep-herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -
 judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y
 by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

ELW 351



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!
for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?
re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;
Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,
These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.
for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous Host, ... into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMM

There in God's Garden

ELW 342

st. 1 - high voices; st. 2 - all; st. 3 - low voices; st. 4-6 - all



1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,
 2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"
 3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
 There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;
 our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.
 hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!



Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -
 see there the ten - drils of our hu - man
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
 Give me your sick - ness, give me all your



pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.
 self - hood feed on its life - blood.
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

5 This is my ending
 this my resurrection;
 into your hands, Lord,
 I commit my spirit.
 This have I searched for;
 now I can possess it.
 This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,
 "Thanks to Christ whose passion
 offers in mercy
 healing, strength, and pardon.
 Peoples and nations,
 take it, take it freely!"
 Amen! My Master!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!

setting, Kristina Langlois

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IN OUR PRAYERS

For needs to be met: For peace in Palestine, Israel & Ukraine, first responders, all who struggle with uncertainty, caregivers, Hope Center, Joan W, Jim K, Pete, Sunny, Brian C, Betty, Brayden, Darlene, Dale R, Chris J, Pat S, Sue C, Ron S, Lisa S, Ellen, Isabella, Carey, Connor W, Katie L, Liz S, Terri I, Ben M, Chris B, Steve S, Judy, Kathy DW, Carol, Eldon, Debbie C, Janet J, Shane R, Chris R, Duncan B, Karen R, Fred & Karen J, Linda M, Don F, AmandaLee B, Laura B, Alex, Jan C, Liz S, Brady, Jon, Lisa E, Chris B, Sarah, Dave S, Mark, Brian T, Isabella, Anna F, Brian B, Olivia G, Kenzie D, and Vi E.

For our partner churches in the Meru Diocese in Tanzania: For the challenges they face. For God's continued blessings on our partnership.

For those serving in the military: Gary Bjerke, Jim Kieso Jr, Daniel Krueger, Brandon Stach and Richard Massey.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friendship Pads

Please be sure to sign in on the friendship pads located in each pew.

Hospitality Thank You

The April Coffee Hour is Sponsored by Cari Thompson in honor of Lenten Mentors and DT Youth.

50+ Anniversary

We give thanks for Rusty and Kathi Bartelmas celebrating their 53rd wedding anniversary on April 15!

Holy Week, and Easter Worship Schedule

Maundy Thursday Service, April 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service, April 18 at 7:00 p.m.

There will not be a 5:00 p.m. worship Saturday, April 19.

Easter Sunday worship, April 20, normal schedule, 8:15 and 10:30 a.m.

Church office is closed Monday, April 21.

Thank You

A special THANK YOU to all those who served in our Readers' Choir this weekend:

Dan Jorvig; Eileen Kron; Norah Hooper; Kathy Fontaine; Olivia Houle; Eden Tonn; Felicity Slater; Jody Geibl; Ginny Dietzler; Kathy Pederson; Jenni Marquardt; Susan Klabunde; Pastor Jordan; and Pastor Hooper

The MET Team Needs Your Input

Over the next few weeks, the MET team will be including surveys in our weekly bulletins, as well as making them available online. Each survey should only take a minute to complete. Your answers will help guide the church for our future plans of staffing and programs. Please return the paper copies in the offering plate, directly to an usher, or place them in the box on the usher's counter.

Theology Uncorked – New Location

Please come be part of this special group that gathers for uplifting spiritual conversation and good fellowship. Our next meeting will be Monday, April 14, at 6:00 p.m. at Cantarito's 408 E. Main St., Waukesha. This is a "come-as-you-can" group; no commitment required. Please join the women of St. Luke's and be part of the lively atmosphere. Consider bringing a neighbor or friend!

Come For Fellowship, Sarah Circle Bible Study

Sarah Circle, a Bible Study group, meets the third Monday of every month. This month's meeting is Monday, April 21 at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Virginia Schreib - S87W29868 Leppin Ct. Mukwonago 53149-8620 (262) 719-2474C. (262) 363-5029H. All women are welcome to come. For more information or questions, please call Virginia.

PJ headed to Tanzania May 1

May 1, PJ will be traveling to visit our partners in Tanzania. This trip is a rescheduled visit. In January, when PJ was scheduled to travel, he became sick with Covid and was not able to make the trip. While in Tanzania, PJ will visit the five churches of our two partnership parishes: Kilimamoja and Mararoni. He will be shadowing the pastors of the church and learn more about life and ministry in the congregations with whom we partner.

Hope Center Requests

Thank you to everyone who has donated for the Lenten project “Sunday Undies” for the Hope Center. The “Sunday Undies” campaign will end April 20. We truly appreciate your generosity. Currently, the Hope Center needs tee shirts/undershirts for men and boys—all sizes, men’s boxer/briefs sizes 34 and 36, ladies briefs sizes 5 and 6, ladies’ and men’s ankle socks (no crew socks are needed.) The Hope Center contribution basket is available for donations in the welcome center. Check the weekly Sunday bulletin for updates regarding current needs or visit the Hope Center’s website, <https://hopecenterwi.org/donate-now/>

St. Luke’s Centennial Scholarships Application Available

In honor of the 100th anniversary of St. Luke’s Lutheran Church, the Endowment Committee decided to offer six St. Luke’s Lutheran Church Endowment Fund Centennial Scholarships in 2021. It has been decided that these \$500 centennial scholarships will be offered annually. St. Luke’s wants to support our members who are pursuing post-secondary educations in service occupations such as the ministry, the medical field, or education. Application forms can be found on the St. Luke’s website and will be due by May 1, to the church office for consideration. Scholarship recipients will be notified, and the awards will be presented during a church service in June.

New Life Rising Capital Campaign

The three-year term of the campaign appeal will be completed about May 1, of this year with the objective of reducing or eliminating our mortgage debt over this period. The campaign continues to envision what is possible when we alleviate the nearly \$100,000 per-year spent on debt service, and we repurpose those funds into other important ministries! The campaign received pledges of about \$880,000 from the congregation. We are blessed with such generosity and close to our target, but we currently stand with about \$100,000 of pledges outstanding. The committee would like to thank our congregational members for their continued generosity to the New Life Rising campaign. We urge you to generously complete and exceed your pledge by May 1. Reminder you can send your IRA tax-deferred donation right to the church. As we work to remove our debt, there is New Life Rising at St. Luke’s with a vision to widen our community connections and our welcome to all who come. It’s a spiritual place where we gather for worship. It’s a place where we open our doors to those in need. It’s a place where we welcome our community. God is clearly present at St. Luke’s!

Needle & Thimble

Please join Needle and Thimble on Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m. They meet every week unless there is no school. Everyone is welcome. You don’t need to be able to sew. There are other things that can be done. Please call Marilyn Olson if you have questions, (262) 844-2519.

A Penny War Continues – The Stakes Have Been Raised

The Youth of St. Luke's are at it again and have declared a Penny War during the months of March and April. This year the war is between DT (the middle school youth) & YG (the high school youth). All proceeds raised will help to offset costs of the Mission Trip to go to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation this summer and other youth activities. The winner of the Penny War will be the one with the lowest points total at the end of services April 20, and they will get to cheer on the losing team as they receive their just dessert. The losing team, with the highest points, will be awarded the flavor of their choice pie in the face at the end of the Penny War. Paper, bills, checks, and electronic giving will be positive points and noisy money, coins, will be negative points. Weekly progress totals will be posted. The youth decided it is an all or nothing penny war, so ALL members of the losing team will get a pie in the face. Bid sheets to help smush a pie in the face of an awesome St. Luke's youth will be on the Penny War table at the beginning of April. There might be a few youth leaders and parents, plus college-age siblings, lining up for that opportunity. The "award" ceremony will be April 27, in between services. Hoping for good weather so that we can be outside as there could be up to 30 youth getting a pie! **In addition to the losing team getting pied, if we raise \$1000.00 Ron Pederson will get pied by PJ, if we raise \$1500 PJ will get pied by Ron Pederson, if \$2000 is raised they both get pied by each other. If \$2500 is raised Cari would get pied.** All fun and games aside, the youth would like to thank the congregation for once again supporting our sightly wacky ideas and allowing us to continue to support the faith formation of our youth. Without your prayers and financial support, opportunities such as attending a mission trip to Pine Ridge to serve along with the people and learn about their culture would not be possible.

Are You Receiving Our Weekly *Connections* Email?

Each week we send out an email called *Connections*. It includes announcements, links, information about worship schedules, community events, and so much more. If you are not receiving it, email the office (office@stlukeslutheran.org) to be added to the email list

Search Bible Study

Join us for Search Bible Study on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. as we study a book entitled, *Acts: Catching up with the Spirit*. The Acts of the Apostles is a unique and crucial book that chronicles the story of God's grace flooding out to the world through the lives of the apostles in the decades immediately following Christ's ascension into heaven. Author and New Testament professor at Luther Seminary, Matthew Skinner, explores six key themes that illustrate the ways in which reading Acts is capable of igniting our imagination about the character of the Christian message, the work of God's people (the church), and the challenges of living faithfully in a complex and changing world.

You're Invited: SOPHIA Community Breakfast on May 3, 2025

Join us in putting our faith into action at the SOPHIA Community Breakfast on Saturday, May 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at La Casa de Esperanza, 410 Arcadian Ave, Waukesha. The cost is \$50 and includes breakfast. This inspiring morning brings together people of faith, justice-seekers, and local leaders committed to building a more compassionate and equitable Waukesha County. This year's event will focus on the immigration crisis facing our community, with keynote speaker Darryl Morin, President of Forward Latino. Tickets can be purchased through the website, sophiawaukesha.org. This is a great opportunity to learn more about SOPHIA. Let's show up, stand together, and support the work SOPHIA is doing to uplift our neighbors and our shared values. We hope to see you there! For questions about the event or SOPHIA? Contact Rachel Schwab at (414) 651-5553, or rachel.e.schwab@gmail.com.

CLM Scrip Fundraiser

We have some exciting news! Our St. Luke's Child Life Ministries Scrip Account through RaiseRight is now active! What is Scrip? It's a place where you can purchase gift cards and CLM will get a portion of your purchase kicked back! Going shopping? Get a gift card to pay for your purchase and donate to CLM at the same time, it's that easy! You can order your gift card and have it instantly available to use, right from your phone. There are two easy ways to sign up, follow this link OR scan the QR code. Share with your friends and relatives by sending them a text or email! There's no cost or upcharge, just purchasing gift cards that helps CLM. <https://www.raiseright.com/enroll?enrollCode=FD7A8962586>



Prayer Shawl for Taking and Making

The Prayer Shawl Team would like to inform you that lap robes and prayer shawls are available in the display cabinet located in Veterans Hall. If you know someone who needs a hug from God, feel free to choose an appropriate one from the display. There is a clipboard to record the recipient's name. Share the LOVE! Also, Thank you for keeping our prayer patches full! We would like diversity in the prayer patches, both with and without crosses. We are also in need of prayer shawls. You pick the design, color, and type of yarn. Feel free to take yarn from the shelves by the veteran hall. Please call Gloria for dimensions of what you make and with any questions at (262) 547-8096.

Online Giving

To start giving electronically or make changes to your on-line giving, please log on to our website and click on "Online Giving" on the far right. You can also fill out the paper authorization form and return it to the church office. Paper authorization forms are available at the Welcome Center.

Flower and Coffee Hour Sponsorship

We are very blessed to see so many participating in sponsoring Coffee Hour and Ambo Flowers to honor or celebrate a loved one or a special occasion! If you have signed up on the Ambo Flowers poster or the Coffee Hour board, please drop off your offerings to cover the sponsorship at the church office, offering plate, or via mail. Please include which sponsorship you are paying in the memo line, envelope detail, or a simple note. The cost of the sponsorships are as follows: Flowers: \$45 per weekend, Coffee Hour: \$30 for 2 weekends or \$55 for a month. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy in the church office. Many thanks!

2025 Monthly Coffee Hour Sponsorship

The 2025 Monthly Coffee Hour Sponsorship is now available at Sign Up Central. The fee for the coffee hour is \$30 for 2 weekends or \$55 for the whole month. With the sponsorship you receive the *option* to have displayed up to 12 pictures on the high tables in the narthex and Hospitality area. The picture(s) must be received in the office no later than the 15th of the month prior to your sponsorship month. If no pictures are received a written acknowledgement of your sponsorship will be displayed. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Hendrickson (262) 542-5940 or Tonia in the church office with questions.

Extending Care for You

Our pastors make visits and calls to people in need of pastoral care. If you would like pastoral care from our pastors, please call the church office at (262) 542-2545. This is especially important if you are going through life-transitions, illness, or trauma. If you change your address or enter a care facility or rehab center, please update the church.

Communication is Key

Communicating when, where, what, why, and how is key. If there is something you would like communicated in the weekly bulletin, weekly *Connections* email, or the monthly Epistle newsletter, it's as easy as writing up the announcement and emailing it to Tonia at office@stlukeslutheran.org or stopping by the office with your article by the deadlines. The deadlines for the bulletin and *Connections* is by 12:00 p.m. the Tuesday before the Thursday or weekend you would want the information in *Connections* or the bulletin. The deadline for the monthly Epistle newsletter is the 15th of the month unless the 15th falls on a weekend or holiday; then, the deadline is the Friday before. If you have any questions, please reach out either by email or call Tonia at (262) 542-2545.

Worship Leader Information on Our Website

We have a page on the website called "Worship Leaders." It is a page that holds leadership materials for worship leaders: Acolytes, Altar Guild, Assisting Ministers, Lectors, and Ushers. It also contains a few other documents for leaders: The Power of Hello and Ministry Scheduler Pro Information Sheet. If you are a leader, you can find this page by clicking on "Ministries" in the menu at the top of every page - In the options that pop up, you'll see the new page listed at the bottom. Click on "Worship Leaders." Thank you, all, for serving!

Committing to Worship

We are encouraging each other all year long to commit/recommit to deeper engagement in worship. Perhaps you've drifted away from regular worship attendance. Come back and let God feed you in the Word and at the table of Holy Communion. Maybe while you're here, you might be called to participate more fully in the liturgies we speak and sing together. Commit yourself/yourselves to deeper engagement in worship. The more you engage God in worship, the deeper your relationship with Him grows.

Prayer Team

Scripture encourages us to bear one another's burdens. Lifting others up in prayer is a way to do that. The need for prayer and for people to pray grows daily! Please consider becoming a member of our Prayer Team. There are no meetings or phone calls to make. You will receive prayer requests via email and are asked to pray daily. No specific prayer, although suggestions are given in the email you receive. Simply ask God to guide you. Did you know you can pray any time and any place? How about while brushing your teeth or showering, during your kids practices or games, while waiting for appointments? All that is asked is that you pray daily. Please consider joining this vital ministry. For information, contact Laurie Rohrwasser.

Support the Food Pantry

You can make monetary donations to the pantry through their website. Leaders of the pantry want us to know that canned fruits and veggies along with soups have been limited the last few months. When shopping for yourself, pick up some for our neighbors and drop them in the food pantry barrels as you leave the grocery store, or bring to church to drop in the cart by door.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

April 13, 2025

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION / PALM SUNDAY

Remember Us

On this Sunday of the Passion, the gathered church remembers the final days of Jesus' life. Once the celebratory palm branches are set down, the mood shifts as the somber tones of betrayal and crucifixion take over. The Lukan narrative draws us into the details, and we remember the extent of God's passion for us as Jesus enters into the depths of suffering through divine selfless love poured out for the sake of the world.

There is power in remembering. To be sure, this is an exercise of memory and recall for us. Yet Holy Week is much more than that. In our remembering of Jesus' passion, our reality is re-membered with God's reality. Like members of a body, we are re-membered onto Christ, formed into one through the Spirit, and drawn into the reality of God's saving love. Through scripture, song, and prayer, the liturgy of this day re-members us as God's people as we bear witness to Jesus' remembrance of us.

In the culminating moment of the crucifixion, only Luke's gospel reports the exchange between the two criminals and Jesus. The one criminal chastises the other before he addresses the crucified Jesus, saying, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom" (Luke 23:42). The request is for more than an act of recall; the criminal is seeking to be re-membered in the dominion of God, seeking a fusion of realities—his with Jesus'. Without hesitation, Jesus responds, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise" (v. 43). The criminal will be *with* Jesus, re-membered to Jesus.

This Sunday we remember Jesus' passion as together we are joined to God's loving action for the world. Jesus' last breath on the cross is the moment when our reality is re-membered with God's, for Jesus remembers us, and paradise's reign is realized.

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This Week at St Luke's

Sunday, April 13, 2025

8:00 D.T. Walk with Jesus Prep
 8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
 9:20 a.m. D.T. Walk with Jesus
 Presentation
 9:20 a.m. Sunday School
 9:30 a.m. Mt. Meru Coffee
 6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.

Monday, April 14, 2025

8:00 a.m. Amigos
 1:00 p.m. Facilities Committee
 6:00 p.m. Theology Uncorked
 6:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

8:30 a.m. Needle and Thimble
 5:15 p.m. El Sistema Night
 5:30 p.m. Finance Committee
 6:30 p.m. Church Council

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

9:30 a.m. Search Bible Study
 5:30 p.m. CLM Staff
 6:00 p.m. Godsbells
 7:00 p.m. N.A.
 7:15 p.m. Voices of Faith

Thursday, April 17, 2025

9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl
 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship
 7:00 p.m. The Broad Highway A.A.

Friday, April 18, 2025

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship

Saturday, April 19, 2025

NO Worship

Sunday, April 20, 2025

8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
 6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.

Serving this Weekend:

	5:00	8:15	10:30
Presiding:	Pastor Hooper	Pastor Jordan	Pastor Jordan
Preaching:	Pastor Hooper	Pastor Hooper	Pastor Hooper
Music:	Michael Schaner	Michael Schaner	Michael Schaner
Assisting Minister:	Dan Jorvig	Ben Shelley	Dan Jorvig
Lector:	Ralph Klass	June Kieckhaefer	Debbie Knee
Communion Asst:	Jody Geibl	Ginny Dietzler	Kathy Pederson
Bread Baker:	Judie Federico	Judie Federico	Judie Federico
Acolyte:	Olivia Houle	Cash Hendrickson	Nora Persells
Altar Care:	Susan Klabunde	Carolynn Fish	Sandy Hendrickson
		Marilyn Christiansen	Sharon Spivek
			Sharon Wood
Ushers:	Susan Klabunde	Kathy Fontaine	Jim Kieso
	Harold Bloch	Jay Fontaine	Debbie Lathrop
		Wendy Bacon	Theo & Amy Lopez
		Trudy Staffeldt	Finley & Theo Lopez
Worship Tech:		John Christiansen	