



Fifth Sunday of Easter Ignite Worship Service

Sunday, May 18, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

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

PRELUDE

Children of the Heavenly Father setting, Anne Krentz Organ
and
Baptized and Set Free

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of † the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God, ... empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks ... cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks ... rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, ... ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG

I'll Do My Best

Jeremy Dalton

Love, I'll Love
I'll love you Lord forever
Love, I'll Love
I'll love you Lord forever

Refrain

I'll do my best
I'll do my best Oh Oh Oh
I'll do my best for you Oh Oh Oh
I'll do my best
I'll do my best Oh Oh Oh
I'll do my best for you.

Serve, I'll serve,
I'll serve you Lord forever
Serve, I'll serve,
I'll serve you Lord forever

Refrain

Praise, I'll praise
I'll Praise your lord forever
Praise, I'll praise
I'll Praise your lord forever

Refrain

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, ... and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all!
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, ... lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

ACTS 11:1-18

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with

them?" ⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵ "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶ As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸ But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹ At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹² The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 148

Read responsively by verse.

¹ Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise God in the heights.

² **Praise the Lord, all you angels;
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

³ Praise the Lord, sun and moon;
sing praise, all you shining stars.

⁴ **Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord,
who commanded, and they were created,

⁶ **who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;

⁸ **fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**
⁹ mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;
¹⁰ **wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds;**
¹¹ sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;
¹² **young men and maidens,
old and young together.**
¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.
¹⁴ **The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful
servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-6

¹ I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.”

Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶ Then he said to me,

“It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle Hallelujah

ELW 172

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Jordan

HYMN OF THE DAY

You Are My All In All

You are my strength
When I am weak.
You are the treasure
That I seek.
You are my all in all.
Seeking You as a precious jewel,
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool.
You are my all in all.

Refrain

Jesus, Lamb of God,
Worthy is Your name!
Jesus, Lamb of God,
Worthy is Your name!

Taking my sin,
My cross, my shame,
Rising again I bless Your name;
You are my all in all.
When I fall down, You pick me up;
When I am dry, You fill my cup;
You are my all in all. *Refrain*

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

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!

And also with you!

MEAL

OFFERING

Build Your Kingdom

Rend Collective

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OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One, ... enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

Amen.

DIALOGUE

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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

All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion, regardless of church affiliation. Receive our Lord in the bread and wine of this meal. Juice and individually wrapped, gluten-free wafers are available from the server by request.

DISTRIBUTION SONG*Blessed Be Your Name*

Beth & Matt Redman

Blessed Be Your Name in the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow,
Blessed be Your name.

Blessed Be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness,
Blessed Be Your name

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,

Refrain

Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your glorious name.

TABLE BLESSING**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Living One, ... of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.
Amen.

SENDING**BLESSING**

The triune God, ... and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

This Little Light of Mine

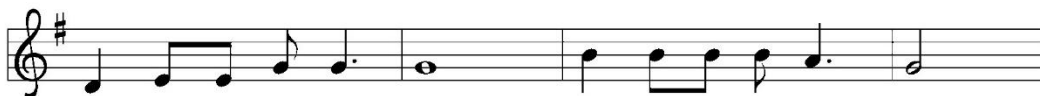
ELW 677



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,



let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

The Last Supper

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music, Eagle Eye Cherry

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IN OUR PRAYERS

For needs to be met: For peace among nations, for our country, for those impacted by natural disasters, teachers, students, & parents, first responders, for all who struggle with uncertainty, caregivers, Hope Center, Michael B, Rey L, Teri O, Kenzie D, Bob, Ashlee S, Mike, Char K, Alder, Kathy, Barb C, Carey, Karen S, Jan C, Ron S, Dave, Joan W, Pete, Sunny, Betty, Brayden, Darlene, Dale R, Chris J, Pat S, Sue C, Lisa S, Isabella, Connor W, Katie L, Liz S, Terri I, Ben M, Chris B, Steve S, Judy, Kathy DW, Carol, Debbie C, Janet J, Shane R, Chris R, Karen R, AmandaLee B, Eldon, Laura B, Alex, Liz S, Jon, Lisa E, Dave S, Don F, Chris B, Sarah, Anna F, Brian B, Mark, 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 and safe travels for Pastor Jordan.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friendship Pads

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

Ambo Flowers

This weekend's flowers are given to honor Jim and Gwen Kieso's 52nd wedding anniversary on May 19.

Hospitality Thank You

The May Mt. Meru Coffee Hour is sponsored by Jim Buskel in memory of June Buskel.

50+ Anniversary

We give thanks for Jim and Gwen Kieso celebrating their 52nd wedding anniversary on May 19!

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, May 19, at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Carol Bingham – S24W22756 Morningside Dr. Waukesha (262) 574-5069. All women are welcome to come. For more information or questions, please call Carol.

New Member Session Scheduled

All wishing to become members of the congregation are invited to attend a new members' dinner on Tuesday, May 27, at 6:00 p.m. This session will be held in Hospitality. We will talk together about what membership at St. Luke's means, get to know others who are becoming members, and prepare for the reception of members. New members will be received into the congregation during worship on Sunday, June 1. If you have any questions or you would like to be a part of the session, contact Shari Higgins, Assistant for Engagement, by calling the church office (262)-542-2545 x113, or sending an email to shigs@stlukeslutheran.org. Shari will be here Sunday May 18 and 25.

Graduate Celebration

Join us in celebrating and recognizing St. Luke's Graduates on June 1 at the 10:30 a.m. service with a cookout/picnic to follow. Please RSVP to Cari (youth@stlukeslutheran.org) by 5/25.

Join Forever 40

Join the Forever 40 Group and attend the special concert by the Wisconsin Philharmonic Orchestra on Thursday, June 5, at the Oconomowoc Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. The concert will celebrate the 250th Birthday of Our Nation's Armed Forces, and it will include The Star-Spangled Banner, Bob Loudon's Armed Forces Salute, Samuel Barber's Adagio for Strings, and Aaron Copland's Symphony No. 3 (1946), "Fanfare for the Common Man". Contact Ed Raether at eraether9@gmail.com or (262) 542-7872. Tickets are \$33 and we will meet at the OAC Theatre or contact Ed if you need a ride. The deadline for making reservations is May 17.

Join Us in the Park for Worship

We will be having our Sunday, 10:30 a.m. service at Cutler Park by the Les Paul Performance Center this summer on the third Sunday of the summer months: June 15, July 20, and August 17, weather permitting. Please join us.

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.

2025 Summer Music Camp registration open

Registration for our 2025 summer music camp is now open! We have openings for our full day session for students entering 2nd-7th grade. Our theme for 2025 is *Once Upon a Parable*, and our days are filled with singing, Bible stories, crafts, playing musical instruments, and more! The cost for music camp is \$100 for the full day session. Scholarships are available as well. Registration and more information can be found at: <https://stlukeslutheran.org/music-camp/>

Theology on Tap

It saddens us to inform you that Jim Kieso and Ron Pederson have decided to step down from their leadership roles in Theology on Tap. They've come to this decision for a few reasons. There has been a lack of interest in the program, attendance has decreased, and they believe that their limited theological knowledge hinders their ability to engage in meaningful discussions. If someone is interested in assuming this leadership, they would be more than happy to assist them.

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.

Please Update Your Information with Us & Advertise Your Business

We are in the process of updating our annual Guidebook and Directory for the church. Please contact the office via email or phone if you've had a recent change to your personal information (phone, address, email and/or name changes.) Please also let us know if you would NOT like your information published. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions, and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and direct mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call (800) 597-3037.

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>



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.

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.

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 Ministry

How can our Prayer Team pray for you, a friend or loved one? We are ready to lift up prayers for you during the joys and trials of your life. If you or someone you know needs prayer for any reason, please contact Laurie Rohrwasser, lrohrwasser@stlukeslutheran.org Perhaps you know of someone who could use a note of encouragement or well wishes, please let her know

This Week at St Luke's

Sunday, May 18, 2025

8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
 9:20 a.m. Sunday School
 12:00 p.m. Youth Group
 6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.

Monday, May 19, 2025

8:00 a.m. Amigos
 1:00 p.m. Sarah Circle
 6:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

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

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

5:30 p.m. CLM Staff
 6:00 p.m. Discipleship Training
 6:00 p.m. Godsbells
 7:15 p.m. Voices of Faith
 7:00 p.m. N.A.

Thursday, May 22, 2025

6:00 p.m. Diverse Harvest Practice
 7:00 p.m. The Broad Highway A.A.

Saturday, May 24, 2024

5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday, May 25, 2025

8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
 9:20 a.m. Sunday School
 9:30 a.m. Mt. Meru Coffee Sales
 6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.

Serving this Weekend:

	5:00	8:15	10:30
Presiding:	Pastor Jordan	Pastor Hooper	Pastor Hooper
Preaching:	Pastor Jordan	Pastor Jordan	Pastor Jordan
Music:	Michael Schaner	Michael Schaner	Diverse Harvest
Assisting Minister:	Susan Klabunde	Ben Shelley	Chris Jackson
Lector:	Kathy Fontaine	Claire Larson	Tracy Craft
Bread Baker:	John Christiansen	John Christiansen	John Christiansen
Acolyte:		Gavin Harris	Conner Miller
Communion Asst:	Jody Geibl	Robbin Krueger	Jennifer Thorstad
Ushers:	Steve Wiley	Mark Bjerke	Joyce Beauchene
	Kathy Fontaine	Mark Bloede	Curt Steinquist
		Kenneth Mike Holland	Janet Steinquist
		Bob Kabitzke	Rob Riedel
		Paul Pilon	
		Dennis & Diane Voit	
Altar Care:	Jack Tans & Joyce Ruck	Ashley Bregantini	Laura Cameron
Worship Tech:		Eli Larson	