Welcome to St. Luke’s
We’re happy to have you with us this morning. We invite you to share in praying and breaking bread with us. Become part of our journey in Christ.

Our Vision Statement
We are an open, Christ-centered community, caring for each other, and doing God’s work in the world.

The First Sunday in Lent
February 21, 2021
9:00 am               Morning Prayer

Prelude               Deep River               H.T. Burleigh/arr. Hutchings
Gathering Hymn        The Rainbow Connection Karen Carpenter

The Children’s Lenten Presentation
Kate: This is the First Sunday of Lent. Today we focus on the Blessing of God’s Grace. The purple cloth is a sign of repentance; it reminds us to honor our Lenten practices of self-discipline, acts of charity, and sincere desire to reconcile with God and neighbor. Today’s symbol is the rainbow which is the symbol of hope in God’s faithful love. Let us recall those moments in our life when we have forgotten that love.

Henry: We ask forgiveness for those times when we have chosen to hate rather than love, to tear someone down rather than to build them up. Lord, give us hearts to love.

Kate: We ask forgiveness for those times that we did not trust your love by ignoring your Word and thinking that we alone have all the answers. Lord, free our stubborn minds.

Lucy: We ask forgiveness for those times we failed to trust your love of us and chose to follow our own selfish ways. Lord, give us confidence to try again.

Let us pray.
Thank you God for all the ways that you love us even when we do not love ourselves. Help us to learn to share that love with others. Amen.
Confession of Sin

Presider: Let us confess our sins to God.
People: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Presider: O God, let our mouths proclaim your praise.
People: And your glory all the day long.

Presider & People:
Praise to the holy and undivided trinity, One God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

Psalm 25:1-9 Ad te, Domine, levavi
Presider: We will recite this psalm responsively by whole verse, beginning and ending with the antiphon.

Antiphon: Our God is full of compassion and mercy. O come, let us worship.
1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you;  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
2 Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
3 Show me your ways, O LORD,  
and teach me your paths.
4 Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.
5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.
6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
7 Gracious and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
8 He guides the humble in doing right  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

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THE WORD OF GOD
A reading from the Book of Genesis

Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
Canticle F: Song of Lamentation

Lamentations 1:12,16; 3:19,22-24,26

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?
   Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow,
Which was brought upon me,
   inflicted by God’s fierce anger.
For these things I weep; my eyes flow with tears,
   for a comforter is far from me, one to revive my courage.
Remember my affliction and my bitterness,
   wormwood and gall!
The steadfast love of God never ceases,
   God’s mercies never end.
They are new every morning;
   great is your faithfulness.
“God is my portion,” says my soul,
   “therefore will I hope in God.”
It is good that we should wait quietly
   for the coming of God’s salvation.

A reading from the first letter of Peter

1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
Hymn  Christ, when for us you were baptized

1 Christ, when for us you were baptized, God's Spirit on you came,
2 God called you his beloved Son, called you his servant true,
3 Straight-way and steadfast until death you then obeyed his call
4 Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,

as peaceful as a dove and yet as urgent as a flame.
sent you his kingdom to proclaim, his holy will to do.
freely as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.
that, likewise in God's service we may perfect freedom find.

The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”


People: Praise to you, Lord Christ
Musical Reflection

The Apostles’ Creed
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.

Presider: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Presider: Let us pray.

The Lord’s Prayer
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.
**Suffrages**

V. Help us, O God our Savior  
R. **Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**  
V. Look upon your congregation;  
R. **Give to your people the blessing of peace.**  
V. Declare your glory among the nations;  
R. **And your wonders among all peoples.**  
V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;  
R. **Never forget the lives of your poor.**  
V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;  
R. **And your favor to those who are true of heart.**  
V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;  
R. **So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

Presider: Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

**The Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**A Collect For the Human Family**

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**A Collect for the Diversity of Race and Culture**

O God, who created all peoples in your image, we thank you for the wonderful diversity of races and cultures in this world. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of fellowship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Intercessions

Leader: God of love hear the cry of those who yearn for love; fractured families, broken homes, neglected, unwanted, alone.
   God of love,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: God of justice hear the cry of those who yearn for justice; persecuted and oppressed, exploited, ill-treated, broken.
   God of justice,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: God of peace hear the cry of those who yearn for peace; in battle zones and broken states, frightened, fearful, anxious.
   God of peace,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: God of healing hear the cry of those who yearn for healing; physical and spiritual, hurting, weakened, depressed.
   God of healing,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: God of mercy heart the cry of those who yearn for mercy; convicted, in need of your Grace, contrite, humble, bowed down.
   God of mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: May you know
   The peace of God
   The love of God
   The justice of God
   The healing and mercy of God
   This day and all days

People: Amen.
We now welcome your personal intentions, prayer requests, and thoughts as we check-in with our friends and neighbors.

The General Thanksgiving

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.
Hymn  

O love, how deep 

Verses 1, 2

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how passing
2 For us baptized, for us he bore his holy
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
4 For us to wicked hands betrayed, scourged, mocked, in
5 For us he rose from death again; for us he
6 All glory to our Lord and God for love so

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday Night Live at the Theology Pub - Saturday at 7 pm
Join Zoom Meeting: https://bit.ly/stluketheologypub
Meeting ID: 892 5262 5755
Password: 469891
Dial by your location:
+1 646 558 8656 US

A Conversation with Rev. Lewis Stewart, UCLM
The Adult Education Commission invites all to participate in a conversation with the Rev.
Lewis Stewart, a passionate Rochester Human Rights and Civil Rights Leader on Wednesday,
February 24, 2021 at 7pm on Zoom. We invite you to register at:

This is the last chance to register! Please do so by the end of the day tomorrow, Monday Feb-
uary 22nd.
Life Transformed—The Way of Love in Lent

The Episcopal Church put out a series for the 2021 Lenten season titled “Life Transformed—The Way of Love in Lent”. We will be sending out links to the series each Friday in Lent with the bulletin. Join in the contemplation, education, and community with this series by the Rev. Dr. Hillary Raining of St. Christopher’s Episcopal church in Gladwyne, PA. Sent Friday the 19th, here is the first session of the series:  http://bit.ly/LentFriday2021Session1

Perinton Food Shelf
As we are preparing for the cold, we need to prepare our community food shelf for the colder weather. We need: tea, boxes of jello, grape jelly, strawberry jelly, stuffing, gravy, pasta mixes, tomato products (not spaghetti sauce), cookies, salad dressing, canned peas, canned peaches, canned fruit cocktail, canned potatoes, potato mixes, chili, hash, beef stew, and soup (not chicken noodle). Thank you for all your help! Drop off places include the Perinton Community Center, Fairport Library, Red Bird Market, and our church!

Blessing
Presider: The wisdom of God, the love of God, and the grace of God, strengthen you to be Christ’s hands and hearts in this world. In the name of the holy trinity,
People: Amen.

Dismissal
Presider: Let us bless the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK:
Today 2/21 9:00am Zoom Morning Prayer & Virtual Coffee Hour
Monday 2/22 7:00pm Lenten Series with Fr. Bill on Zoom
Wednesday 2/24 7:00pm A Conversation with the Rev. Lewis Stewart on Zoom
Friday 2/26 Life Transformed—The Way of Love in Lent, Session 2
Saturday 2/27 7:00pm Theology Pub
Sunday 2/28 9:00am Zoom Morning Prayer & Virtual Coffee Hour
Our Prayers are asked...

For the world:
For peace among the peoples of the world.
For our military, and their families.

For the church:

From the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:
Pray for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America; The Rt. Rev. Julio Murray Thompson

From our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:
For the Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, for our Bishop Prince Singh and other church leaders; Bishop Salvatore R. Matano (RC), and John Macholz (Lutheran)
St. John’s Church, Sodus; Children, Youth, & Young Adult Ministries; Georgia Carney, deacon; Musicians and Artists

From our parochial concerns:
For Ken our priest, Sue & Sherry our Wardens, all the members of the vestry, our delegates, our parish and all other leaders.

For those known to us serving our country in foreign lands.

For the church and school for Dalit children in Kotha - palli- mitta, India, and our efforts to build a companion relationship with families and children there.

For those who are sick or in need: Gladys, Dee. Henry, Michael, Todd, Winnie Allen, Elliot Aronin, Kathy Banks, Virginia Clark, Meredith Fraser, Dominick Gasbarre, Sharon Grantham, Ed Lynch, Dick McDougal, Alexander Patterson, The Rev. Bill Petersen, Lee Mills-Runyan, Gerry Smith, Leslie Urbanski, Chris Veronda, Sue Veronda, Ellen Wheeler, Phil Wilkinson, Neil Wolfe and those who struggle with any affliction, as well as all who care for them.

For those who have died: Rev. Deacon Terrell W. Price

Thanksgiving for:

Those celebrating a birthday: Peter Osborn (2/25), Sharon Murray (2/26)
Participants in today’s services and those scheduled to serve next week:

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