

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Prayers are asked...

For the world:

Let us pray for the victims of gun violence. Let us continue to pray for the people of Ukraine. Let us pray for The Very Rev Kara Wagner Sherer, the ninth bishop elect of Rochester. Let us pray for those who are food compromised and do not have enough to sustain their families. Let us pray for all who live in fear. Let us stand and speak up boldly for those whose voices have been silenced in the long battle for justice.

We pray for the repose of the soul of John Palomaki, Alice Witt and Jack Dailey. We pray for their families in this time of grief.

Keep close to your heart Dom Gasbarre, Mary Ann Cady, Sally Hurlbut, Jean Patterson, James Ralston, Don Roemermann, Ellen Wheeler, Virginia Clark, Tony Palecki ,Winnie Allen. Doug Whitney, Sharon Scott.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

10:00am

Holy Eucharist

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

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The Very Rev. Kenneth R. Pepin, Rector

The Rev. Richard Krapf, Deacon

Our Vision Statement

*We are an open, Christ-centered community, caring for each other,
and doing God's work in the world.*

<i>The participants in the service this week and next are:</i>		
	April 28	May 5
8:00 AM		
<i>Acolyte</i>	Mary Jo Hazelden	Mary Lou Plakus
<i>Lector/Intercessor</i>	Chad Olson	Sharon Scott
10:00 AM		
<i>Acolyte</i>	Rich Allen	
<i>Lector</i>	Pat Knapp	Jean Keplinger
<i>Greeters/Ushers</i>	Gary Gocek	Alice & Bill Hardin
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Sharon Murray	Marti St George
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Welcome to St. Luke's!

*In the pew, the Black/Red book is the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)
and the Blue/Maroon book is the Hymnal*

GATHERING RITE

Gathering Hymn When Christ was lifted Hymn 603

The Easter Acclamation

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

***People:* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The Collect for Purity BCP pg. 355
Gloria in Excelsis Hymnal S278

Presider: The Lord be with you

***People:* And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

A Reading from the book of Acts

Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up

SENDING RITE

Bishop: Let us pray:

***People:* Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Choir Anthem Come down, O love divine

The Blessing

May the blessing of this Easter season warm your hearts with the knowledge and love of God. May you continue to be a new creation in the world and continue to share the peace of Jesus with all you meet. May the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier be with us now and always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn Lord, whose love Hymn 610

Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

***People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body,
one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Presider: Accept these prayers and praises, Father,
through Jesus Christ our great High Priest,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
your Church gives honor, glory, and worship,
from generation to generation. *Amen.*

Presider: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Hymn S164

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that
Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanks-
giving.

The Communion of the People

This is God's table and All are welcome.

and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace,
queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusa-
lem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the
prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it."
So, Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do
you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone
guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage
of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter

and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this,
about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with
this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going
along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water!
What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and
both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized
him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away;
the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself
at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to
all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 22:24-30

Deus, Deus meus

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his

Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear

and with all those in every generation
who have looked to you in hope,
to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Hymn S128

Please stand or kneel as able.

Presider: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him,
and made a new people by water and the Spirit,
now bring before you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit
to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Presider: On the night he was betrayed he took bread,
said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends,
and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said,
"Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption,
and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People: **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Presider: Lord God of our Ancestors;
God of Rebekah, Sarah, Ruth, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob;
God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:
Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us.
Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only,
and not for strength;
for pardon only, and not for renewal.

and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill.

You made us the rulers of creation.

But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust;

and we turned against one another.

People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Presider: Again and again, you called us to return.

Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law.

And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son,

born of a woman, to fulfill your Law,

to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

Presider: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus,

with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope,

to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Praise The Lord

Hymn 373

THE HOLY GOSPEL

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you Lord Christ

Sermon

The Very. Rev. Kenneth R. Pepin

The Nicene Creed

BCP pg. 358

Prayers of the People

Intercessor /Deacon: Alleluia! What was dead has come to life; what was dark now shines, what was forgotten now is remembered, for the Lord is risen and walks among us. Let us confidently bring before God the needs of our world seeking renewal as we respond:

People: Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed!

Intercessor /Deacon: God of life, in gratitude and great joy we thank you for the gift of the Resurrection. In this season give us hope.

People: Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed!

Intercessor /Deacon: In this season of joy may we find unity with all of God's creation. We pray for all those who lead us in faith, for Michael our presiding bishop, Stephen our provisional bishop and Kara our bishop elect, Ken our rector, Rich our deacon, our wardens and vestry, Rural & Migrant Ministry, The Rev. Mike Finn, The Rev. Gloria Fish, The Rev. Barbara Horn Fornalik, Neighbors, friends, guests, The Church of Bangladesh.

People: Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed!

Intercessor /Deacon: Honoring this hope of the Resurrection may we reach out to those who, because of need or injustice, have been pushed aside and are not able to share in the fullness of the light of Christ.

People: Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed!

Intercessor /Deacon: For all who have need for the gift of Easter, for those who are on the journey from illness to health, despair to hope, grief to consolation, loneliness to love.

People: Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed!

Intercessor /Deacon: That all who suffer and mourn will come to realize the hope of the Resurrection and that the Lord will wipe away all tears.

People: Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed!

Presider: God of life, we thank you for the mystery planted in us, the paradox of life from death and community from scattered disciples. We thank you for the gift of your Son, for his death and resurrection that bring to us new

life. Grace us with perseverance as we live, move, and have our being. We pray this to you, O Father, through Jesus the Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit now and forever more. *Amen.*

The Peace

Deacon: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Liturgy of the Table

Presider: Let us with gladness present the offerings and gifts of our lives and labors to the Lord.

Offertory Hymn Here in Christ Hymn 577

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C BCP pg. 369

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Presider: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider: At your command all things came to be:
the vast expanse of interstellar space,
galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,
and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: By your will they were created and have their being.

Presider: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race,