

The Holy Communion
Third Sunday after Easter
9:30 A.M. - FM 98.1

(8:15 a.m. – The Order of Service is found in the Book of Common Prayer beginning on page 67. Propers (Collect, Epistle and Gospel) begin on page 173.)

Steven Cagle, organist

PRELUDE

HYMN 385.....AUSTRIA
“Glorious things of thee are spoken”

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and

worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith.

THOU shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT FOR EASTER 3

ALMIGHTY God, who showest to them that are in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness; Grant unto all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Religion, that they may avoid* those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – 1 Samuel 2:1-10

(RSV)

Samuel's mother's sorrow turned to joy

¹ Hannah also prayed and said,

“My heart exults in the LORD;

my strength is exalted in the LORD.

My mouth derides my enemies,
because I rejoice in thy salvation.

²“There is none holy like the LORD,
there is none besides thee;
there is no rock like our God.

³Talk no more so very proudly,
let not arrogance come from your mouth;
for the LORD is a God of knowledge,
and by him actions are weighed.

⁴The bows of the mighty are broken,
but the feeble gird on strength.

⁵Those who were full have hired themselves out for
bread,
but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger.
The barren has borne seven,
but she who has many children is forlorn.

⁶The LORD kills and brings to life;
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

⁷The LORD makes poor and makes rich;
he brings low, he also exalts.

⁸He raises up the poor from the dust;
he lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes
and inherit a seat of honor.

For the pillars of the earth are the LORD’S,
and on them he has set the world.

⁹“He will guard the feet of his faithful ones;
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;
for not by might shall a man prevail.

¹⁰The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to
pieces;
against them he will thunder in heaven.

The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;
he will give strength to his king,
and exalt the power of his anointed.”

THE EPISTLE

1 St. Peter 2:11-17

DEARLY beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation. Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: as free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

THE GOSPEL

St. John 16:16-22

JESUS said to his disciples, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father. Then said some of his disciples among themselves, What is this that he saith unto us, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me: and, Because I go to the Father? They said therefore, What is this that he saith, A

little while? we cannot tell what he saith. Now Jesus knew that they were desirous to ask him, and said unto them, Do ye enquire among yourselves of that I said, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me? Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour it come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world. And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

THE NICENE CREED

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead;

Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN 361.....ST. JAMES

“Thou art the Way, to thee alone”

SERMON – The Rector

OFFERTORY

“Let There Be Peace”

Words by: Jean Anne Shafferman

Arranged by: Patrick M. Liebergen and Jean Anne Shafferman

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DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

Minister: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ’s Church.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our [alms and] oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. We beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian Rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy People give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service, and to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that

with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

GENERAL CONFESSION

¶ Then shall the Priest say to those who come to receive the Holy Communion,

YE who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To

the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

¶ *Then shall the Priest (the Bishop if he be present) stand up, and turning to the People, say,*

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

¶ *Then shall the Priest say,*

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.

COME unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *St. Matt. xi. 28.* So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *St. John iii.16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Tim. i. 15.*

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the Propitiation for our sins. *1 St. John ii. 1, 2.*

SURSUM CORDA

Priest. Lift up your hearts.

Answer. **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Priest. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Answer. **It is meet and right so to do.**

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

THEREFORE with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS (Merbecke, Hymnal Chant 704)

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy

Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again: For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took Bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise, after supper, he took the Cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

The Oblation

WHEREFORE, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy Divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

The Invocation

AND we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his

death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

AND we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice; yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Minister: And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who

**trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and
the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

**WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O
merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but
in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table.
But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always
to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so
to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to
drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made
clean by his body, and our souls washed through his
most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell
in him, and he in us.**

Amen.

AGNUS DEI

**O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world.
Have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world.
Grant us thy peace.**

THE COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily
thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who**

have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (Old Scottish Chant)

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord:

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

HYMN (insert)HYMN TO JOY
“Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee”

POSTLUDE

IN YOUR PRAYERS

Members of St. Luke’s – Jordan Van Horn, Christina Pinkerton, Bob Herrington; Judy Evans, Jody Kautz, Bob Morgan, Judy Smith, David Johnston, A.D. Frazier, Evelyn Smith, Sheila McConnell, Glenda Robinson, Diane Wikander, Deacon Tony McConnell, Tom McCormick, Rodney Allen, Charles Sims, Barbara Newman, Mercedes Misinco, Elizabeth Ann White, Tim Higdon, Gwen Skelton, Bruce Berkinshaw, Pat and Sherron Dearing, Tom Hoffer, Ann Thomason, MaryLynn Kipfmiller and Rosanne Johnston.

Family & Friends – Rev. Susan MacKay (for Henry Gorr), Joshua Stoddard (for Gwen Skelton), Gabriella Calla (granddaughter of Bill Baio), Arlene (friend of Barbara Newman), Kaylee West (for Tony McConnell), Alina Landry (for Dave Guzzardi), Deborah Ann Gray (sister-in-law of Priscilla and Paul Leming), Victor Palmeri, Clara Bradley (mother of Bob Bradley), Matt Cross (son-in-law of D.J. Fulton), Hayden Birkenshaw

(grandson of Bruce and Cathy Birkenshaw), M.T. and Cindy Bean (for Teresa Wankel), Michael Briggs, Bill Morgan, Charles and Susan Cecil, Brother of Cheryl Rutland, Brooke Copeland (for Tim and Jennifer Higdon), Richard Vollrath, Julian McCoy (for Charles Sims), Terry Lowe (for Martha Cash), Janelle Johnson (for Ruth Johnson), Kara Franz, Jamie Harris (for Sheila McConnell, Zane Wolf (for Tim Higdon), Kelly Dearing Roberts (daughter of Pat and Sherron Dearing), Clifford W. Willis, David Hobbs (cousin of Cheryl Rutland), Mildred Woody, April Weich (daughter of Rosanne Johnston), Bob Jost, and Lynn Grimme.

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The Rt. Rev. John Greaves, Coadjutor Bishop

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ALTAR

The flowers around the Altar are given to the glory of God.

BIRTHDAYS

Reed Ferrell, Apr. 23; Betty Jane Bruce, Apr. 24; Peggy Jones, Apr. 24 and David Muschamp, Apr. 26.

“Watch over thy children as their days increase.”

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Bruce and Cathy Berkinshaw, Apr. 25 and Al and Martha Cash, Apr. 27

“And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity” (Colossians 3:14).

IN MILITARY SERVICE

Please remember in your prayers those serving in the Armed Services, especially those who have connections with St. Luke’s particularly, Alex Mark, Tyler Ketron, Wesley Ryan McIntosh, Christian Wade Newman, Kyle Morgan, Sam Sonn, Marc Rodriguez, Brooks Johnson and Jessica Wyllie Andres-Jansz, Lt. Col. Kyle Yates USAF and Ian Yates U.S. Army.

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

The Monthly Vestry Meeting will meet in the Parish house conference room today immediately after the service. **(If the painting downstairs is complete, it will be held in the yellow room).**

The Outreach Committee will meet on Tuesday, Apr. 23 at noon.

Sharing Tuesdays continues every Tuesday at 9:45 a.m. Meetings are held in the yellow room.

A graveside service for Mrs. Betty Smith will be held on Thursday, Apr. 25. Time TBD.

The Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist will be celebrated with HC on Thursday, Apr. 25 at noon.

GALATIANS BIBLE STUDY

Galatians: A Manifesto of Freedom will continue through Wednesday, May 15. The sessions begin at 10:30 a.m. and held will in the Yellow Room. Please bring your Bible and read the chapters before attending these interactive sessions. Also, bring your lunch if you wish to continue the discussion or fellowship with the other participants. If you want additional commentary, you can listen to Dr. John W. Howe's *The Early Years* at www.biblebanquet.com.

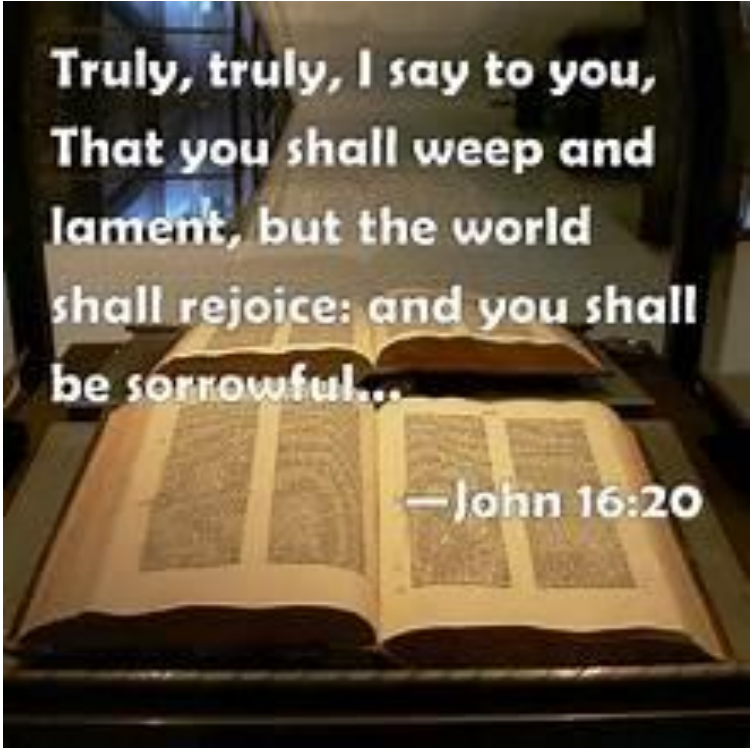
The study will be zoomed live at 10:30 a.m. each week. Zoom links will be sent prior to each session.

Presenters are:

- 4/10 D.J. Fulton
- 4/17 Teresa Wankel
- 4/24 Teresa Wankel
- 5/1 D.J. Fulton
- 5/8 Fr. Ron Wikander
- 5/15 Judy Brooten

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

St. Luke's will have one service at 9:30 a.m. on Fifth Sundays with a potluck lunch following. Dates are June 30; Sept 29; and Dec. 29.

An open book is shown from a top-down perspective, lying flat. The pages are yellowed with age and contain dense, small text. The book is placed on a dark surface. Overlaid on the upper half of the image is white text in a bold, sans-serif font. The text reads: "Truly, truly, I say to you, That you shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and you shall be sorrowful..."

**Truly, truly, I say to you,
That you shall weep and
lament, but the world
shall rejoice: and you shall
be sorrowful...**

—John 16:20



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