

**St. Luke Lutheran Church and  
Lutheran Campus Ministry**  
*Holy Communion*



The Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, May 14, 2023  
10:00 AM

YOU are welcome here! As a Reconciling in Christ Congregation, the people of St. Luke Lutheran Church are called by God to be a community...because we believe we are one in God's eyes, we welcome the mix of ages, races, gender identities, physical and mental capabilities, and sexual orientations with which God's children are blessed. Everyone is invited to share in God's grace. We rejoice in the knowledge that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus--not our wealth, nor our poverty, nor our nationality, nor our political convictions, nor whom we love, nor anything else in all creation.

Everything you need for worship today is contained in this bulletin.

\*All are invited to stand as able / Items in **bold** are spoken or sung by the assembly.

# GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

## PRELUDE

*The Peace May Be Exchanged*

Dan Locklair

## WORD OF WELCOME

### \*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ...are given new life.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters...

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.*

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,  
for rivers and streams.

Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,  
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.

Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,  
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.**

**Empower our witness to your resurrection.**

**Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.

Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.

Where despair prevails, grant hope.

Where chaos reigns, bring peace.

We ask this through Christ,  
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

**Amen.**

### \*PEACE

*The presiding minister will offer a word of peace and the assembly responds:*

**And also with you.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN 631** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling  
(For harmony version, please use the hymnal in the pews)

HYFRYDOL



1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry  
3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy  
4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy  
trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us  
life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er -  
let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect -



faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,  
find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;  
more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,  
ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,



pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; vis-it us with  
Al-pha and O-me-ga be; end of faith, as  
serve thee as thy hosts a-bove, pray, and praise thee  
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.  
its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.  
with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.  
crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise!

## \*GREETING

*The presiding minister will greet the assembly and the assembly responds:*

**And also with you.**

## \*KYRIE

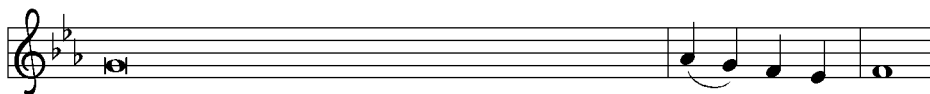
Setting One



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



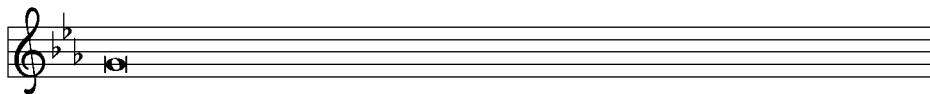
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



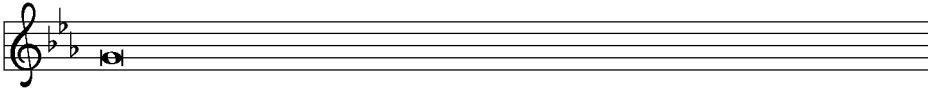
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** This is the Feast

Setting One

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

*Refrain*

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

*Refrain*

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*The assisting minister offers the prayer of the day and the assembly responds:*

**Amen.**

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song*

### FIRST READING

Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

### PSALM 66:8-20

*The psalm is sung responsively.*

<sup>8</sup>Bless our | God, you peoples;

let the sound of | praise be heard.

<sup>9</sup>**Our God has kept us a- | mong the living  
and has not allowed our | feet to slip.**

<sup>10</sup>For you, O God, have | tested us;

you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.

<sup>11</sup>**You brought us in- | to the net;**

**you laid heavy burdens up- | on our backs.**

<sup>12</sup>You let people ride over our heads; we went through | fire and water,

but you brought us out into a place | of refreshment.

<sup>13</sup>**I will enter your house | with burnt offerings  
and will pay | you my vows—**

<sup>14</sup>those that I promised | with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I | was in trouble.

<sup>15</sup>**I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the | smoke of rams;  
I will give you ox- | en and goats.**

<sup>16</sup>Come and listen, all you | who believe,  
and I will tell you what God has | done for me.

<sup>17</sup>**I called out to God | with my mouth,  
and praised the Lord | with my tongue.**

<sup>18</sup>If I had cherished evil | in my heart,  
the Lord would | not have heard me;

<sup>19</sup>**but in truth | God has heard me  
and has attended to the sound | of my prayer.**

<sup>20</sup>Blessed be God, who has not reject- | ed my prayer,  
nor withheld unfailing | love from me.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son  
and to the | Holy Spirit.**

**As it was in | the beginning,  
is now, and will be for- | ever. Amen.**

## SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:13-22

Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For 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.



## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Setting One

*The assembly sings the acclamation and repeats it after the choir proclaims the verse of the day.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## \*GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

The holy gospel according to John, the fourteenth chapter..

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## CHILDREN’S TIME

## SERMON

\*HYMN OF THE DAY 804 Come Down, O Love Divine

DOWN AMPNEY

1 Come down, O Love di - vine; seek thou this soul of mine  
 2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, till world - ly pas - sions turn  
 3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,  
 4 And so the year - ning strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
 and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—  
 shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear  
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
 true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,  
 no soul can guess Love's grace till it be - come the place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
 and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.  
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

## **\*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**

*The response to the petitions, which all end “Hear Us, O God” is “**Your mercy is great.**”*

### **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### **OFFERING**

*An offering is taken to support the mission of the church and the care of those in need. An usher will bring a basket or plate to you, or you may drop your offering in the plates on the table near the back row upon entering or leaving. Offerings can also be made using the QR code or visiting [stlukeithaca.org](http://stlukeithaca.org) and clicking “donate” in the top right corner.*



### **SETTING THE TABLE**

*As we prepare the table for the celebration of Holy Communion, the offering is gathered as the choir sings an offertory.*

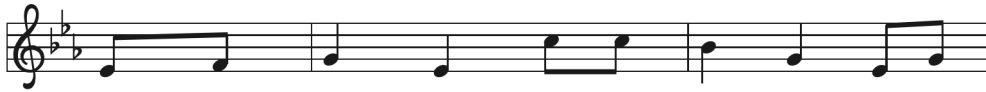
*Dona Nobis Pacem* (from b minor Mass)

J. S. Bach

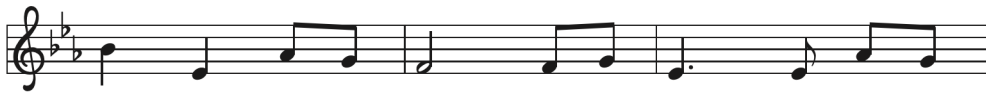
Grant Us Peace.

**\*ASSEMBLY OFFERTORY SONG 966** Loaves Were Broken JOYOUS LIGHT  
STANZA ONE

*The assembly stands as the offering and the gifts of bread and wine are brought forward.*



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the  
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a  
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in  
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



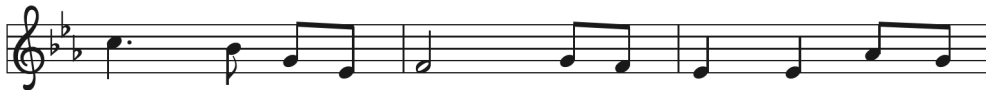
Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from  
qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you  
faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the  
in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions



heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.  
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.  
a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"  
hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

*The assisting minister will lead an offering prayer and the assembly responds: Amen.*

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**\*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.**

**\*PREFACE**

**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Setting One

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**\*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.**

**\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**\*LAMB OF GOD**

Setting One



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.

# \*COMMUNION HYMN 471 Let Us Break Bread Together

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;  
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

*Refrain*

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.



## \*TABLE BLESSING

### POST COMMUNION CANTICLE 388 (Sung three times)

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The first instance of the musical notation consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the upper staff.

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The second instance of the musical notation is identical to the first, consisting of two staves (treble and bass clef) with the same key signature and time signature, and the same lyrics written below the upper staff.

## \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The assisting minister will lead the Prayer after Communion and the assembly responds: **Amen.***

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**\*BLESSING** *The assembly responds: **Amen.***

\*SENDING HYMN 840 Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,

who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way  
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

## **\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

Robert Hobby

## **PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

St. Luke Ministers:	All the people of this Community
Assisting Minister:	Connor Watson
Reader:	Patrice Pastore
Ushers:	
Webcast:	Rebecca Moore and Sam Dewalt
Trombone:	Reid Kline and Sophie Sparrow
Music Director:	Erik Kibelsbeck
Presider and Preacher:	The Rev. Jason R. Churchill

*The flowers are given in to the Glory of God in celebration of Velma Markwardt's 100th Birthday*

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## UPCOMING READINGS

The foundational premise of this set of daily readings is their relationship to the Sunday lectionary. The readings are chosen so that the days leading up to Sunday (Thursday through Saturday) prepare for the Sunday readings. The days flowing out from Sunday (Monday through Wednesday) reflect upon the Sunday readings.

### *Monday*

Psalm 93

Genesis 9:8-17

Acts 27:39-44

### *Tuesday*

Psalm 93

Deuteronomy 5:22-33

1 Peter 3:8-12

### *Wednesday*

Psalm 93

Deuteronomy 31:1-13

John 16:16-24

### *Thursday*

*Ascension of Our Lord*

Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 47 or Psalm 93

Ephesians 1:15-23

Luke 24:44-53

### ***Friday***

Psalm 93

2 Kings 2:1-12

Ephesians 2:1-7

### *Saturday*

Psalm 93

2 Kings 2:13-15

John 8:21-30

## THE READINGS IN THE BIBLE

### **Acts 17:22-31**

By chapter 10 of Acts, Luke has moved the Christian proclamation from Peter's role in Jewish Jerusalem to Paul's role in the wider Gentile world. In Athens today a commemorative plaque marks the traditional site of this speech of Paul. This Areopagus was nearby the Parthenon, the city's primary temple to Athena, and to the temples of other Greco-Roman deities. Paul's speech is framed to convince polytheists, Stoics, Epicureans, and admirers of classical poetry about the truth of Christ's resurrection.

After hearing Paul's sermon to the Gentiles, we respond with **Psalms 66:8-20**. A communal and an individual's song of thanksgiving, the psalm calls all the peoples to bless the God who saves. The ancient Jewish imagery of animal sacrifice (vs. 13-15) corresponds to Paul's location at the Areopagus, nearby the Greco-Roman temples in Athens.

### **1 Peter 3:13-22**

After a section describing first-century Greco-Roman household codes of behavior, the author of 1 Peter spoke of the probability of persecutions. The author's enigmatic comment about "the spirits in prison" assisted the medieval church in constructing its theories of purgatory and hell. The author's likening baptism to Noah's flood exemplifies the New Testament adoption of Old Testament narratives as Christian metaphor. The author clarifies that the flood is not literally a washing away, but rather a metaphor for the power of Christ's resurrection.

### **John 14:15-21**

The evangelist placed the discourse of John 14 before the crucifixion and resurrection: recall that Jesus gives over his Spirit in John 19:30 and 20:22. The discourse, narrated as if it were a quotation from Jesus on Maundy Thursday, is a theological reflection by the Johannine community about the love that characterizes the Trinitarian church. Only John refers to the Spirit as "advocate," meaning "one who is called alongside," a title for a first-century Greco-Roman defense lawyer. Other translations prefer Comforter.

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