

ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH ~ Sunday, April 18, 2021



Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures.

Luke 24:36b-48

Welcome to St. Luke.

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ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

BY GRACE, WE KNOW, LOVE, WORSHIP AND SERVE
JESUS CHRIST AS WE PROCLAIM HIS GOOD NEWS.



Welcome to St. Luke Lutheran Church. We are glad that God brought you to worship with us today. We rejoice in your presence among us this morning to praise and adore our Lord Jesus Christ! Please take a moment to fill out a Visitor Card located in the pew rack in front of you and drop it in the offering plate, so that we may have a record of your visit. Please come back and join us soon. You are always most welcome at St. Luke.

April 18, 2021 The Third Sunday of Easter



The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

Liturgy for Today: We will Worship today using liturgy and hymns from the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book, also known as the ELW. Today's liturgy and hymns are provided in this bulletin for your convenience. Congregational response is marked with a **bolded C**.

Altar Flowers: Today's Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Memory of our parents Adella & Lou Hiers and Eleanor & John Grass by Stephanie and Gerry Grass

9:00am CANCELED - All Sunday School Classes and Adult Forum

10:00am Our Virtual Worship Service will be available for viewing Sunday morning on our YouTube channel and Facebook page (NO in-person Worship Service)

7:00pm Sunday "Open House" Zoom meeting

This Sunday's Worship Service will be prerecorded and posted on our Facebook page and our Youtube channel for your convenience.

(www.facebook.com/stlukerichmond) (www.youtube.com/user/stlukesermons)

PRELUDE

(We stand and face the Baptismal font)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P We will read the opening prayer of Confession and Forgiveness.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity,
✠ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C **Amen.**

P Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

(Silence for reflection)

P God of grace and glory,
C **you have brought us through the night of sin
into the light of Jesus' resurrection.**

Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin.

Make us alive in Christ, O God.

Make us new as you make all things new.

Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin,

renew us in grace,

and restore us to living in your holiness,

through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

P Rejoice with all creation around God's throne!
The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin,
restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate,
brings peace, and humbles earthly pride.

Jesus Christ loves you and ✠ frees you from your sins by his blood.

To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

C **Amen.**

THE GATHERING

ENTRANCE HYMN, “*The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done*” Vv. 1-3 sung by Luci Hughes



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



- 1 The strife is o’er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor’s
- 2 The pow’rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
- 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
- 4 Christ closed the yaw - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav’n’s high
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed you, from death’s sting free your



tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: *Symphonia Sirenum*, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909

Music: VICTORY, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525–1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823–1889

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life,
and you adopt us to be your children.

Fill us with your words of life,
that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

(We sit)

THE WORD

After every reading: A: The Word of the Lord.

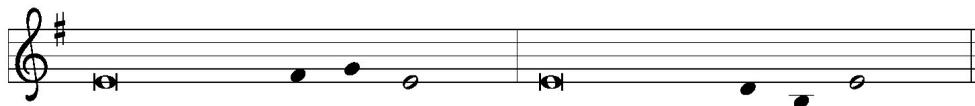
C: **Thanks be to God.**

FIRST LESSON: Acts 3:12-19

After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.

¹²Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?"¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. ¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

The Lord does wonders for the faithful. (Ps. 4:3)



¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and | hear my prayer.

²**“You mortals, how long will you dishon- | or my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek | after lies?”**

³Know that the Lord does wonders | for the faithful;
the Lord will hear me | when I call.

⁴**Tremble, then, and | do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed. R**

⁵Offer the appointed | sacrifices,
and put your trust | in the Lord.

⁶Many are saying, “Who will show us | any good?”
Let the light of your face shine upon | us, O Lord.

⁷You have put gladness | in my heart,
more than when grain and | wine abound.

⁸**In peace, I will lie | down and sleep;
for you alone, O Lord, make me | rest secure. R**

SECOND LESSON: 1 John 3:1-7

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

(We stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION, "*Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?*" sung by Luci Hughes

Before the reading:

P The Holy Gospel, according to Saint John, the 20th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things."

After the reading:

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(We sit)
HOMILY
(Silence for reflection)

(We stand)
APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us now confess our Christian faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C **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.**

P Let us pray:
Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit,
we bring our prayers before God
who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

HYMN, "*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*" sung by Luci Hughes
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

After each prayer petition:

A: Lord, in your mercy

Our Soloist: hear our prayer. (*The response is sung by Luci Hughes*)

- A Living God,
in the midst of Easter joy we are still filled with questions and wondering.
Open our hearts and minds as we encounter the scriptures,
so that the church embodies repentance and forgiveness
in the name of Jesus to all nations.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
- A Creating God,
like a master artist you have fashioned the universe out of your love and delight.
Heal your creation where it is in need of restoration.
Provide all the inhabitants of earth a peaceful and sustainable home.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
- A God of all,
the nations hunger and thirst for your righteousness.
Many call on you for guidance and strength.
Answer their hopes with the peace of Christ
and give your lovingkindness to national, state, and local leaders of people.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
- A Healing God,
you hear the cries of those in need and answer them in their distress.
Grant to those who are sick and suffering your compassion
and nurse them back to health and wholeness.
Be close to the hearts of the lonely.
Today, especially do we name:
- | | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Jeanette Benner | Ken Hammond II | Family of Sarah Morrison |
| Family of Gene Bleecher | Ken Hammond III | Susan Robinson |
| Coraina Broome | Howdy Howdyshell | Pastor Donna Ruggles |
| And daughter Elizabeth | Lambert Kerschbaumer | Pastor Ken Rupparr |
| Carleta Crews | Brent Ladd | Kay Wason |
| Charlee Gorman | Marilyn Leander | Sarah Witthoefft |
| David Hahn | Lesley Marcoux | Jean Yerian |
- A We pray for those we now name before you,
either out loud, or in the silence of our hearts: ➔

A Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

A Loving Parent,
you have given us such love that we should be called the children of God.
Reveal yourself to us so that we in this community of faith
will become more and more like you in our mutual love and bold witness.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

A God of all times and ages,
those who have died in you now see you as you are.
We thank you for their lives among us.
Assure us of the peace you have promised,
that we may join them in everlasting life.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

P In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you,
trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE MEAL

The Communion service is not included in our video. The Lord's Prayer and The Blessing are.

(We sit)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(We stand)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.
God of love,
you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.
Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.
Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world;
for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you,
almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter
and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS, "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER FOR EASTER

P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.
We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

P Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

P To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C Amen, amen, amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C **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.**

(We sit)

HOLY COMMUNION

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here. Those who do not commune are invited forward for a blessing. Those unable to partake of wine or wheaten bread are assured that the Church affirms our Lord's presence in, with, and under each element. White grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The risen Christ invites us to this table.
Come, eat and be satisfied.

COMMUNION HYMN, "Lamb of God" sing by Luci Hughes)



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, "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" sung by Luci Hughes



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
 Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
 he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
 that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
 Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
 Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
 we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
 and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
 in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
 Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
 Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–1681; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, alt.

Music: LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN, Georg G. Boltze, 18th cent.

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(We stand)

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray.
Wellspring of joy,
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.
Satisfy the hunger still around us,
and send us as joyful witnesses,
that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

(Silence for reflection)

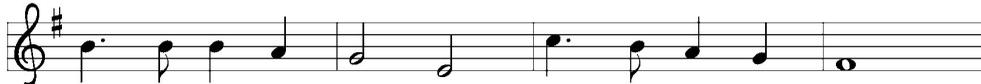
THE SENDING

BENEDICTION

P Almighty God,
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN, ““On Our Way Rejoicing”” sung by Luci Hughes



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.

Music: HERMAS, Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

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NEXT SUNDAY
April 25, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Easter



- 9:00am CANCELED - All Sunday School Classes and Adult Forum
- 10:00am** **Our Virtual Worship Service will be available for viewing Sunday morning on our YouTube channel and Facebook page (NO in-person Worship Service)**
- 7:00pm Open House Zoom Meeting

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH



We pray for our needs and those of others. Please keep the following members, their families, and our friends in your thoughts and prayers.

Prayers are asked for: Family of Gene Bleecher (Dale's brother) Jeanette Benner, Coraina Broome, Coraina's daughter Elizabeth, Carleta Crews, Lambert Kerschbaumer, Brent Ladd, Marilyn Leander, Family of Sarah Morrison, Sarah Witthoefft (Tim's wife, Marty and Ann's daughter-in-law)

Continued Prayers are asked for: Charlee Gorman, David Hahn, Kenneth Hammond II, Kenneth Hammond III, Howdy Howdysshell, Lesley Marcoux, Susan Robinson, Pastor Donna Ruggles, Pastor Ken Rupp, Kay Wason, Jean Yerian

Please remember our fellow members who are homebound. A card, a phone call or an email would be deeply appreciated.

Names are kept on the list for four weeks unless otherwise noted.
Please inform the office of changes.

HOW TO SEND US YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS

Dear St. Luke Member, if you or a member of your family is ill or hospitalized, or if you have surgery scheduled, please let the church office know. We will inform the Pastor and add you to the Prayer List. Please remember, we would like to be there for you but we need to be kept informed.



If you would like to add yourself, a family member or a friend to the church prayer list, please email your prayer requests to Tammy at admin@stluckerichmond.org. Please try to send in your requests as soon as you can so that Pastor can include this person in his weekly video recording for Sunday Worship. Thank you.

Coming Up at St. Luke



IN PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED. All Worship Services will be recorded and posted on Facebook, Youtube and our website.

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE: Sunday, April 18, 10:00am

SUNDAY VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE MEETING: Sunday, April 18, 7:00pm

GAMMA PSI CHAPTER OF DKG MEETING: Monday, April 19, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm

ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY: Wednesday, April 21

PASTOR FRED'S MID-WEEK ZOOM BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday, April 21, 10:30am online

EARTH DAY: Thursday, April 22

RICH BARNETT'S ZOOM MUSIC / CHOIR CLASS: Thursday, April 22, 7:00pm

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE: Sunday, April 25, 10:00am

SUNDAY VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE MEETING: Sunday, April 25, 7:00pm

PASTOR FRED'S MID-WEEK ZOOM BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday, April 28, 10:30am online

RICH BARNETT'S ZOOM MUSIC / CHOIR CLASS: Thursday, April 29, 7:00pm

ARBOR DAY: Friday, April 30

SUNDAY ZOOM “OPEN HOUSE” Now at **7:00pm** Sunday evenings

You are invited! The St. Luke Church Council has decided to continue our Sunday virtual “Open House” ZOOM meetings, but we have moved from afternoon to evening.

Everyone is invited to join us at a new time on **Sunday evenings at 7:00pm.**

We have **updated our login credentials.** You must use the new login information to join currently scheduled meetings.

If you are a member of our congregation or a regular visitor with your email address on file with the church office, you will receive an email invitation to the Zoom Open House Meeting every week with instructions how to log in. If you are not a regular attendee, please email Tammy in the church office for instructions.

Please join us at any time during the hour to share coffee and conversation. Stay as long as you like. We look forward to talking with each of you.

Topic: St. Luke Sunday Evening Open House

When: Weekly on Sunday evenings

Time: 7:00pm



Pastor Fred’s Mid-Week Bible Study on the Zoom App

Pastor Fred is still holding his Weekly Bible Study Class on **Wednesdays at 10:30am**, but we are now using the ZOOM app. Please see below for the calendar information with the link to the meeting and the meeting information. You will need to download the free ZOOM application if you want to participate.

We have **updated our login credentials.** You must use the new login information to join currently scheduled meetings.

If you are a regular attendee of the weekly Bible Study Meeting, you will receive an email every Tuesday with instructions how to log in and join us. If you are not a regular attendee, please email Tammy in the church office for instructions.

You are invited!

Topic: Weekly Bible Study

Time: Weekly on Wednesdays at 10:30am

Join Zoom Meeting

Every week on Wed, until May 26, 2021

Apr 21, 2021 10:30 AM

Apr 28, 2021 10:30 AM

May 05, 2021 10:30 AM

Pastor's Online ZOOM



Bible Study Class

ALTAR FLOWER ARE NEEDED



We are still doing altar flowers every Sunday even though we are not having in-person Worship, just the virtual service. Pastor Fred wants that service to look as much like it normally would if we were meeting in-person. He likes to include altar flowers for display during the service. We have the following dates available where no one has signed up for Altar Flowers yet: **May 2, June 27, July 4, August 22 and August 29.**

Other Sundays during this time frame may still be available as I am waiting for others to confirm their dates. Please reach out if you are looking for a date during this time. To those of you who have signed up to give flowers this year, we thank you.

If you would like to put flowers on the altar for one of the above dates, please email the church office with your request: admin@stlukerichmond.org.

St. Luke Merry Music Makers ZOOM Meetings Thursday Evenings at 7:00pm



Hi Folks,

Every Thursday evening we make time to gather 'round the old screen for our weekly ZOOM meeting (remember how we used to watch Ed Sullivan on Sunday nights....) Remember, you don't have to be a choir member to join us. All are welcome and we would love to see some new faces! I send out an email each week to our regular meeting attendees with instructions on how to join us for our usual gathering Thursday evenings at 7:00pm. If you are not on my list, send me an email and I will be happy to add you. We would love for you to join us. Please email me if you have any questions or if you would like additional information on joining us.

Peace,
Richard Barnett, Director of Music
music@stlukerichmond.org

OFFERINGS AND PLEDGES



We thank you for continuing to support our wonderful church and it's ministries. While we can't gather at church right now, we are still an active church and we are together in spirit. We are all called to bring God to our people.

Your giving matters! We are checking the regular church mail during the week and are keeping track of the offerings that you send in. Please continue to mail in your pledges and offerings. If you have access to online banking, you can also arrange for your bank to send a check for you.

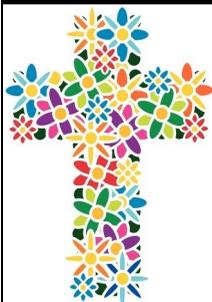
Thanks again for your support
St. Luke Church Council

THE PROCESSIONAL CROSS

The processional cross is a cross (or crucifix) affixed to a staff for use during liturgical processions. Since they did not have a sacristy in the early days of Christian worship, processions served the practical purpose of getting the pastor and others (such as the choir) from the back of the church to the front.

Such processions were led by a processional cross. In fact, processional crosses were used hundreds of years before Christian churches placed crosses on altars. The congregation normally stands and faces the processional cross as it travels through the sanctuary as a way to give honor to Christ and His work done for us there.

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The cross serves as a powerful reminder of the Lord's presence in worship and in our lives. A processional cross may either be an empty cross or a crucifix (also called a Corpus Christi cross), which is a cross with a statue of the crucified Christ on it. In either case, the cross serves as a symbol to remind us of the death of Christ our Lord for our salvation and the salvation of the world.

Processional crosses have been used for in Worship since the fourth century. Except when a Thurifer (carrying incense) leads the procession, the cross (with torches) precedes all others in a liturgical procession. The cross leads the procession as a reminder that the Cross of Christ leads the Baptized People of God wherever we go. When not being carried in procession, the processional cross is placed in a stand near the altar during the liturgy.

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WORSHIP

The processional cross plays an important part in our Worship here at St. Luke Church. The processional cross is held behind the baptismal font during the Brief Order for Confession. It then leads the liturgical procession during the Entrance Hymn. As the cross moves down the center aisle during the Entrance Hymn, worshippers are invited to acknowledge it by looking upon it and bowing.

At the end of the Worship service, as the processional cross moves to the back of the nave, worshippers are invited to acknowledge the cross by turning toward it as it passes by them. By so doing, we end our Worship facing the rear of the nave, as we hear the Dismissal ("Go in peace, serve the Lord") and move forward to carry out our Baptismal calling of serving Christ.

"Double-UP" "Double-UP"

Lenten Challenge for FEEDMORE



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\$925. +
513.4 lbs.
Pick-Up

GRAND TOTAL

\$4,615.00 + 513.4 lbs of food!!

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

Our Lenten Challenge to "Double UP" our original Super Bowl collection for **FEEDMORE** far exceeded our goals.

Our success is all because of each of you. **Thank You** for your understanding and compassion.



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