



ST. LUKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
EASTER SUNDAY
MARCH 31, 2024

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RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

MARCH 31, 2024

11:00 AM

Gathering for the Word

Prelude

“Alleluia!”

Piano and Organ Duet

OUR LIFE TOGETHER AT ST. LUKE

Please pass the friendship books to mark your participation and to greet others in your row.

TIME OF CENTERING AND STILLNESS

† INTROIT _____ “This Is the Feast of Victory”

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

† HYMN #232 _____ “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

† CALL TO CONFESSION

† SILENT CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All-knowing, all-powerful God, we confess that, even on this most holy day, we are unable to believe in the victory over death shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our lord. We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life but also for faith, hope, and love.

Without your appearance to our ancestors and your presence throughout the ages, we would be lost. Forgive us and transform us, that in every way our work and prayer will make whole what is broken and give peace on earth. Amen.

REQUEST FOR PARDON

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: By the grace of God and the witness of our ancestors, the good news of Jesus’ resurrection is our rock and our salvation.

All: We shall not die, but live.

One: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

All: This is the Lord’s doing and it is marvelous in our eyes.

One: Alleluia!

All: Amen.

† SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Doxology

Praise God whose breath fills all the earth; / Whose love reveals our secret worth;
Whose Spirit forms one family; / Whose grace brings peace and harmony. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Together, let us pray and share our gratitude to Almighty God . . .

All: Holy God, thank You for Your goodness and mercy, especially for the Good News of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. May these offerings, and indeed our very lives, become a witness to all people of the salvation and grace You bring into the world. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

† HYMN #233

“The Day of Resurrection”

† OUR MOTIVATIONAL AND MISSIONAL STATEMENT

As the people of St. Luke Presbyterian Church, we offer to God our “hands of service, hands of faith, and open hands of love.” Holy Spirit, unite us in this calling and send us forth to serve.

WANT TO KNOW MORE about St. Luke or to formally unite with us? See Ruling Elder Tim Sougstad by the announcement screen in the hallway after worship or contact an Elder during the week.

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

ONE: Easter people of Jesus Christ, this very day, as promised, God has acted.

ALL: Jesus is raised from the dead. Let us rejoice and be glad.

ONE: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

† CHORAL RESPONSE

“Go Forth in Joy”

† POSTLUDE

† Stand as you are able.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Filling the pulpit	Rev. Lynn Brack
Liturgist	Kendra Jones
Children’s sermon	Rev. Lynn Brack
Greeters	Terry Boulware and Sharron Fitzner

MUSIC

St. Luke Chancel Choir
Dr. Robert Hansen, Director of Music
Mila Abbasova, Organist
Prelude Duet, Mila Abbasova and Mary Holmlund

ANNOUNCEMENTS | March 31, 2024

Welcome to St. Luke! As you silence your cell phone before the service begins, please take a moment to sign our digital attendance book using this QR code. ↓

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 – RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

- 9:30 a.m. **Coffee & Fellowship** – Thank you to everyone who provided Hot Cross Buns.
- 10:15 a.m. **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**
- ---- **No Adult Sunday School Class**
- 10:30 a.m. **Meet and Greet the Easter Bunny**
- 11:00 a.m. **Worship Service** (Streamed on Facebook as well.)
No Children’s Church.



If you brought fresh flowers and greenery, you are invited to **flower the cross** at the front of the sanctuary before the worship service.

Each Easter, we celebrate that God connects with us through Jesus’ resurrection and connects us with “those who have the least”—and that’s what **One Great Hour of Sharing** is all about. You may drop your check in the offering plate *today* (please write “OGHS” on the memo line of your check payable to St. Luke or use the special envelope provided.)

MONDAY, APRIL 1

- 10 & 11 a.m. **Adult Piano Classes**
- 4:00 p.m. **Congregational Care and Fellowship Committee Meetings**
- 5:30 p.m. **Mission Committee Meeting**

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

- 10:00 a.m. **Exercise Group**
- 5:30 p.m. **WNL/Logos Committee Meeting**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

- 8:30 a.m. **Yoga Practice**
- 6:00 p.m. **Wednesday Night Live**
- 7:00 p.m. **Choir Cantata Rehearsal**

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

- 10:00 a.m. **Exercise Group**
- 2:00 p.m. **Threads of Love Ministry**
- 6:00 p.m. **Adult Bible Study @ Barbara Taylor’s**

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

- 10:00 a.m. **Choir Cantata Rehearsal**

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

- 9:30 a.m. **Coffee & Fellowship**
- 8:45 a.m. **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**
- ---- **No Adult Sunday School Class**
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship Service** (Streamed on Facebook as well.)
Easter cantata during the worship service; see below.

On April 7th, the combined AUMC and St. Luke choirs, accompanied by an orchestra, will present Faure's Requiem at 10 a.m. This is not to be missed. There will be a reception in Fellowship Hall following the cantata. Note the special time and come early to get a good seat- this promises to be a very special experience!

On April 14th, Rev. Rebecca Vardiman will fill the pulpit for "Holy Humor Sunday". The date has been changed from what is in the newsletter.

While we are without office staff several members are helping in the office. The office hours have been changed to 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Mon-Thurs and 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. on Friday. If you have any questions, please talk to Ross Clopton or any member of the Personnel Committee.

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

◆ **Hillary Carrington** and her 7-month-old son, **Wyatt Harmon** who is still in ICU. They are **Ann Hefner's** step-granddaughter and great grandson.

Continue to remember: Christopher Elmore (Mary Holmlund's great-nephew); Judy Conner; Grace Acha; Dorothy Baggerly; Joyce Baughn; Rev. Bob Carson; Andy Chambers (Steve Parker's husband); Lucille Dunn; Leslie Hadley (Kyle's mom); Margaret and Tom Heyde; Mindy Hayden; Steven Hofmann, Erin Howard (Michele Sivets daughter); Sarah Kangerga; Roger Osburn (Karen's husband); Aaron Parker; Dennis Phelps (Melissa Shields' father); Donna Phipps; Sharon Remling; Marilyn Shillings; Henry and Ruth Suthard, Rev. Karl Travis; the St. Luke Session; the Pastor Nominating Committee; the staff and residents at Amarillo Children's Home; the people of our sister church Johnson Chapel A.M.E.; Glenda Moore and Kind House Ukraine Bakery; our participants and helpers at Laundry Love; and the students, teachers, and staff at Mesa Verde Elementary School.

St. Luke is currently in transition between installed pastors; the pastor search is underway.

Barbara Taylor: 2024 Clerk of Session
Kaci Jones: 2024 Treasurer
Volunteers: Office Administrator

Dr. Robert Hansen: Director of Music
Mila Abbasova: Organist
Mary McCracken: Nursery Coordinator

RULING ELDERS:

Class of 2024 Jennifer Denham, Kendra Jones, Tim Lacey, Cruse Messer
Class of 2025 Ross Clopton, Robert Hansen, Barbara Taylor, Kary Wingo
Class of 2026 Paige Hadley, Priscilla Sheets, Tim Sougstad, Helen Thorsheim



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