



# *St. Luke Presbyterian Church*

APRIL 28, 2024

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2024

11:00 AM

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Gathering for the Word

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PRELUDE

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 \_\_\_\_\_ “Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather together in the presence of the God of love.

**All: Jesus is the vine, and we are the branches.**

One: The roads we have traveled are different, yet we are here with one heart.

**All: May we abide in the nurture of the Holy Spirit.**

One: For we have come to worship God, who makes all good things grow.

**All: Let our love bear much fruit and let us worship holy God.**

† HYMN # 641 \_\_\_\_\_ “When In Our Music God is Glorified”

† CALL TO CONFESSION

† SILENT CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, we believe Jesus is the true vine, with his roots eternally grounded in you. We rejoice that by grace we have been grafted into him to be branches on a vine created to bear the loveliest of fruits. Yet we confess how easily we convince ourselves we can bear fruit without you. Forgive us, O God, when we deny our true identity, when we fail to love our neighbors by sowing seeds of division. Remove our hearts of stone and transform our apathy and inaction. Revive us with the waters of our baptism to be bearers of God News: how no one can ever be separated from your merciful love, including ourselves. Free us from our fear and sins. Beckon us back to You. Amen.**

† REQUEST FOR PARDON \_\_\_\_\_ “O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

† ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: The Lord God helps us; we will not be disgraced.

**All: The Lord helps us; who can declare us guilty?**

One: Sisters and brothers, beyond the shadow of doubt, our sins are forgiven.

**All: By the mercy of Christ, we stand together, forgiven and free.**

† GLORIA PATRI #582 \_\_\_\_\_ "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, / and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. / As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. / World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. / As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

TIME WITH GOD'S CHILDREN

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Hearing of the Word

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

1 JOHN 4:7-21

Pew Bible Page 1067

One: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"Gaelic Prayer"

Chancel Choir

SECOND READING

JOHN 15:1-8

Pew Bible Pages 933-934

One: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Tangled Up Together"

Rev. Kathy Lee-Cornell

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Responding to the Word

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† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**God created human beings with a need for community and with freedom to enter into it by responding to their Maker with grateful obedience and to one another with love and helpfulness. We believe that we have been created to relate to God and each other in freedom and responsibility. We may misuse our freedom and deny our responsibility by trying to live without God and other people or against God and other people. Yet we are still bound to them for our life and well-being, and intended for free and responsible fellowship with them. Since every human being is made for communion with God and others, we must treat no one with contempt. We are to respect and love all other people and ourselves as well.**

† HYMN #22 .....

"God of the Sparrow"

INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERING

Please, place your tithe/offering in the plate as it is passed, text GIVE to 806-631-6253, or use this link to give online. <https://www.stlukeamarillo.com/tithe/>

† 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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER (“debts” and “debtors”)

† HYMN #703 ..... “Jesus, Thy Boundless Love for Me”

† 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 Kendra Jones by the announcement screen in the hallway after worship or contact an Elder during the week.

† CHARGE and BENEDICTION

† CHORAL RESPONSE ..... “Go Forth in Joy”

† POSTLUDE

† Stand as you are able.

WORSHIP LEADERS

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Filling the pulpit	Rev. Kathy Lee-Cornell
Liturgist	Stacy Clopton
Greeters	Donna and Ross Clopton

MUSIC

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St. Luke Chancel Choir  
Dr. Robert Hansen, Director of Music  
Mila Abbasova, Organist & Pianist

SOURCES AND CREDITS: Hymn tune names—as well as composers of the music and authors of the text—are listed in *Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal*.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, APRIL 28, 2024

- 9:30 a.m. **Coffee & Fellowship** • Thank you to Ann Hefner for providing donuts.  
9:45 a.m. **Adult Sunday School**  
10:15 a.m. **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**  
11:00 a.m. **Worship Service** (Streamed on Facebook as well.)  
**Rev. Kathy Lee-Cornell** filling the pulpit.



### MONDAY, APRIL 29

- 10 & 11 a.m. **Adult Piano Classes**

### TUESDAY, APRIL 30

- 10:00 a.m. **Exercise Group**  
7:00 p.m. **Farkle Fun in Fellowship Hall**

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

- 8:30 a.m. **Yoga Practice**  
6:00 p.m. **Wednesday Night Live** (St Luke providing dinner)

### THURSDAY, MAY 2

- 10:00 a.m. **Exercise Group**  
2:00 p.m. **Threads of Love Ministry**  
6:00 p.m. **NO Adult Bible Study** until the fall.

### SATURDAY, MAY 4

- 8:00 a.m. **All-Church Work Day** Please see below.

### SUNDAY, MAY 5

- 9:30 a.m. **Coffee & Fellowship**  
9:45 a.m. **Adult Sunday School**  
10:15 a.m. **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**  
11:00 a.m. **Worship Service** (Streamed on Facebook as well.)  
**Elder Dave Kemp** will fill the pulpit.  
Communion will be served.  
No Children's church until further notice.

The Property Committee invites everyone to join us on the morning of May 4<sup>th</sup> to help spiff up our church, inside and out! We will start at 8 a.m. and hope to finish by noon. There are weeds that need to be pulled or treated, bushes to trim, walls that need spot-painting, and some work at the manse, if we have the manpower. In addition, sadly, quite a few of our rose bushes on the north side must be dug up because of a virus that does not have a cure. We have lots to do, so please plan to join us. May the Force be with us!

Interviews for part-time office staff are ongoing. In the meantime, Kaci Jones and Helen Thorsheim are doing the administrative tasks and others are helping fill the office. If you have any questions, you can talk to Ross Clopton, any member of the Personnel Committee, or call the office.

Celebrate Spring with Us...

The trees are greening, flowers are blooming, butterflies are flitting here and there, and the Panhandle wind is howling! Come join the Fellowship and Congregational Care committees on Sunday, May 12 at 9:15 or so and pay tribute to this glorious season at the "Celebrate Spring Tea." Lots of goodies to munch, coffee, tea and juice to sip, and friends to visit. You can even take a family photo or two if you'd like. You don't want to miss this!

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Please pray for:

- ♥ Robin Dunn, Lucille Dunn's daughter-in-law who had successful surgery and is recuperating.
- ♥ Suzi Tracey whose hip surgery is scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup>. She appreciates prayers for nothing interfering with the planned date and that all goes well with both surgery and recovery.
- ♥ Janet Watts, friend of Sharron Fitzner, who is now in hospice care after cancer treatment.
- ♥ The family of Helen Piehl, whose funeral was Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Many of us have felt the impact of Helen and her family through their philanthropy throughout Amarillo and Canyon.

Continue to remember Judy Conner; Grace Acha; Dorothy Baggerly; Joyce Baughn; Rev. Bob Carson; Andy Chambers (Steve Parker's husband); Lucille Dunn; Dr. Bernard (Bo) Fitzner; Margaret and Tom Heyde; Mindy Hayden; Steven Hofmann; 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.

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

**Barbara Taylor:** 2024 Clerk of Session

**Dr. Robert Hansen:** Director of Music

**Kaci Jones:** 2024 Treasurer

**Mila Abbasova:** Organist

**Volunteers:** Office Administrator

**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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