



# *St. Luke Presbyterian Church*

MAY 5, 2024

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 5, 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 \_\_\_\_\_ “Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather”

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come to join with all the earth in praise:

**All: To sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things, who has shown us steadfast love and faithfulness.**

One: We praise the Lord with joyful noises joining the symphony of the earth:

**All: The roar of the ocean, the call of the birds, the wind across the hills, people in every corner of the globe.**

One: On this sabbath day of rest and gladness,

**All: We greet you with joy, our living God!**

† HYMN #761 \_\_\_\_\_ “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

† CALL TO CONFESSION

† SILENT CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, forgive us for our half-hearted faith that loves only when it is easy, and reaches out only to those who are like us, that ignores your less convenient commandments and fails to bear fruit anyone would rejoice in. How can a faith like that conquer the world? Nourish us again, to blossom with whole-hearted faith that abides in your love and shines forth with joy. Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

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

† ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: Hear the Good News! The only one who could judge us calls us friends.

**All: Jesus chose us over his own life, so let us choose Jesus in the life we have now.**

One: By the power of the Spirit, our sins are washed away, and we are made new.

**All: Let us live as God’s forgiven children. Alleluia! Amen.**

† 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 5:1-6

Pew Bible Page 1067

One: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"Love Divine"

Chancel Choir

SECOND READING

JOHN 15: 9-17

Pew Bible Pages 939-940

One: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Elder Dave Kemp

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Responding to the Word

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† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Excerpted from the Belhar Confession

One: We believe in the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

All: **We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the Church, as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the Church of Jesus Christ.**

One: We believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another, and that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another.

All: **We believe that the variety of spiritual gifts, opportunities, backgrounds, convictions, as well as the various languages and cultures, are by virtue of the reconciliation in Christ, opportunities for mutual service and enrichment within the one visible people of God. Jesus is Lord. Amen.**

† HYMN #318 ..... "In Christ There is No East or West"

## 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

One: Generous God, we bring you our offerings today, and ask that you bless them. Bless the money in the plates that it might be saved, stewarded and spent in ways that honor you.

**All: Bless the tasks we will undertake this week that we might be coworkers in your coming kingdom.**

One: Bless the hours of our week – 167 – until we meet again – that our lives may be our offering to you.

**All: Bless us to be blessings in this world. Amen.**

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

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## The Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

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### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: Let us pray. It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, our creator. .... Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Communion will be served by intinction. Please come forward to receive the bread and dip it in the cup. If you prefer not to come forward, raise your hand and the elements will be brought to you.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### † HYMN #305

.....“Blessed Be the Tie That Binds”

† 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 Ross Clopton 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.

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Filling the pulpit	Elder Dave Kemp
Liturgist	Elder Priscilla Sheets
Serving Communion:	Elders Ross Clopton, Donna Clopton, and Bob McCracken
Greeters	Gary and Janet Stone

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MUSIC

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

SOURCES AND CREDITS: Portions of today’s liturgy are from Carol Holbrook Prickett and the *Presbyterian Outlook*. 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, MAY 5, 2024

- 9:30 a.m. **Coffee & Fellowship** • Thank you to suzi Tracy 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.)  
**Elder Dave Kemp** filling the pulpit. Communion will be served.

### MONDAY, MAY 6

- 10 & 11 a.m. **Adult Piano Classes**
- 5:30 p.m. **Mission Committee Meeting**

### TUESDAY, MAY 7

- 10:00 a.m. **Exercise Group**

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

- 8:30 a.m. **Yoga Practice**
- 10:00 a.m. **St. Luke Women Annual Salad Luncheon and Study**  
Please bring a small salad to share. Beverages and dessert will be provided. **Nan Kemp** will lead the business meeting and **Sharron Fitzner** will present the devotional. The final lesson is #9 “People Encounter Jesus through the Work of the Disciples.”
- 6:00 p.m. Al-Anon Steering Committee in library
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study with AUMC- Lesson #12 - Concluding Class

### THURSDAY, MAY 9

- 10:00 a.m. **Exercise Group**
- 2:00 p.m. **Threads of Love Ministry**

### SUNDAY, MAY 12

- 9:15 a.m. **Celebrate Spring Tea** See below
- 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 Helen Thorsheim** will fill the pulpit.

### **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 a.m. 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!

We have hired a bookkeeper, Jana Astle, and are on the verge of hiring a secretary, Brittany Forney! They both will be starting later this month, working with Kaci and Helen at first. The office hours will continue to be from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday and 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday, with specific coverage logistics to be worked out later.

It's time to apply for the **St. Luke Scholarship!** The deadline will be soon, so move quickly please. Recipients must be St. Luke members and priority will be given to members who are full time undergraduates taking at least 12 hours or high school seniors accepted as an undergraduate student. Members of St. Luke attending a Presbyterian Seminary or taking classes to become a commissioned lay pastor may be considered on a case-by-case basis. Forms and instructions are available from the church office. Contact Jennifer Denham if you have questions.

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Please pray for:

- ♥ Gary Stone, as he has a pacemaker installed on Wednesday afternoon (May 8<sup>th</sup>). May his heart beat strongly, consistently, and faithfully for many, many years!
- ♥ Students and teachers in their final month of the school year. May the joy of learning stay with them.
- ♥ suzi Tracy 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 in hospice care after cancer treatment.

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.*

<b>Barbara Taylor:</b>	2024 Clerk of Session	<b>Dr. Robert Hansen:</b>	Director of Music
<b>Kaci Jones:</b>	2024 Treasurer	<b>Mila Abbasova:</b>	Organist
<b>Volunteers:</b>	Office Administrator	<b>Mary McCracken:</b>	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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