



**St. Luke is a joyful, inclusive and compassionate community. Together, we are on a spiritual journey to do justice, make peace, and walk humbly with God.**

**May 5th 2024**

**Easter 6th Sunday**

**Welcome, we're glad you're here!**

If you would like to know more about St. Luke, please greet one of our pastors or elders those with green ribbon on their nametag).

**Greeter**

Jim Gresham  
Nancy Anderson

Personal listening devices are available at the back of the sanctuary.

**Liturgist**

Garett Winters

Large print bulletins are available at the back of the sanctuary.

**Sound Engineer**

Mike Breckenridge

Please remember to silence your cell phones.

**Deacons**

Lou Frank  
Becky Kajander

Offering baskets will be passed during the service. Our May Change for Change is **(PGS)**. **PLANT-GROW-SHARE (PGS)** has taken over the care of the veggie garden using the church grounds as a place to teach urban farming to BIPOC and low income white folks. They began training April 1st The food grown will be going to the nutrition coordinator at the Division of Indian Work. Derek Nicholas, the nutrition coordinator uses the food grown to teach DIW clients about culturally specific Native American cuisine with the goal of bringing about improved health outcomes for those attending the various programs at DIW as well as providing healthy meals for the elders in the wider community. (PGS) began as a pilot program in 2015, funded by CANDO (the Central Area Neighborhood Development Organization). PGS focuses on connecting Minneapolis residents with a different path to food access. This was done by inviting 25 families to learn, build, and grow in their first vegetable garden. These neighbors joined PGS and built relationships while sharing food at community events and with local food shelves in need of fresh produce. PGS understands the existing food system prevents families from affording healthy and culturally relevant food. They ground their work in antiracism, decentralized power, deep relationships and personal growth. Plant-Grow-Share prioritizes Black, Indigenous, Latine and people of color, along with low-income white folks. St Lukers will have the opportunity to take part in their work around antiracism. Stay tuned for more information about this.

## Order of Worship

**Prelude** David Hovick Lohman

**Welcome** Zach Wilson

One: May peace be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

**Centering** “Christ In Me Arise”

Christ in me a - rise and dis - pel all the dark - ness.

Christ in me a - rise with your pow - er and your strength.

Christ in me pour out your — bless - ing and heal - ing.

Christ in me a - rise and I shall rise with you.

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Music: Trevor Thomson

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**Opening Liturgy**

Psalm 98

One: Sing a new song to God,  
who has worked wonders,  
whose right hand and holy arm have brought deliverance!

**All: God has made salvation known  
and shown divine justice to the nations,  
and had remembered in truth and love  
the house of Israel.**

**All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.**

One: Shout to the most High, all the earth,  
break into joyous songs of praise!

**All: Sing praise to God with the harp,  
With the harp and melodious singing!**

One: With trumpets and blasts of the shofar,  
raise a shout to God, Ruler of All.

**All: Let the sea and all within it thunder;  
the world and all its peoples.**

One: Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy  
before God,

**All: who comes to judge the earth,  
who will rule the world with justice  
and its people with equity.**

**\*Opening Hymn****"In Christ There Is No East or West"**

1. In Christ there is no east or west, in  
 2. In Christ shall true hearts every where their  
 3. Join hands, then, people of the faith, what -  
 4. In Christ now meet both east and west, in

Christ no south or north, but one great fel - low -  
 high com - mun - ion find. God's ser - vice is the  
 e'er your race may be. All chil - dren of the  
 Christ meet south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.  
 joined as one through - out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1908; alt.  
 Music: McKEE, 8.6.8.6.

**Scripture****John 15:9-17**

<sup>9</sup> As my Abba has loved me, so have I loved you. Live on in my love.

<sup>10</sup> And you will live on in my love if you keep my commandments, just as I live on in Abba God's love and have kept God's commandments.

<sup>11</sup> I tell you all this that my joy maybe yours, and your joy maybe complete.

<sup>12</sup> This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

<sup>13</sup> There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.

<sup>14</sup> And you are my friends, if you do what I command you.

<sup>15</sup> I no longer speak of you as subordinates, because a subordinate doesn't know a superior's business. Instead I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learned from Abba God.

<sup>16</sup> It was not you who chose me; it was I who chose you to go forth and bear fruit. Your fruit must endure, so that whatever you ask of Abba God in my name God will give you.

<sup>17</sup> This command I give you: that you love one another.

## Time with Children

## "It Takes a Whole Village"

Zach Wilson

It takes a whole vil - lage to raise one child, — in  
 love — and beau - ty un - de - filed. — To  
 grow — in wis - dom and to run wild, — it  
 takes a whole vil - lage to raise — one child. —

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 Music: Jim Strathdee

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## Sermon

## "No Greater Love"

Zach Wilson

## \*Responsive Hymn

## "Weave"

**REFRAIN**

Weave, weave, weave us to - geth - er, Weave us to - geth - er in  
 u - ni - ty and love. — Weave, weave, weave us to - geth - er,  
 weave us to - geth - er, to - geth - er in love. —

1. We are man - y tex - tures, we are man - y col - ors,  
 2. We are dif - f'rent in - stru - ments play - ing our own mel - o - dies,  
 3. Mo - ments a - go, — still we did not — know — our

Each one dif - f'rent from the oth - er. — But —  
 Each one tun - ing to a dif - f'rent key. — But —  
 u - ni - ty, — on - ly di - ver - si - ty. — Now the

*Refrain*

we are en - twined with one an - oth - er in one great tap - es - try.  
 we are all play - ing in — har - mo - ny, in one great sym - pho - ny.  
 Christ — in me greets the — Christ in thee in one great fam - i - ly.

Text: Rosemary Crow  
 Music: Rosemary Crow

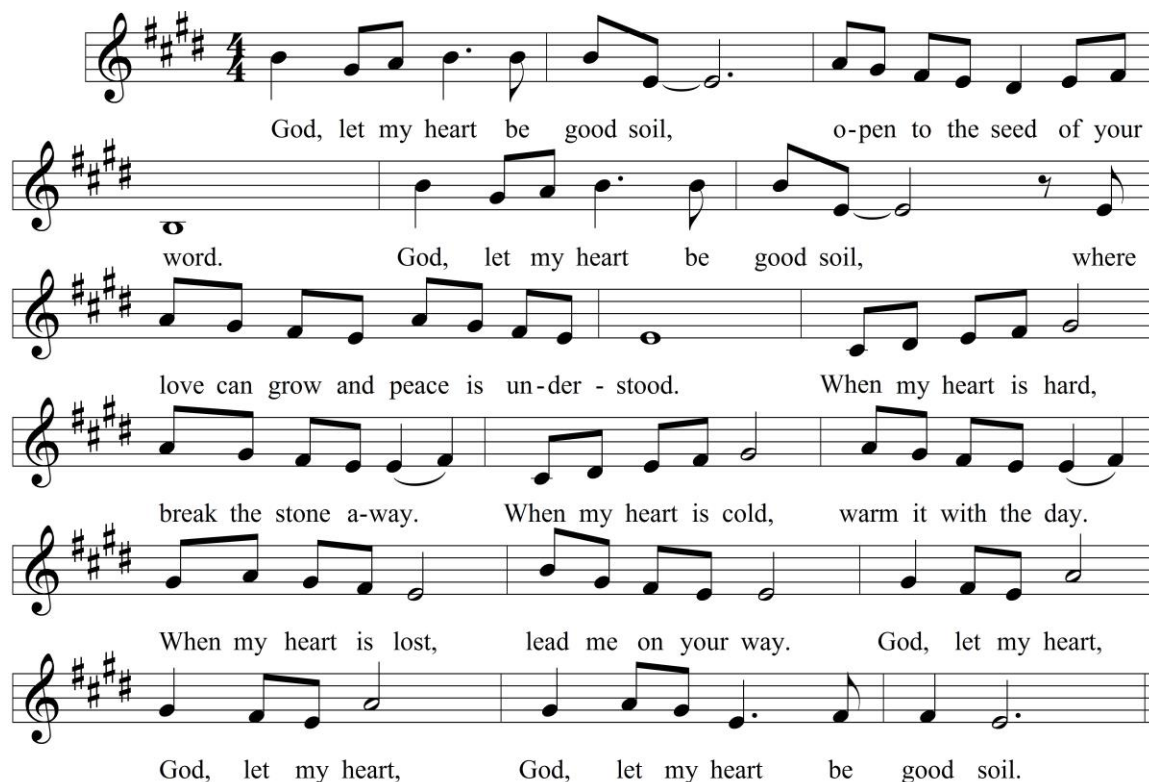
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**Call to Generosity**

"Build a Longer Table" French carol, text by David Bjorlin,  
arr. John Helgen

1. *Build a longer table, not a higher wall,  
feeding those who hunger, making room for all.  
Feasting together, stranger turns to friend,  
Christ breaks walls to pieces; false divisions end.*
2. *Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail;  
where the weak find shelter, mercy will not fail.  
For any place where justice is denied,  
Christ will breach the jail wall, freeing all inside.*
3. *Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence.  
Love protects all people, sparing no expense.  
When we embrace compassion more than fear,  
Christ tears down our fences: all are welcome here.*
4. *When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad,  
Christ became our doorway to the reign of God.  
So must our tables welcome those who roam.  
None can be excluded; all must find a home.*

Please pass the Friendship Pads

**Called To The Table****"Good Soil"**


God, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your  
word. God, let my heart be good soil, where  
love can grow and peace is un-der - stood. When my heart is hard,  
break the stone a-way. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.  
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way. God, let my heart,  
God, let my heart, God, let my heart be good soil.

Text: Handt Hanson, alt.  
Music: Handt Hanson, arr. Henry Wiens

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## Pastoral Prayer

Nora P. Eliot

## Prayer of Jesus

**Heavenly Father, Heavenly Mother,  
 Holy and Blessed is your true Name.  
 We pray for your reign of peace to come.  
 We pray that your good will be done.  
 Let heaven and earth become one.  
 Give us this day the bread we need.  
 Give it to those who have none.  
 Let forgiveness flow like a river between us from each one to  
 each one.  
 Lead us to holy innocence, beyond the evil of our days.  
 Come swiftly Mother, Father come.  
 For yours is the power,  
 and the mercy,  
 and the glory.  
 Forever your Name is all in One.  
 Amen.**

– Parker Palmer

## Words of Institution

## Distribution Hymn

"For Everyone Born"

1. For ev - 'ry - one born, a place at the ta - ble, —  
 for ev - 'ry - one born, — clean wa - ter and bread; —  
 a shel - ter, a space, — a safe place for grow - ing,  
 for ev - 'ry - one born, — a star — o - ver - head. And  
 God — will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and  
 joy, — com - pas - sion and peace; Yes, God — will de - light when we are cre -



a - tors of jus-tice, jus-tice and joy.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray  
 Music: Brian R. Mann; written for the Vermillion SD  
 United Methodist Church on their first anniversary  
 as a Reconciling community

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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

We thank You, O God, for Your life, pulsing in creation revealed in Jesus renewed in resurrection and available to us now. Thank You for touching us again with Your life through bread and wine; For joining our lives with Yours through Jesus; And for renewing resurrection in our hearts through your Holy Spirit. Amen.

## \*Closing Hymn

### "Love Will Guide Us"



*Refrain:* Love will guide us, peace has tried us.  
 1. If you can - not sing like an - gels,  
 2. You are like no oth - er be - ing.  
 3. Hear the voice of just - ice call - ing.



Hope in - side us will lead the way  
 If you can - not speak be - fore thous - ands  
 What you can give no oth - er can give  
 Hear the song of peace in your heart.



On the road from greed to giv - ing.  
 You can give from deep with - in you.  
 To the fut - ure of our prec - ious child - ren.  
 Spring's new be - gin - ing will lead to the har - vest.



Love will guide us through the dark night.  
 You can change the world with your love.  
 To the fut - ure of the world where we live.  
 Love will guide us on our way.

Text: Traditional  
 Music: Sally Rogers

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## Announcements

See Back Cover of the Bulletin for a Complete List of Announcements

### \*Benediction

### \*Sending Forth

### “Prayer of Good Courage” and “Amen”

O God, you have called us to ven-tures where we can-not see the  
 end, by paths nev-er yet tak-en, through per-ils un-  
 known. Give us good cour-age, not know-ing where we  
 go, to know that your hand— is lead-ing us wher-ev-er we might  
 go. A - men.

A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men,

A - men, A - men, A - men.

"Prayer of Good Courage" from *Mountain Vespers*

Text: Holden Prayer, Holden Villiage; paraphrased; Music: Kent Gustavson, adapt.

"Amen" from *20th Century Mass*

Text: Fr. Geoffrey Beaumont; Music: Fr. Geoffrey Beaumont

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## Core Values

Every member and friend is a minister of God's love and justice. Together, we strive to...

- Be inclusive and authentic in community.
- Take action in the face of injustice.
- Comfort, celebrate, and challenge one another across generations.
- Follow the life and teaching of Jesus, who models for us a life of extravagant love for all, active nonviolence, and solidarity with those made poor, hungry, or outcast.

## Announcements

### FAMILY LUNCHEONS

After worship through summer Pastor Nora hosts a brown bag lunch with activities for all ages present, 11:45–1:30 pm, stay as long as you are able.  
Contact [nora@stluke.mn](mailto:nora@stluke.mn) for more info.

### LINDA THOMPSON

A prayer for Linda Thomson, who is now at home at Amira near Ridgedale. Her cancer has reoccurred and she will be seeking hospice care at home. She welcomes visitors and phone calls.

### CONNIE BELL

Heidi Hudnut-Beumler called to let us know that her mom, Connie, is back in town after a difficult winter in Arizona. She is currently at the Skilled Transitional Care Facility Gables Folkestone in Wayzata and would appreciate your visits, calls, and cards.

### DIW CRITICAL NEEDS

The Division of Indian Work continues to have a critical need for disposable diapers and laundry detergent. Thank you (Miigwech) for your kindness and generosity! Please talk with Lori Cocking or email [office@stluke.mn](mailto:office@stluke.mn) to get connected.

## ST. LUKE SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATION

St. Luke Educational Scholarships - Applications now Available - Due by May 7. The application form is available on the St. Luke website under the "ABOUT" tab.

To qualify for the St. Luke Scholarship, a youth must be a member of St. Luke and/or have shown regular, active participation in St. Luke or St. Luke Youth programs. In addition, an applicant may be a non-traditional student who is a member of St. Luke, or someone involved in St. Luke programs. Applications are open to graduating high school seniors, current college students, and non-traditional students.

For more information, contact one of the following:

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## THE BOOK GROUP

May 8th

May 8th – *The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese, 724 pages

(This is a long book which may carry over until June.)

## ADULT EDUCATION

Sundays 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

### May 12th Electronics Recycling

Maria Jensen, Executive Director of RECA (Recycling Electronics for Climate Action) will talk about a bill that will provide free electronics recycling to all Minnesotans, and work towards collecting 100% of our e-waste! Minnesota generates 266 million pounds of electronic waste each year, providing a \$3.2 billion dollar opportunity to capture critical metals via recycling. In doing so, we could prevent toxic pollution in our landfills and prevent toxic air resulting from burning e-waste, both of which harm human and environmental health. But...we only collect 24% of our e-waste for recycling in Minnesota.

## HENNEPIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 6 ELECTIONS

The Hennepin County Commissioner District 6 elections for the following 2 elections only:

**Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>** will not be held at the St. Luke Premises but instead will be held at the Minnetonka Community Center. Please refer to the signs by the door for more information.

## WOMEN'S SPRING GATHERING

Saturday, May 18

Next Women's Group Gathering

St. Luke Garden Court

Saturday, May 18 10:00AM to 12:00 Noon

Enjoy a wonderful quiche, muffins and fruit brunch with our St Luke women!

\*Bring one or more long-stemmed flowers(s)

Organizers: Lori Cocking, Liz Thompson, Arlene Jullie

LAST CHANCE TO SAVE YOUR SPOT FOR THE MAY 18<sup>TH</sup> WOMEN'S GATHERING!

Email Arlene Jullie, [ajullie@comcast.net](mailto:ajullie@comcast.net) on or before Saturday, May 11

## YOUTH SUNDAY

May 12th

## PENTECOST

We invite everyone to wear red on Pentecost. We are also receiving Pentecost offering on **May 19<sup>th</sup>**. Following Pentecost worship we will have a congregational conversation about the church mission, budget and structure.

*if you have an announcement, please let the pastors know ahead of time so it can be included here.  
Consider tearing off this page to take home.*