

Announcements

Easter Lillies: If you would like to help provide Easter Lilies for Easter Sunday, please complete a form located (Hospitality Hall Cart) and return to the church office. The deadline will be April 14th. The cost is \$18. A list of honorariums and memorials will be published on Easter Sunday, April 20th. You are welcome to take home your lilies after church on Easter Sunday.

Love in Action: Spring Clean Up- Let's get our church grounds and surrounding area spiffed up for Spring on April 27 after Worship. Please wear comfortable clothes. Lunch provided, RSVP to Sheridan Harris on www.stlukesumc.org

Senior Sunday: Celebrating the achievements of the Class of 2025 with their church family on May 5, 2025.

Lenten Bible Study: Join us for a family-centered Lenten study on the topic of temptation and Jesus' journey to the cross. Dinner provided. Please RSVP to sheridan.harris@stlukesumc.org

Church Council meeting April 27 after Worship.

Food Pantry: The food pantry is starting to run low on donated paperback books for our clients. If anyone in the congregation has book paperback or hardback books that they don't want anymore, the pantry would love to have them. Thanks!

Prayer Requests

Marty Cobb, Fred Kuhns(friends of the Colters), Jill Dye Congdon(former member), Kim Davis (brother in law Melinda Kaler), David and Mike Smith, Jerry Dunn (Charlotte Fletcher's son in law's father), Rita Richardson, and Greg McCarter (nephew of Opal Hill), Deborah Sanders, and Sherry Morris (Sheridan Harris' mother).

Christian Love and Sympathy go to David Smith on the loss of his brother Mike.

If you would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact Pat Anderson at pata9276@gmail.com or call the church office at 452-6262

Monthly Stewardship Report

Pledged and Non-Pledged Contributions

<u>March 2025</u>	<u>YTD 2025</u>
Actual Giving: \$69,632	Actual Giving: \$179,085
Budgeted: \$53,384	Budgeted: \$160,150



April 13th, 2025

PALM SUNDAY

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are becoming a faithful community of disciples striving to share the heart, mind and hands of Jesus Christ with all people.



During this season of Lent, you are welcomed to use the chapel before or after worship for quiet prayer and meditation. Feel free to light a candle as a physical representation of your prayer.

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Church Office Hours

Monday- Thursday- 8:30am-3:00pm
Friday- Closed

Order of Worship

The flowers on the altar are given in honor of Wes Kirkpatrick upon his 25 years of service to St. Luke's.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Stephen Adams

The Holy City
Wes Kirkpatrick, Organist

CONCECRATION OF THE SANCTUARY DOORS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Today, we join Jesus in the final ascent to Jerusalem, knowing the depths we will descend on our journey through Holy Week.

People: Open the gates of righteousness, that we may come worship God!

Leader: We join the disciples in declaring that Jesus, riding on a donkey, is our Ruler, the One who will bring peace and salvation for all.

People: Open the gates of peace, that we may come worship God!

Leader: We join with the bystanders who questioned and wondered who this Jesus really is, who feared the consequences of angering the powers that be.

People: Open the gates of truth, that we may come worship God!

Leader: The journey through Holy Week brings us face-to-face with the stark reality of sin and God's faithfulness to save.

All: Open the gates of salvation, that we may come worship God whose steadfast love never fails!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

UMH 126

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UMH 881

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,
and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he
shall come to judge the quick 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*

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH 70

CANTICLE OF THE KINDER *(On the screens) While we sing this song,
children ages 4-3rd grade are invited to come forward for a children's
sermon, then are dismissed to Children's Worship in the Lighthouse.*

WORD AND WONDER

Fairest Lord Jesus

Childrens Choir

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

UMH 298

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

*SCRIPTURE

Luke 19: 28-40, John 19:14-30

New Testament Pew Bible Page 78, 107

ANTHEM *(on the screens)*

Dan Forrest

In All Things Love

Chancel Choir

MESSAGE

Rev. Jim McKinney

UNISON OFFERTORY PRAYER

*God of life, help us to take down the walls we build. Help us to work humbly
with our receiving, and freely with our giving. Amen.*

OFFERTORY

Arr. Harold DeCou

The Palms

Wes Kirkpatrick, Organist

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

*SENDING HYMN

UMH 57

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (omit vs. 6)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Michael Burkhardt

All Glory, Laud and Honor

Wes Kirkpatrick, Organist

*Congregation stand as able.

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BLESSING OF SANCTUARY DOORS

Leader: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, gathered for the blessing of the new church doors, let us take part in this celebration with reverence and a spirit of devotion. Let us pray fervently to the Lord that all who enter the church through these doors in order to hear the word of God and celebrate the sacraments may heed the voice of Christ: it is Christ who gave himself to us as the true door to eternal life.

People: O God, you have honored your people with dignity of being called your Church. Grant that this assembly of your faithful may revere and love you, and with you as their leader reach the promised rewards of heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Leader: My brothers and sisters, we have happily gathered here to bless these new church doors. Let us then lift our voices to pray that God will draw near with His grace.

People: Almighty and merciful Father, you have given us Christ to be the True Door of our salvation. We beseech you, bless and sanctify these doors, so that all who enter the church through them to hear the word of the Lord and to celebrate the sacraments may listen to the voice of Christ and be obedient to him; for it is Christ who gave Himself to us as the true door to eternal life, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.