##  Holy Eucharist ~ April 28, 2024

# *The 5th Sunday of Easter*

# *St. Luke’s Episcopal Church*

*North Main at Fourth Street*

*Jamestown, New York*

***The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, Bishop***

 *The Rev. Luke Fodor, Rector; The Rev. Deacon Cathy Smith;*

*Mr. Paul Johnson, Verger; Mr. Loren Masánqué, Minister of Music*

 *The Rev. Jessica Frederick, Curate for Children, Youth & Family Ministry*

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*The mission is simple:  to* ***Connect*** *all people, help them* ***Discover*** *God's love, empower them to* ***Serve*** *and watch them* ***Grow****.”*

#### **WELCOME TO ST. LUKE’S**

 *We welcome you this morning to St. Luke’s Church and are delighted to have you join us for worship today. If you are* ***visiting*** *for the first time, or are looking for a church home, please fill in a* ***pew card*** *and place it in the offering plate.*

 *At the time of Communion, all are invited to God’s Table. In addition to the altar rail, at the 10 a.m. service a floor-level Communion station is made available, which includes gluten-free wafers and grape juice, please indicate your preference.*

 *Available to children is a visit to the Children’s Corner, or the use of a “Children’s Activity Bag” found near the front of the church nave (ask an usher). Children’s Chapel & nursery care is provided downstairs during the 10am service.*

*Clergy and members of the congregation look forward to greeting you after services. Join us downstairs for refreshments. All are welcome! Audio transmitters are available for those who have difficulty hearing the service; please ask an usher. The church also has a hearing loop installed on the right side of the sanctuary.*

 *~ Copies of today’s sermon are available at the doors. ~*

**Prelude: chaconne, major movement** *-J.S. Bach*

**introit: #712 Dona Nobis Pacem** *-Blue pew hymnal*

**opening hymn: #529 in christ there is no east or west** *-Blue pew hymnal*

**Opening Acclamation**

 *Celebrant*: Alleluia. Christ is risen. *People:* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**Collect for Purity**, *said by all*

 **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

**Gloria**, *said by all at 8am, sung at 10am. -S278 Blue Pew Hymnal*

 **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**The Collect of the Day**: The Lord be with you. *Response:* **And also with you.**

*Let us pray:*Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.***Amen.***

### **The First Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles 8:26-40**

### An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea. The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

### **Psalm #22:24-30,** *please join in saying the psalm responsively by half verse. - Saint Helena Psalter*

### 24 My praise is of you in the great assembly; \*

### **I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship you.**

### 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek you shall praise you: \*

### **“May your heart live for ever!”**

### 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to you, \*

### **and all the families of the nations shall bow before you.**

### 27 For yours is the royal power, O God; \*

### **you rule over the nations.**

### 28 To you alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*

### **all who go down to the dust fall before you**.

### 29 My soul shall live for you; my descendants shall serve you; \*

### **they shall be known as yours for ever.**

### 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*

### **the saving deeds that you have done.**

### **The Second Reading is from the 1st Letter of John 4:7-21**

### Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also. The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

**GOSPEL SEQUENCE HYMN:** **#3155 the lord of life, a vine is he v. 1-2** *-see insert*

### **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to** **John 15:1-8**

 *Response before the Gospel:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.” The Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

**GOSPEL SEQUENCE HYMN: #3155 the lord of life, a vine is he, v. 3-4** *-see insert*

**Sermon** -*The Rev. Luke Fodor, Rector*

**Nicene Creed,** *said by all, standing as able*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,**

**of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,**

**eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father,**

**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People: Form III** *BCP 388*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; ***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; ***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop; for Sean the Bishop of our Diocesan Partnership; for the Episcopal Partnership churches of Christ Church (Oil City), Christ Church (Lockport), and St. Paul’s (Mayville), the Church of Bangladesh, and for our clergy Luke, Jessica, Cathy and Tom, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons; ***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

We pray for peace and good will among all nations; for Joe, our President; for Kathy, our Governor; for Kim, our Mayor, for the members Congress and the Supreme Court; for the safety of the men and women of our armed forces, for the people of Ukraine and the people of the Holy Land, and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; ***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; ***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Comfort, O Lord, all those in trouble, sorrow, need, or any other adversity. Please join me in saying aloud the names of the people on our prayer list***: Tim Pickett, Joyce Crate, Mary Holton, Mac Dawson, Becky Svetz, Nan Eaker, Noah Larson, Johnny, David Small, Abigail Ferrari, Morgan Dominick, Pat Rivera,*** ***and those others we now name.*** *Silence*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any illness, grief or trouble; ***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Remembering Ruth Stapelton, give to the departed eternal rest; ***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; ***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

*The celebrant concludes with a collect.*

Everliving God, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**The Peace** *Let us exchange the Peace of Christ with one another!*

The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People* **And also with you.**

##### **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

* If you’d like to give electronically, use your phone’s camera to scan the QR code.*

**Offertory** *8am:* ***All things come of thee, O Lord****.* ***And of thine own have we given Thee. Amen.***

*10am:***offertory: The king of love my shepherd is** *-St. Luke’s Choir*

**doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God above, ye heav’nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

**Alleluia, alleluia; alleluia, alleluia; alleluia!**

**The Great Thanksgiving:** *Enriching Our Worship: Supplemental Eucharistic Prayer 2*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

 Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

*8am:* **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your**

**glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the**

**Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

 *10 am:*

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Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with Saint Luke and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.*8am:* **Amen** (*Amen sung at 10am.)*

10am: **

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

 **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread** *Silent moment*

*8am:* Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

10am:

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**The Communion** *Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, all are invited to receive Communion.*

*Gluten-free wafers, as well as grape juice, are available, please indicate your preference;*

If you have difficulty coming forward, communion can be brought to you at your seat.

*You are invited to light a candle for a person or concern in your prayers.*

*A candle station is located at the back of the Chapel or to the right of the pulpit in the Church.*

**communion music: #417 this is the feast** *-Blue pew hymnal*

 **Laudate dominum** *-insert*

**Post Communion Prayer**, *said by all*

 **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members**

 **of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the**

 **sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant**

 **us strength and courage to love and serve you, with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Blessing**

**closing Hymn: #657 Love divine, all love excelling** *-blue pew hymnal*

**Dismissal** Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Response:* ***Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!***

**postlude: test drive from “how to train your dragon,”** *commemorating St. George’s Day.*

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Susan Lundgren and Sheryl Brunecz in thanksgiving for the gift of family and friends.*

***Announcements***

**SLY White Water Rafting Adventure TODAY!**

 This afternoon, SLY is taking a trip to go white-water rafting at Zoar Valley Rafting in Gowanda. We will leave from St. Luke's at 12:30 pm and return by 7:30 pm. The total cost of the trip is $65 per person ($55 for the trip, $10 for equipment). As always, youth group trips are available to all students, regardless of ability to pay. However, if your family can contribute $30 (or more), that will help defray some of the costs of this event.

**CSA Sign-Up NOW is the time to sign up for the CSA.**

You can now sign up for the Grow Jamestown CSA program. Produce boxes range from $200 to $500 for the entire season. The CSA program will run from June through September. Shares will be available for pick-up at St. Luke’s on Wednesdays from noon to 7pm. We are offering shares in three sizes (and price points):

**• Fun Size ($200)** — Perfect for an individual, couple or family looking to introduce 3-4 unique and local veggies to your household.

**•Family Size ($375)** — For households looking to try new produce options, with 5-7 fresh fruit/veggie varieties.

**•Full Size ($500)** — For larger families or households that LOVE their fruits and veggies and wish to receive larger servings of seasonal options. Each week you’ll receive an email detailing what to expect in your share, as well as suggested recipes of what to do with your veggies and tips for preserving their freshness. This year you can also add on eggs, pork products, and fresh sourdough bread! This year you can also add on eggs, pork products, and fresh sourdough bread! Add On options include:

• Egg Share - 1 dozen eggs from Conklin Family Ranch - **$64**

• Bread Share - 1 fresh NY grown and baked sourdough loaf from Grain Bakery - **$120**

• Meat Share - 2-4 lb. a week of locally raised pork products\* from Conklin Family Ranch - **$432.**

All products are sourced, grown, and made right here in New York State and near Chautauqua County. Purchase your share at jtownpublicmarket.org.

**Monday Night Café 4/29**

The next Monday Night Cafe is **tomorrow** at 6pm. The dinner is completely free, and everyone is welcome. If you would like to volunteer for prep, service, and/or cleanup, sign up at the bulletin board above the stairs, or contact Nick Weith, Food Access Manager for Grow Jamestown at nick.weith@stlukesjamestown.org. We’ll also be doing some prep in the kitchen after the 10am service **today.**

**LGBTQ+ Drum Circle 5/1 @ 7pm in the Undercroft**

Come explore creative drumming, enjoy music in a playful atmosphere, and make connections with other LGBTQ+ members of the community! This group will foster joy and connection to yourself and with others in a safe, supportive environment. Facilitator Karen Hewes Suber (she/her) is a Board Certified Music Therapist (MT-BC) with a passion for community music making and the "Aha!" moments it can bring. Sessions run approx. 1.5 hours. Donations are welcome, and instruments are provided. Bringing your own instrument(s) is also welcomed!

**May 4th Solidarity Walk for Gaza Ceasefire**

St. Luke's is organizing a solidarity walk with calling for a ceasefire in Gaza. We will gather at the **Lakeside Park in Mayville, NY (50 W Lake Rd - by the playground) at 7 am on May 4, departing at 7:30 sharp,** in order to walk 22 miles along Chautauqua Lake - walking nearly the equivalent of the length of Gaza - to raise awareness of and solidarity with the people of Gaza. The group will arrive at **St. Luke’s by 5 pm.** The day's activities will conclude with interfaith prayers and reflection.

The walk will include breaks for food, water, and rest. People of diverse ages and abilities are welcome to get involved:

* Participants are welcome to walk (there will be a support vehicle available for folks who are not able to walk the entire trip),
* offer support (water or food at rest stops, etc.)
* We are also collecting donations in support of the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (use the QR code and select "Gaza Relief" in the drop down menu.)

For more information and ways to get involved, contact the Rev. Jessica Frederick (jessica.frederick@stlukesjamestown.org)

**Save the Date: Evensong 5/9 at 7pm**

As we come to the end of the programmatic year, we are wrapping up our Ron McEntire Choral Scholars Program with an Evensong on Ascension Day, **May 9 at 7pm in the church.** Our Choral Scholars have been busy these last few months, singing in liturgies for Holy Week, as well as regular members of the choir and cantors. They have also begun work with children’s choral methods and will conduct the last two performances of the children’s choir this year. The Ascension Day Evensong will be presented through the liturgy, interspersing the sacred music repertoire the scholars have been working on during the term. The Prelude will be provided by Ron himself, pieces he recorded on the console of the organ (isn’t it amazing we can keep a part of him like this alive?). After the conclusion of the liturgy, the scholars will perform their secular rep, spanning from the Elizabethan Age to recent musical theatre. It is promising to be a beautiful night to feature these amazing singers, and honour Ron.

**Children’s Choir**

A reminder that children’s choir rehearsal is after the 10am service today. All are welcome!