



## SUNDAY, MARCH 17

Acts 1:8

<sup>8</sup>You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Acts 2:37-47

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" <sup>38</sup>Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." <sup>40</sup>And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." <sup>41</sup>So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

### S E R M O N   N O T E S

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The gathered church...

- helps us grow more like Jesus, closer to God and closer to each other.
- roots us to our shared mission: the redemption of the world.
- is a sign, instrument, and foretaste of the kingdom of God.

### **Easter Offering: PM Pals**

For the month of March our Easter offering will be dedicated to our PM Pals program. For 19 years, PM Pals has served families with special needs in our community, providing children a sense of community and belonging.

Want to volunteer with this incredible ministry?

Contact Bevin Barrett: [pmpals@stlukesmethodist.org](mailto:pmpals@stlukesmethodist.org)

For more information, visit [StLukesMethodist.org/EasterOffering](https://StLukesMethodist.org/EasterOffering)

### **Working Faith Breakfast Gathering**

**Wednesday, March 20 | 8 - 9 a.m. | Hines Baker Room**

Want to learn how your faith can be lived out in a practical way at work? Join us for this March's Working Faith breakfast gathering! Kenny Mercado, a church member and energy executive who was with CenterPoint for 35 years as a senior vice president and led power delivery during major hurricanes. We'll discuss leading people during challenging times.

Register: [StLukesMethodist.org/workingfaith](https://StLukesMethodist.org/workingfaith)

### **Lenten Music for Meditation and Reflection**

**Thursday, March 21 | 12 p.m. | Chapel**

Join us in the Chapel at noon during Lent for a 30-minute musical offering from Lauren Sanders, flute, and Marvin Gaspard, piano. No admission charge, however, a free-will offering will be received.

**Who will you invite? Send an e-vite to friends or loved ones by visiting**

[StLukesMethodist.org/invite](https://StLukesMethodist.org/invite)

**Palm Sunday Picnic | Blanton Field | March 24 | 11 a.m. | Egg Hunt at 12:15 p.m.**

**Regular Service Times (branches at 9:45 a.m.)**

Dress casual, grab your Easter baskets, and bring a pop-up canopy or a blanket to sit on for this annual family tradition! Admission includes: Toddlers & Twos Play Area, Egg Hunt, Cake Walk, music from the Contemporary Worship Band, lunch from Skeeter's, face painting, inflatables, and games.

Visit [StLukesMethodist.org/palm-sunday-picnic](https://StLukesMethodist.org/palm-sunday-picnic)

### **Easter Lilies Delivery**

**Saturday, March 23 | 9 a.m.-12 p.m.**

Join our Friends at Home team of volunteers who bring joy and Easter flowers to members confined to their homes. For more information or to volunteer to help, contact Elizabeth Boudreaux, ([eboudreaux@stlukesmethodist.org](mailto:eboudreaux@stlukesmethodist.org)) or call 713-402-5033.

### **2023 Impact Report**

St. Luke's has the reputation of being "the church that does things." Take a look at Impact Report 2023 to see a few highlights and the brief stories of people who were part of God's story.

[StLukesMethodist.org/impact-report-2023](https://StLukesMethodist.org/impact-report-2023)

### **St. Luke's Methodist Foundation Scholarships**

Applications are currently available for members and children of members. Scholarships are awarded subject to funding availability and must be completed and returned by March 24, 2024. See [StLukesMethodist.org/scholarships](https://StLukesMethodist.org/scholarships)

**For everything Lent & Easter, visit [StLukesMethodist.org/Easter](https://StLukesMethodist.org/Easter)**

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