

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT
732 Come, We That Love the Lord ST. THOMAS

*BENEDICTION Rev. Cliff Ritter

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
Leader: "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?'"
People: "And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'"

POSTLUDE Prelude in D major Glazunov
At places marked * those who are able may stand.

What’s Happening at St. Luke’s

Easter Offering: PM Pals
Our Easter offering will be dedicated to PM Pals. PM Pals has served families with special needs in our community, providing children a sense of community and belonging and parents some much deserved respite time.
For more information, visit StLukesMethodist.org/EasterOffering

Who will you invite? Send an e-vite to friend or loved ones by visiting StLukesMethodist.org/invite

For more Holy Week & Easter, visit StLukesMethodist.org/Easter

Holy Week Experience
Sunday, 4-7 p.m. | Monday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. | Tuesday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Wednesday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. | Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. | Friday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Fellowship Hall
A contemplative self-guided tour where you’ll experience each station in silence, allowing your soul to connect with God through scripture, prayer, and interactive moments.

The Stations of the Cross | Sanctuary | 7 p.m.
Jim Roman presents Marcel DuPre’s symphonic tone-poem for organ, The Stations of the Cross, with the evocative poetry of Paul Claudel, read by Dr. Chuck Simmons.

Maundy Thursday
12 p.m. | Holy Communion and Chant of the gospel of John | Chapel
7 p.m. | Holy Communion led by St. Cecilia choir | Sanctuary *

Good Friday
7 p.m. | Service of Tenebrae | Sanctuary *
The gradual extinguishing of the light as we remember Christ’s Passion.
7 p.m. | Children's Good Friday Worship Service *
7 p.m. | branches Good Friday Service | branches building *

Easter Sunday
6:45 a.m. | Sunrise Service | Outside on The Elipse
8, 9, 10:05 & 11:10 a.m. | Traditional Worship | Sanctuary *
9:15 & 10:15 am | Contemporary Worship | Fellowship Hall *
9:45 & 11:00 am | branches Worship | branches building *

* Nursery available for 2 mo.-PreK

Welcome to worship at St. Luke’s!
If you are visiting and would like to learn more about our church, please stop by the Connection Desk for a welcome gift.
Tell us you are here!

1. Is this your first visit?
Please text *iamnew* to 97000 to let us know you are worshipping with us today!
2. Check in on the St. Luke's App.
If you don’t have the app installed on your phone, you can download it at: StLukesMethodist.org/app.

Sermon Notes
Who Needs a King?
Last in the Series, "This I Believe?"

- The sovereignty of God
- part of a plan?
- King of?
- King when?

Leading in Worship Today: Dr. Tom Pace; Rev. Cliff Ritter; Drew Scoggins, Pastoral Intern; Mary Schuler, Senior Adult Ministries.
Musicians: Victoria Shorokhova, Organ Scholar; Virginia Stout, Fine Arts Associate; B.B. Bamberg, Accompanist; Pure Sound.
Acolytes: Lillie Eichenlaub, Rachel Osterman.
The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and given in loving memory of Gib Walton by his family.



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St. Luke’s United Methodist Church
Palm Sunday
March 24 2024 | 8:30 a.m.

PRELUDE	Hosanna Filio David	Demessieux
*HYMN OF PRAISE 280	All Glory, Laud, and Honor	ST. THEODULPH
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH #889		Rev. Cliff Ritter

Leader:
There is one God
and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus,
who came as a ransom for all,
to whom we testify.

People:
This saying is sure
and worthy of full acceptance:
That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners,
and was manifested in the flesh,
vindicated in the Spirit,
seen by angels,
proclaimed among the nations,
believed in throughout the world,
taken up in glory.
Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI UMH #70	MEINEKE
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.	

PALM SUNDAY STORY	Luke 19:28-40
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WELCOME	Dr. Tom Pace
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SCRIPTURE READING	Mary Schuler
Mark 1:14-15	
14Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God 15and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”	

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Lord, we confess our day to day failure to be truly human. Lord, we confess to you. Lord, we confess that we often fail to love with all we have and are, often because we do not fully understand what loving means, often because we are afraid of risking ourselves. Lord, we confess to you. Lord, we cut ourselves off from each other and we erect barriers of division. Lord, we confess to you. Lord, we confess that by silence and ill-considered word we have built up walls of prejudice. Lord, we confess that by selfishness and lack of sympathy we have stifled generosity and left little time for others. Holy Spirit, speak to us. Help us listen to your word of forgiveness, for we are very deaf. Come, fill this moment and free us from sin. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON
This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance:
That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

MORNING PRAYER	Drew Scoggins
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SERMON	Who Needs a King? Last in the Series, "This I Believe?"	Dr. Tom Pace
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OFFERTORY	Antiphonal Alleluia Pure Sound	John Leavitt
Deo gracias, Deo gracias, Deo Domino. Deo gracias, Deo gracias, nunc in jubilo. Alleluia, Alleluia, Allelu Alleluia, Alleluia, Allelu!		

As an alternative to the offering plate, text gift amount to: 832-669-5500.

*DOXOLOGY UMH #95	OLD 100TH
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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

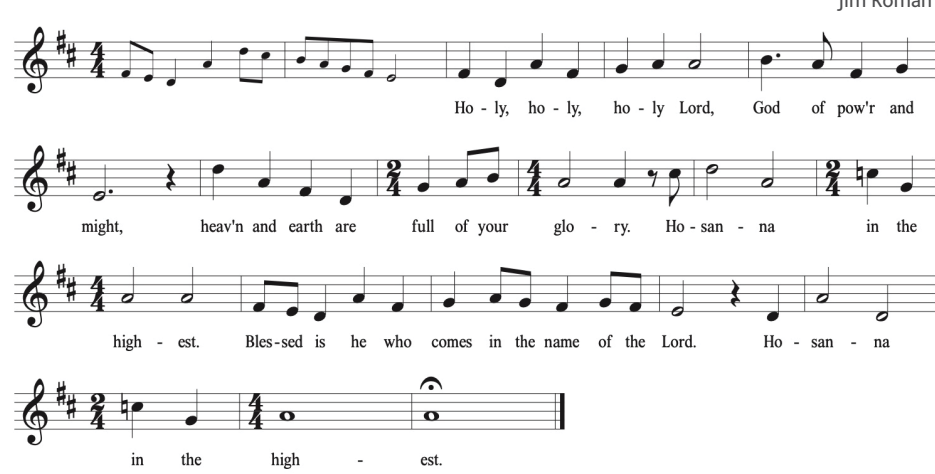
INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION	Rev. Cliff Ritter
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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING


The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...the pastor continues
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Jim Roman



...the pastor continues
...in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



...the pastor continues
All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.



THE LORD’S PRAYER
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, forever. Amen.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 278	Hosanna, Loud Hosanna	ELLACOMBE
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SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP
We are guests at Christ’s table which is open to all. Receive the wafer in your hands, and the server will say, “The body of Christ, given for you,” and your response could be, “Amen.” Then dip the wafer into the juice and the server will say, “The blood of Christ, given for you,” and again you may respond, “Amen.”

Gluten-free wafers and pre-filled cups are available. Indicate your need to your server. Offerings left at the communion rail will be directed to the Member Care Fund, which aids our friends in need.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION		
605	<i>Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters</i>	BEACH SPRING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *in unison* Drew Scoggins
O Holy God, we thank you
for the saving knowledge of your Son our Savior,
for the living presence of your Spirit, the Comforter,
for your Church, the body of Christ,
for the ministry of Word and Sacrament, and all the means of grace.
In all these things, O heavenly God,
may we render an acceptable thanksgiving unto you
all the days of our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP
If you would like to become a follower of Jesus Christ, or are interested in joining St. Luke’s United Methodist Church, we would love to talk to you about what that means. Please visit the Connection Desk to learn more.