

Celebration of Worship

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Lead On, O King Eternal" arr. Greer

*Call to Worship

Leader: This is the call! Ready yourselves for new life.

People: *We lift up our heads to meet the day.*

Leader: Get ready to be the hands and feet of Jesus in this world.

People: *We fortify our hearts with compassion and action.*

Leader: Even when rain sets in, open those umbrellas of gratitude and set out anyway.

People: *For we are called to dance again!*

***Hymn** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" UMH 327

Opening Prayers

Holy One, Justice-Seeker, Lover of Creation – Help us to put on our dancing shoes so that we can be the hands and feet of Jesus. Come and dance with us, engage with us, as we seek you – so that we can be risen with Christ and in Christ. Be with us now, we pray. Amen.

Special Music Children’s Bell Choir

Prayer of Illumination

Holy God, as we gather this day in the presence of the risen Lord, send your Holy Spirit to open our minds and hearts so that we may understand your words and live them out in the world as a sign of new life for all; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 47:1-6 Bill Cook

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Time of Meditation "My Jesus, I Love Thee" arr. Couman

Gospel Lesson Luke 24:44-53

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People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon "Gone Up with a Shout: Clap Your Hands"

Hymn "How Firm a Foundation" UMH 529

Agape Scholarship Presentations Rev. Jennifer Coffey

Christian Blackstock, Emily Blackstock, Kaylee Davis, Katlyne Ellis, Alexa Farmer, Ashtyn Foddrell, Ethan Goldean, Elliot Grayson, Reese Lee, Ethan Parker, Zach Parker, Christopher Taylor, Brittany Terry, and Jacob Thomasson.



St. Luke’s United Methodist Church

3090 North Main St.
Danville, VA 24540

May 12, 2024
10:30 am
Ascension Sunday

Reception of New Member

Janet White

Joys, Concerns, and Prayers**The Lord's Prayer**

UMH 895

Invitation to the Table

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. As we prepare to attend the heavenly feast, we especially pray for those who have no earthly tables, or no place at a table, and so little daily bread. We confess this day that we have been slow to join the dance that brings life to all, brings love to all, brings sustenance to all. In silence, let us lift up our individual prayers of confession...

Prayer of Confession

Living God, your son, Jesus Christ, taught us how to love you, one another, and ourselves. We confess that we have failed to embody such love. We have not joined in your divine dance. We have turned away from you, failing to serve you with heart and mind and soul and strength; we turn away from others who are poor and oppressed, are different from us, or do not share our views. We turn away from ourselves, even though you made us in your image and have claimed us in Christ. Bring us once again into your dance of grace, soften our hearts of stone with your love, and transform us into living signs of your love in the world, in the name of the risen Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Hear this good news! God is love! God has loved you from the very beginning. The invitation of Christ is never-ending because resurrection can happen at any moment. The Holy Spirit is transforming you even now! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! ***In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.***

Giving of our Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings**Doxology**

UMH 95

***Blessing of our Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings**

Holy One, we clap our hands and shout for joy! We give you praise and these offerings, for, with Christ ascended by your side, you are God, awesome and Most High! Amen.

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.***

Abiding God, you planted the vineyard of creation, and called your chosen people to be your vine, rooted and grounded in you. In Jesus you gave us the true vine, turning earth into grapes and the water of life into the wine of eternal life. Through your Son you abide in us, and in the power of your Holy Spirit you shape the branches of the vine to make fruit that will last. Your Son was crucified on the vine of our sin, that the

blood of his sacrifice might be the wine through which we may never be thirsty again. In this meal of creation, of resurrection, and of everlasting life, you pour out the cup of your abundance to give us eternal joy in you. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ. At his baptism, your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Transforming God, your Son took the ordinary substance of human flesh and bone; and on his last night with his friends he took the ordinary materials of bread and wine. Come among us now and make the ordinariness of our lives glow with the wonder of your eternal life. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here and on these gifts of bread and wine and make them be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ; that we may be for the world the body of Christ redeemed by his blood.

Companionable God, you turn Word into flesh, and your perfect love casts out our fear. You show us a way to love you by giving us brothers and sisters to love as we love you. Abide with all whose lives are far from fruitful; remain with those who have experienced pruning; dwell with any who feel like branches that have been discarded. Unite your whole church, living and departed, as branches of your one vine, and through being rooted and grounded in you, make us fruitful in body, mind, and spirit, until we stand before you, with your whole creation, and you are all in all, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

Receiving of the Elements**Prayer After Receiving**

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn**

“Teach Me to Dance”

Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart,
teach me to move in the power of your Spirit,
teach me to move in the light of your presence,
teach me to dance to the beat of your heart.

Teach me to pray in the power of Easter,
following Christ in a life resurrected,
teach me to act with compassion and justice,
teach me to dance with the beat of your heart.

Teach me to love with your heart of compassion,
teach me to trust in the word of your promise,
teach me to hope in the day of your coming,
teach me to dance to the beat of your heart.

***Benediction**

Go forth knowing the hope to which God has called you, the glorious inheritance that you have received, and God’s power that is at work for us through Jesus Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

***Postlude**

“Surely Goodness and Mercy”

arr. Peterson

This week’s liturgy is from Worship Design Studio, Feasting on the Word,
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In Our Prayers

St. Luke’s Family

M. Ray Barbour
Dennis Blackstock
Judy Burnette
Wendy Burnette
Carol Caplan
Thadd Christian
Louise Dalton

Linda Easley
Joyce Elliott
Judy Elliott
Mary Elliott
Danny Gammon
Teresa Gammon
Darrell Hawkins

Ola LaPrade
Faye Ligon
Gene Martin
Hazel Morris
Ethel Motley
Shirley Owen
Wayne Owen

Ethan Parker
Susan Riddle
Christopher Taylor
Emma Turner
Maxine Whitt

St. Luke’s Friends & Loved Ones

Arch Adams
Virginia Adkins
Jamie Arca
Linda Arrington
William Barcalow
Daniel Barnes
Rev. Joseph Barth
Rev. Matt Benton
Bonnie Bowling
Milton Bowling
Ken Bruce
Beverly Buck
Sonya Bumgarner
Ashley Carpenter
Gloria Chrisman
Mike Coffey
Lisa Cooley
Dawn Davis
Darlene Dyer
Jackie East
Chad Eikost
Carolyn Evans
Debbie Flint
Joan Forth

Angelia Fountain
Rosemarie Franke
Marie Gallimore
Robert Gammon
Mark Geiger
Darlene Glass
Barbara Glover
Billy Grant
Nathan Gregory
Sheryl Harrell
Michael Harris
Louise Hendricks
Ralph Hicks
Dianne Hollands-
worth
Ann Marie Howard
Caitlin Howell
Samantha Ingra-
ham
Roy Isaac
Judie Johnson
Julian Johnson
Joyce Jones
Ray Jones

James Key
Caroline Laughorn
Kelly Lefler
Jim Lewis
Regina Light
Tim Long
Leigh Ann Love
John Marlowe
George Martin
Helen Meetze
Harry Milam
Kathy Millner
Debbie Ann Moore
Jan Pennington
Bo Phillips
Mark Pinekenstein
Doug Price
Carson Pruitt
Kent Pruitt
Cole Rardin
Dickie Reavis
Tiffany Reynolds
Ariya Richardson
Lucas Richardson

Terry Riggins
Anna Sanfilippo
Jean Scarse
Danny Scism
Dominic Scott
D.J. Spencer
Vicky Shelton
Lea Smith
Louise Smith
Diane Tate
Helen Thomasson
Jenny Vernon
Becky Waggoner
Janice Walker
Betty Wells
Dr. Bill Wentz
Jerry Wentz
Wayne Whitt
Vicki Wiles
Luke Wright
Elizabeth Yeaman

Families Grieving a Loss

James Brown

Lettie Horton

Victor Tucker

In Our World

All teachers, administrators, parents
and students

All those impacted by gun violence

All those impacted by natural disasters
All those impacted by military conflicts

Inside *St. Luke's United Methodist*

Upcoming Events & Meetings

- Sunday, May 12**
 9:30 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Worship Service
- Monday, May 13**
 2:00 pm Circle 2 (LB)
 7:00 pm Book Club (LB)
- Tuesday, May 14**
 6:30 pm SPRC (ZR)
- Wednesday, May 15**
 10:00 am Bible Study (LB)
 1:30 pm **Team C** Backpacking (MH)
 6:15 pm Heavenly Ringers (SNT)
 7:15 pm Chancel Choir (CR)
- Thursday, May 16**
 6:00 pm Theology on Tap (2 Witches)
- Sunday, May 19**
 9:30 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Worship Service
 12:00 pm Mission Team Meeting
- Monday, May 20**
 8:30 am Coffee with the Pastor (Links)
 7:00 pm Bible Study (ZR)
- Tuesday, May 21**
 11:00 am ECHOS (FH)
- Wednesday, May 22**
 10:00 am Bible Study (LB)
 5:30 pm **Team A** Backpacking (MH)
 6:15 pm Heavenly Ringers (SNT)
 7:15 pm Chancel Choir (CR)
- Thursday, May 23**
 6:30 pm Church Council (FH)
- Saturday, May 24**
 2:00 pm UMM (Winstead Cabin)
- Sunday, May 26**
 9:30 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Worship Service
- Monday, May 27**
 Office Closed for Memorial Day
- Tuesday, May 28**
 6:00 pm Church Executive Board (ZR)

Worship Volunteers

Greeters: Chuck & Lisa Thomasson
 Bulletins: Marie Marlowe & Perry Taylor
 Offering: Janice England
 Communion: Ciera Barth, Julie Parker, & Courtney Eggleston

May 19: George & Meritha Alderman, & Jarrett Tucker

Lay Reader:
 Today: Bill Cook
 May 19: Marie Marlowe
 May 26: Phyllis Fisher

Nursery

Today: Kathy Jordan & Kaylee Odell
 May 19: Teresa Gammon & Mac Christian
 May 26: Bev Nixon & Hunter Phillips

Children's Church

Today: Juli Odell & Hunter Phillips
 May 19: Leslie Christian & Hunter Phillips
 May 26: Vicky Aherron & Kaylee Odell

Hall Monitor

Today: Bill Raines
 May 19: Rhonda Ticker
 May 26: James & June Scheier

Library Book Sale

Are there books in the library that you would like to own? Here is your opportunity to take them home with you. Pick out what you would like to have and make a donation to the "Library Fund". There is a container labeled "Book Sale" in the library for you to make your donation. This will operate under the honor system. **Please do not take any books that relate to church history.**

Baby Shower

George and Meritha Alderman are expecting "Baby Girl Alderman" in July and we want to shower them with our love and best wishes. The entire church is invited to attend this celebration on May 19th at 2:00 pm in the fellowship hall. They are registered on Babylist.com

Monday Night Bible Study

Revised Schedule
 May 20: Respect & Partnering
 June 3: Truthing & Practicing Faithfully

April Financial Summary

Contributions	\$ 19,201.58
Disbursements	\$ 21,027.72
Difference	\$ - 1,826.14

Giving Opportunities

An offering plate is located in the rear of the sanctuary.
 You can give online through text.
 Text STLUKESGIVE to 73256, followed by gift amount.
 You can also give by scanning the QR code with your smart phone.



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Office Hours
 Monday - Friday
 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Celebrating the women
who have touched
our lives



Mother's Day
May 12, 2024

In Honor Of		Given By
Delores Thomasson		Vicky Aherron
Sissie Gillie	"I love you!"	Vicky Aherron
Hazel Morris	"I love you!"	Vicky Aherron
Elise Raines	"I love you!"	Vicky Aherron
Margaret Hudson		Leigh Haar
Marie Marlowe		Perry Taylor
Tammy Taylor		Christopher Taylor
Susan Riddle	"Thank you for being the best Nana!"	Kathy Jordan
	"Thank you for always being there for me!"	
Ciera Barth		Rev. Timothy, Samuel, & Nathanael
Connie Layton		Rev. Timothy, Ciera, Samuel & Nathanael
Tammy Phillips		Rev. Timothy, Ciera, Samuel & Nathanael
Cheryl Dettmer		Rev. Timothy, Ciera, Samuel & Nathanael
Anna Helms		Todd & Terry Payne
Judith Burnette		Wendy Burnette
	"These are the two ladies, I love the most!"	
Melanie Burnette		Wendy Burnette
	"These are the two ladies, I love the most!"	

In Honor Of	Given By	In Honor Of	Given By
Laura Turner	Chris & Joshua Turner	Lisa Thomasson	Janet White
Jackie C. East	Judy C. Burnette	Delores Thomasson	Janet White
"Mothers that are loving, supportive and Christian. Each one used God's love and His word in their home."		Rhonda Tucker	Janet White
Wendy Burnette	Judy C. Burnette	Judy D. Taylor	Lee & Sherri Eagle
"Mothers that are loving, supportive and Christian. Each one used God's love and His word in their home."		"We love you very much. You truly are "our rock!" Thank you for all you do for all of us!"	
Lisa Thomasson	Delores Thomasson	Delores Thomasson	Chuck & Lisa Thomasson
"A wonderful daughter in law"		"Our wonderful, loving mother"	
Ola LaPrade	Delores Thomasson	Janet White	Lisa Thomasson
Faye Ligon	Delores Thomasson	Rhonda Tucker	Lisa Thomasson
Emma Turner	Delores Thomasson	Juli Odell	Lisa Thomasson
Shirley Owen	Delores Thomasson	Ciera Barth	Lisa Thomasson
Mary Ann Elliott	Delores Thomasson	Virginia Winstead	Lisa Thomasson
Tammy Taylor "Nana"	Ray & Ann Barbour	Courtney Eggleston	Lisa Thomasson
Sandra Martin Lewis	Betty Martin	Phyllis Fisher	Lisa Thomasson
Women in the Church	Debbie Fox	Julie Parker	Lisa Thomasson
Brigitte Couzo	John Couzo	Susan Hannah	Lisa Thomasson
Nikki Parkerson	Phyllis Fisher	Ann Barbour	Tammy, Christopher, Hunter, Anthony & Tristian
		"Thank you for everything you do, especially being "mom!"	

In Loving Memory Of		Given By	In Loving Memory Of	Given By
Hilda Barbour		Ray & Ann Barbour	Hilma H. Garrett	Carol A. Garrett
Martha Rowland		Ray & Ann Barbour	Frances Emerson	Teresa Gammon
Arlene Fulton		Ray & Ann Barbour	Linda Winstead	Phillip & Virginia Winstead
Margaret Gauldin		Ray & Ann Barbour	Peggy West	Phillip & Virginia Winstead
Betty Rowland		Tammy Taylor	Ruby Slayton	Phillip & Virginia Winstead
Patsy Gregory	"Our Beloved Mother"	Chuck & Lisa Thomasson	Betty Slayton	Phillip & Virginia Winstead
Florence Barber		Betty Martin	Martha Jane Haley Kirby	Debbie Fox
Hazel Watson	"A Wonderful Mother"	Delores Thomasson	Nancy Riddle "I love you! Thanks for being the greatest mom to me!"	Kathy Jordan
Lilly Ferrell	"My Special Friend"	Delores Thomasson	Minnie Taylor	Perry Taylor
Helen Walker	"My Special Friend"	Delores Thomasson	Vida Coker	Perry Taylor
Sybil Shields	"My Special Friend"	Delores Thomasson	Gaynell Walker	Vicky Aherron
Ruth W. Payne		Todd & Terry Payne	Annette Walker	"I love you!" Vicky Aherron
Rosa Belle Williams		Judy C. Burnette	Minnie Gammon	Danny Gammon
	"Mothers that are loving, supportive and Christian. Each one used God's love and His word in their home."		Lillie M. Hall	Carol A. Garrett
Lillian Williams Cook		Judy C. Burnette	Wendy Kay Barth	Rev. Timothy, Ciera, Samuel & Nathanael
	"Mother's that are loving, supportive and Christian. Each one used God's love and His word in their home."			