

## Celebration of Worship

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

### Chiming of the Hour

#### Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude** "A Simple Celebration" arr. McChesney  
Heavenly Ringers

#### \*Call to Worship

Leader: This is the call! The flames of the Spirit are beckoning.

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

Leader: Our focus is on the future and what we might do together.

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

Leader: When rain comes again, we will open the umbrellas of joy and set out anyway.

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

**Special Music** "Hark, the Glad Sound" arr. Geschke  
Heavenly Ringers

#### Children's Message

#### Call to Confession

Let us call on the name of the One who invites us to speak the truth about ourselves and our relationships and promises to show us mercy.

#### Prayer of Confession

*Holy and Merciful God, we do not know how to pray as we ought, and we know too well our constant failures to do as you have commanded and to hold fast to your word. Forgive us for the divisions we nurture, guide us to your way, keep us in your care, and lead us into faith. We trust your word that the Spirit of truth will show us all things and grant us courage and peace. Amen.*

#### Declaration of Forgiveness

People of God, body of Christ, sisters and brothers, the Spirit of God's truth has come upon creation and upon you, to interpret the mysteries of eternal time. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, in the name of Christ Jesus, our Savior, and by the authority of the church, I declare to you the complete forgiveness of your sin. Be at peace with one another because of God's mercy.

**\*Hymn** "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" UMH 334

#### Prayer of Illumination

*Holy Spirit, come again. As long ago you inspired, astonished, and confused the people, come to us now to fill our ears with the sound of your breath, fill our eyes with the brilliance of your presence in each other, fill our hearts with your good Word. Amen.*



**St. Luke's United  
Methodist Church**

3090 North Main St.  
Danville, VA 24540

May 19, 2024  
10:30 am

**Old Testament Reading** Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Marie Marlow  
Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Time of Meditation** "There's No Disappointment in Jesus" arr. Roe

**New Testament Reading** Acts 2:1-21  
Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** "Spirit Poured Out: Dare to Dance Again"

**Hymn** "The Church's One Foundation" UMH 545

### **Joys, Concerns, and Prayers**

#### **Baptismal Covenant**

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

Through confirmation, and through the reaffirmation of our faith, we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church.

Juli Odell

I present George Dustin Alderman, Meritha Faye Alderman, Courtney Lynne Eggleston, Hunter Ray Phillips, Michael Anthony Phillips, Tristian Edward Phillips, Christopher Austin Taylor, Tammy Barbour Taylor, and Jarrett Raymond Tucker for Confirmation.

To the Confirmands Rev. Barth  
On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin? **I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? **I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, races and abilities? **I do.**

According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world? **I will.**

To the Congregation

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ? **We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons

now before you in your care? ***With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.***

To the Congregation and Confirmands

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

***I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.***

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

***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.***

As we confirm we invite each family to stand or come lay hands on each confirmand. The congregation may stand, reach out their hands, or come lay hands on each confirmand.

#### **Confirmation and Laying on of Hands**

George, remember your baptism and be thankful. **Amen.**

George Dustin Alderman, the Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit, you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Meritha, remember your baptism and be thankful. **Amen.**

Meritha Faye Alderman, the Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit, you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Courtney, remember your baptism and be thankful. **Amen.**

Courtney Lynne Eggleston, the Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit, you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hunter, remember your baptism and be thankful. **Amen.**

Hunter Ray Phillips, the Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit, you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Anthony, remember your baptism and be thankful. **Amen.**

Michael Anthony Phillips, the Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit, you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Tristian, remember your baptism and be thankful. **Amen.**

Tristian Edward Phillips, the Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit, you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Christopher, remember your baptism and be thankful. **Amen.**

Christopher Austin Taylor, the Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit, you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Tammy, remember your baptism and be thankful. **Amen.**

Tammy Barbour Taylor, the Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit, you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Jarrett, remember your baptism and be thankful. **Amen.**

Jarrett Raymond Tucker, the Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit, you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **Reception into the Local Congregation**

Juli Odell

I present Andrew Barth, Robert and Marie Quinn, and Glenn and Alice Shelton who come seeking professing membership from Bates Memorial United Methodist Church, Bon Air United Methodist Church, and Concord United Methodist Church

To all those transferring and confirmands Rev. Barth

As members of Christ's universal Church, will you be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries? ***I will.***

As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness? ***I will.***

To the Congregation

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

***We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.***

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

### **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.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty (almighty God), creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. 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. 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. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. At his ascension you exalted him to sit and reign with you at your right hand. 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 these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving 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.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and forever. Amen.

Now with the Confidence of Children let us Pray:

***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.***

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

**\*Doxology** UMH 95

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

God of grace, it is our delight to give these gifts, given here and online, to you. All we are and all we have are yours alone. Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love. Breathe your Spirit into it, and into us, then use our offering made today to bring peace, justice and comfort to your beloved world now, and for all the days to come. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

**Giving of the Cup and Bread**

**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** "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters" UMH 605

**\*Benediction**

The Day of Pentecost is a turning point for the church – both then and now! The Spirit lives in us and still calls us to boldness and brilliance, to be filled with hope and love and joy, and to dance with the rhythm of that Spirit. May it be so in us and in all the church! And may the Loving God, Risen Christ, and Dancing Spirit fill you with all you need for the days ahead. Go in peace. Amen.

**\*Postlude** "At Calvary" arr. Krogstad

This week's liturgy is from Feasting on the Word,  
and the United Methodist Book of Worship.

**In Our Prayers**

**St. Luke's Family**

M. Ray Barbour	Linda Easley	Faye Ligon	Terry Payne
Dennis Blackstock	Joyce Elliott	Gene Martin	Delores Pickeral
Judy Burnette	Judy Elliott	Hazel Morris	Susan Riddle
Wendy Burnette	Mary Elliott	Ethel Motley	Christopher Taylor
Carol Caplan	Teresa Gammon	Shirley Owen	Emma Turner
Thadd Christian	Darrell Hawkins	Wayne Owen	Maxine Whitt
Louise Dalton	Ola LaPrade	Ethan Parker	

**St. Luke's Friends & Loved Ones**

Arch Adams	Marie Gallimore	Jim Lewis	Anna Sanfilippo
Virginia Adkins	Robert Gammon	Regina Light	Jean Searce
Jamie Arca	Mark Geiger	Tim Long	Danny Scism
Linda Arrington	Granville Gentry	Leigh Ann Love	Dominic Scott
William Barcalow	Darlene Glass	John Marlowe	D.J. Spencer
Daniel Barnes	Barbara Glover	George Martin	Vicky Shelton
Rev. Joseph Barth	Billy Grant	Helen Meetze	Lea Smith
Rev. Matt Benton	Nathan Gregory	Harry Milam	Louise Smith
Bonnie Bowling	Sheryl Harrell	Kathy Millner	Diane Tate
Milton Bowling	Michael Harris	Debbie Ann Moore	Helen Thomasson
Ken Bruce	Louise Hendricks	Ricky Morris	Jenny Vernon
Sonya Bumgarner	Ralph Hicks	Jan Pennington	Becky Waggoner
Gloria Chrisman	Ann Marie Howard	Karen Peterson	Janice Walker
Mike Coffey	Caitlin Howell	Bo Phillips	Betty Wells
Lisa Cooley	Samantha Ingraham	Mark Pinekenstein	Dr. Bill Wentz
Dawn Davis	Roy Isaac	Doug Price	Jerry Wentz
Darlene Dyer	Judie Johnson	Carson Pruitt	Wayne Whitt
Jackie East	Julian Johnson	Kent Pruitt	Vicki Wiles
Chad Eikost	Joyce Jones	Cole Rardin	Luke Wright
Carolyn Evans	Ray Jones	Dickie Reavis	Elizabeth Yeaman
Debbie Flint	James Key	Tiffany Reynolds	
Joan Forth	Caroline Laughorn	Ariya Richardson	
Angelia Fountain	Wilbert Leonard	Lucas Richardson	
Rosemarie Franke		Terry Riggins	

**Families Grieving a Loss**

**In Our World**

All teachers, administrators, parents and students	All those impacted by natural disasters
All those impacted by gun violence	All those impacted by military conflicts

# Inside St. Luke's United Methodist Church

## Upcoming Events & Meetings

### Sunday, May 19

9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship Service  
12:00 pm Youth 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)

### Thursday, May 23

6:30 pm Church Council (FH)

### Friday, May 24

9:00 am June/July Newsletter Due

### Saturday, May 25

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)

### Wednesday, May 29

10:00 am Bible Study (LB)  
5:30 pm **Team B** Backpacking (MH)

## April Financial Summary

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

## Monday Night Bible Study

Revised Schedule

May 20: Respect & Partnering

June 3: Truthing & Practicing Faithfully

## Worship Volunteers

Greeters: Chuck & Lisa Thomasson  
Bulletins: Marie Marlowe & Perry Taylor  
Offering: Janice England  
Communion: George & Meritha  
Alderman, & Jarrett Tucker  
Lay Reader: Marie Marlowe  
May 26: Phyllis Fisher

## Nursery

Today: Teresa Gammon & Mac Christian  
May 26: Bev Nixon & Hunter Phillips

## Children's Church

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

## Hall Monitor

Today: Rhonda Ticker  
May 26: James & June Scheier

## 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.



## Bell Choir Assistance

The Heavenly Ringers need assistance after church **today** to move all of the bell equipment to storage for the summer. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

## Pounding

**June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2:00-4:00 pm**

Our very own Jacob Thomasson has been appointed to the West Mecklenburg Charge as a Student Pastor. He will be serving a three point charge and attending Duke Divinity School. We would like to help Jacob set up his parsonage and celebrate his ministry with a Pounding of Necessary Pantry and Household Items. Suggestions: dish towels and cloths, pot holders, dish detergent, Gain laundry detergent, furniture polish, paper towels, toilet paper, salt and pepper shakers, rice cooker, Pyrex baking dishes, gift cards to Walmart or Food Lion.

Everyone in the church is invited to attend.

## 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.**

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Office Hours

Monday - Friday

9:00 am - 1:00 pm



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