



Instructed
Morning Prayer and Sermon
Together with Abridged Holy Communion

The Fifth Sunday after Easter
Rogation Sunday
10 a.m.
FM 98.1

(**8:15 a.m.** – The Order of Service is found in the Book of Common Prayer beginning on page 67. Propers (Collect, Epistle and Gospel) begin on page 175.)

PRELUDE

HYMN 311ROYAL OAK
“All things bright and beautiful”

Morning Prayer and Sermon is a service of the Word. It affords the singular opportunity to concentrate upon the reading and expounding of Holy Scripture. When read aloud and through authentic preaching, the Word comes alive in the human heart. The

faithful are strengthened while the indifferent and unbelieving are brought to commitment.

Many of the elements of Morning Prayer can be found in the worship of the Jewish synagogue in Jesus' day. Morning Prayer takes nothing away from Holy Communion, sometimes called "the Lord's own service," but rather anticipates it and prepares people to receive it with understanding and reverence.

When Morning Prayer is the main service on Sunday or on other occasions, the Priest (Presbyter) or Deacon officiating is normally vested in a cassock, surplice and black scarf. An academic hood is often worn under the scarf.

Morning Prayer begins with a call to worship in the form of one or more Sentences taken from Holy Scripture.

OPENING SENTENCE

I was glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the LORD. *Psalm 122:1*

Following the opening Sentence, the Officiant, facing the congregation, reads the Exhortation to Confession. The longer form being used in today's service sets forth the goals of worship: to come together in the presence of God with thanksgiving and praise, to hear His Word, to offer our prayers, to confess our sins and with penitent hearts to receive God's forgiveness.

The confession which follows is called "general" because it is for the whole congregation. In it we call ourselves "miserable offenders," not because we feel miserable at any given moment, but because our condition as human beings is such that there is a force or weight always pulling us downward, and we are unable to do anything about it. We therefore cry out for God's help and mercy.

INVITATION TO CONFESION

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us, in sundry places, to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly,

penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought, at all times, humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me –

GENERAL CONFSSION

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, **To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

Having confessed our sins, the Minister is able to state authoritatively that what God has promised God has done. The Minister does not forgive sins – God does – but it is in accordance with his office to make such a declaration (John 20:23).

DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live, hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins. He pardoneth and absolveth all those who truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.

Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Having received assurance that God has forgiven our failures, we are now prepared to pray our Lord's great Kingdom prayer. Addressing God as our Father, we pray that His sovereign rule will be acknowledged on earth beginning with this little bit of earth called 'me'.

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

'Versicles' are a series of sentences said or sung alternatively by Minister and people. Christian worship is not a spectator sport: everyone is a player.

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Minister: O Lord, open thou our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Minister: O God, make speed to save us.

People: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

GLORIA PATRI

Minister: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

People: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

VERSICLE AND RESPONSE

Minister: Praise ye the Lord.

People: **The Lord's Name be praised.**

The Venite (Latin, ‘O come’) is one of three canticles (songs of praise) said or sung in Morning Prayer. It is a jubilant summons to the world of nature and man to worship its Creator. The Venite, as printed in the Prayer Book, come largely from Psalm 95.

VENITE

O COME, let us sing / unto • the LORD;

* let us heartily rejoice in the strength of / our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with / **thanksgiving**;

* and show ourselves / glad in him with psalms.

For the LORD is a/ **great** God;

* and a great / King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners / of the earth; * and the strength of the hills is / **his also**.

The sea is / his, and • he made it;

* and his hands pre/pared • the **dry** land.

O come, let us worship and / **fall** down,

* and kneel before the / LORD our **Maker.**

For he is the Lord / our God;

* and we are the people of his pasture,
and the / sheep of **his** hand.

O worship the LORD in the / beauty • of holiness;

* let the whole / earth stand in awe of him.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge / the earth;

* and with righteousness to judge the world,
and the / peoples with his truth.

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.

One or more Psalms follow the Venite. Usually, they are read between the Minister and the People responsively by whole verse. Psalms were used in Jewish worship; some of them go back to David, Israel's great king.

The Gloria Patri ("Glory be to the Father") is said after each Psalm. According to Dr. Massey Shepherd, it gives the Psalms a Christian reference and intention.

THE PSALTER

Psalm 65. *Te decet hymnus.*

1 THOU, O God, art praised in Sion; * and unto thee
shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.

**2 Thou that hearest the prayer, * unto thee shall all
flesh come.**

3 My misdeeds prevail against me: * O be thou
merciful unto our sins.

**4 Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and
receivest unto thee: * he shall dwell in thy court, and
shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even
of thy holy temple.**

5 Thou shalt show us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our salvation; * thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea.

6 Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains, * and is girded about with power.

7 Who stilleth the raging of the sea, * and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the peoples.

8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at thy tokens, * thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise thee.

9 Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it; * thou makest it very plenteous.

10 The river of God is full of water: * thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.

11 Thou waterest her furrows; thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof; * thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.

12 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; * and thy clouds drop fatness.

13 They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness; * and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.

14 The folds shall be full of sheep; * the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing.

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.

The First Lesson is generally taken from the Old Testament, the written record of God's acts leading up to the coming of Jesus.

FIRST LESSON – Ezekiel 34:25-31 (RSV)

God promises a new covenant with His people: There shall be showers of blessings!

²⁵ “I will make with them a covenant of peace and banish wild beasts from the land, so that they may dwell securely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods. ²⁶ And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will send down the showers in their season; they shall be showers of blessing. ²⁷ And the trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield its increase, and they shall be secure in their land; and they shall know that I am the Lord, when I break the bars of their yoke, and deliver them from the hand of those who enslaved them. ²⁸ They shall no more be a prey to the nations, nor shall the beasts of the land devour them; they shall dwell securely, and none shall make them afraid. ²⁹ And I will provide for them prosperous plantations so that they shall no more be consumed with hunger in the land, and no longer suffer the reproach of the nations. ³⁰ And they shall know that I, the Lord their God, am with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, says the Lord God. ³¹ And you are my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, and I am your God, says the Lord God.”

The First Lesson is followed by a second canticle (song of praise). Today the Te Deum laudamus (Latin, ‘We praise thee, O God’) is being used. This hymn has its origins in the 4th century.

TE DEUM

WE praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud; the Heavens, and all the Powers therein;

**To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;**

Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee.

The noble army of Martyrs praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee;

The Father of an infinite Majesty;

Thine adorable, true and only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.

THOU art the King of Glory, O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.

**When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.**

Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy Saints, in glory everlasting.

O LORD, save thy people, and bless thine heritage.

Govern them and lift them up for ever.

Day by day we magnify thee;

And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

The Second Lesson is taken from the New Testament. Both the Old and New Testament lessons are read from the Lectern.

SECOND LESSON – St. Luke 11:1-13 (RSV)

The Lord's Prayer

11 ¹He was praying in a certain place, and when he ceased, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” ² And he said to them, “When you pray, say:

“Father, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread; ⁴and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive every one who is indebted to us; and lead us not into temptation.”

Perseverance in Prayer

5 And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; ⁷ and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything’? ⁸I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹And I tell you, Ask, and it will be

given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.¹⁰ For every one who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.¹¹ What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent;¹² or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

The Second Lesson is followed by a third canticle. Today we are using the Jubilate Deo (Psalm 100).

JUBILATE DEO

O BE joyful in the LORD / all ye lands:

* serve the LORD with gladness,

and come before his / presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the LORD he is God;

it is he that hath made us, and not / we ourselves;

* we are his people and the / sheep of • his **pasture**.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,

and into his / courts with praise;

* be thankful unto him, and / **speak** / good of • his

Name.

For the LORD is gracious, his mercy is / everlasting;

* and his truth endureth from generation to / **generation**.

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.

The Apostles' Creed is a declaration of those things believed by Christians going back to the time of the Apostles and began as a baptismal confession of faith. Its title is first found in a letter of St. Ambrose, c. 390.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I BELIEVE IN GOD . . .

¶ Here, members of the congregation join in

the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the Life everlasting. Amen.

SALUTATION AND VERSICLES

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Answer: **And with thy spirit.**

Minister: Let us pray.

¶ Here, all kneeling or sitting, the Minister shall say,

Minister: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Answer: **And grant us thy salvation.**

Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer: **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

A collect is a short prayer which “collects” and sums up one or more themes drawn from the Epistle and Gospel appointed for Holy Communion. The Collect for the Fifth Sunday after Easter is being said today.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

O LORD, from whom all good things do come; Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that are good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PEACE

O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR GRACE

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAAYER FOR THE PRESIDENT

O LORD our Governor, whose glory is in all the world; We commend this nation to thy merciful care, that being guided by thy Providence, we may dwell secure in thy peace. Grant to THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, and to all in Authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. Fill them with the love of truth

and righteousness; and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in thy fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THE CLERGY AND PEOPLE

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; Send down upon our Bishops, and other Clergy, and upon the Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ALL CONDITIONS OF MEN

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; [**especially those for whom our prayers are desired;*] that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

GENERAL THANKSGIVING

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men; [*particularly to those who desire now to offer up their praises and thanksgivings for thy late mercies vouchsafed unto them.*] We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

PRAAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

GRACE

2 Corinthians 23:14

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN 101.....KINGFOLD

“O Jesus crowed with all renown”

SERMON – The Rector

“Showers of blessings”

OFFERING

In-Church: Please use alms basins placed at the entrances of the church.

Drive-in Congregation: Ushers will come to your car with receptacle for gifts.

Pavilion Congregation: Please put your gifts in the basket provided. An usher will come round and retrieve them.

On-line Giving: A portal for on-line giving is now available on St. Luke's webpage page: www.stlukesblueridge.org.

The Doxology, sung weekly in most Protestant churches, was written by Thomas Ken (1637-1711). For many Christians, it has been their gateway to understanding the Church's doctrine of the Holy Trinity.

DOXOLOGY, AMERICA (LAST STANZA)

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.

Our fathers' God, to thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might
Great God, our King. Amen.

PRAYERS (parish birthdays, anniversaries, military, etc.)

BENEDICTION

HYMN 138.....CLAUDIUS
“We plow the fields, and scatter”

NOTE TO THOSE WHO WISH TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

You are invited to stay behind in the church and receive elements (bread and wine) which were consecrated at the earlier service.

The Holy Communion (abridged)

PRAAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but

in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world.

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world.

Grant us thy peace.

THE COMMUNION

All persons who have been baptised and have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour are welcomed to receive Holy Communion.

In-Church: Sealed communion kits will be brought to your pew.

Drive-in and Pavilion Congregation: Please remain in your vehicle and sealed communion kits will be delivered to you.

PRAAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Members of St. Luke's – Mark Whitey, Charles Sims, Barbara Newman, Andy Lebkuecher, Al Cash, Richard and Mercedes Misinco, Elizabeth Ann White, Tim Higdon, Connie Parks, Dot Washburn, Rose Brass,

Eileen Kerr, “Hoot” and Gwen Skelton, Jim and Ruby Tresca, Bruce Berkinshaw, Pat and Sherron Dearing, Tom Hoffer, Ann Thomason, Sally Hess, MaryLynn Kipfmiller, Rosanne Johnston, and Jackie Lumpkin.

Family & Friends – Jim Cushman (brother of Catherine Farrow), Rex Schuette, Phyllis Kirkman, Peter Hamilton, Fr. Paul and Linda Gerlock, Bobby Oneal, Millou Callahan, Chad Heflin, John Payne, Cassie Torres and her baby, April Weich (daughter of Rosanne Johnston), Bob Jost, Ruby and Robert Worthy; Johnny Scearce, Mike Karaguche, Lamar Rollins, Larry and Margaret Perry, Darlene Cross, Austin Hurt, Helen Dotson, Corey and Mari Jean Whitey, Martha Hamilton, Brian (friend of the Gorr Family), Lynn Grimme, Rick McNelly, Mark & Missy Ciesinski,, Taylor (friend of the Cranor family), Don Lawrence, Star Daniels, Clarence Elrod, B. Z. Cashman, Abbey Cranor, Kathryn (Reinauer) Payette, Paul Lucia, and Suzi Vollrath.

THE PARISH STAFF

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ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers around the Altar are given to the glory of God and with love and thanks for all mothers by Lynn Pigott.

BIRTHDAYS

Celebrating a birthday this week are Lynn Pigott, May 10; Richard Misinco, May 11; and Henry Gorr, May 15. "Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase . . ." (Prayer Book, page 597).

ANNIVERSARIES

Celebrating wedding anniversaries this week are: Todd and Gail Lyons, May 14.

IN MILITARY SERVICE

Please remember in your prayers those serving in the Armed Services, especially those who have connections with St. Luke's particularly, Tyler Ketron, Wesley Ryan McIntosh, Christian Wade Newman, Kyle Morgan, Sam Sonn, Matthew Meuse, Jake Baker, Marc Rodriguez and Jessica Wyllie.

TEACHING TUESDAY

The fourth Teaching Tuesday session will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 11. The subject will be the **Bible and Holy Orders / Ordination.** Pat Dearing will be the presenter.

EVENING PRAYER ON SATURDAY

Evening Prayer is read on most Saturdays at 5 p.m. and is available on Facebook and You Tube. 'In-house' worshipers are welcomed as well.

OPEN DATES FOR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are needed for July 18; August 15, 22 and 29; and Sept. 12, 19 and 26.

FIRST AID CPR CLASS

Parish Nurse and Vestry member Rosanne Johnston is spearheading a First Aid CPR class. The class is open to 10 persons. Cost is \$25 per person. Please email her at rosannejohnston@aol.com if you wish participate.

ROGATION SUNDAY

The Fifth Sunday after Easter comes directly before the three Rogation Days, The word 'rogation' is from the Latin *rogare*, 'ask'. Since the fifth century these days have been used to ask God's blessings on the crops.

HOLY COMMUNION ON ASCENSION DAY

The Holy Communion will be celebrated at noon on Ascension Day, May 25. Ascension Day commemorates Jesus' visible departure from His followers 40 days after Easter Day. It always falls on Thursday. Ascension-tide covers a period of ten days.



The Paschal candle, which has been burning throughout Easter-tide, is extinguished following the Gospel.





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The Mission of St. Luke's Church is to grow spiritually in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ and in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit and to share our faith, our hands and our hearts for the sake of the Gospel, our community and the world