

ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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May 2, 2021 - 9:30 am

We give thanks and cherish your presence with us at worship. During this time of heightened risk due to COVID-19 we have adapted our worship services to reduce the risk as much as possible, and ask your assistance in following the practices below:

Social Distancing: Please maintain 6 feet from anyone who does not live in your household. Tables and pew seating have been modified appropriately, with select pews open and others closed. One “family” per pew, or individuals/couples on opposite ends.

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Worship in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall

- Pastor and musicians will be leading worship in the Sanctuary.
- A large-screen live audio/video feed is shared in the Fellowship Hall.

Face coverings are *required* in both Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall

Disposable masks are available in each worship space.

There are changes to our traditional service, including:

- No congregational singing. Though feel free to hum along!
- Offering boxes at entrances rather than passing a plate
- Please “whisper” the responses, Creed, and Lord’s Prayer

Many cherished experiences will be added back into our worship service, perhaps in modified forms as soon as we believe we can safely do so

Thank You to our worship servants	
Today	Next Week
Musician: Jody Perrell Worship Assistant: Carol Parrish Children’s Church: Kathy Holt Nursery: Seleia Kerr	Musician: Nancy Harris Worship Assistant: N/A Children’s Church: Kathy Holt Nursery: Lori Corriher

Altar flowers for May 2 are in memory of Charlie & Ella Graham, given by their children.

Parish Concerns

Prelude This Glorious Day – Geschke (*Handbells*)

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: Amen

P: The Lord who loves us and died for us calls us to confess our sins and seek repentance.

C: We confess that we have fallen short of the life you desire for us. We choose our priorities over your commandments. We divide the body of Christ. Our selfishness harms you, others and all creation. Have mercy, O God. Restore us and all things to health, that we may do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with you. Amen.

Forgiveness/Absolution:

P: Hear the voice from heaven. "You are my own, my beloved." You belong to Christ, and through the power of the cross your sins are all forgiven. God is faithful and will strengthen you, that your light may shine before others, that you may be God's holy people in the world. **C: Amen**

Kingdom Kids age children leave for Children's Church during the hymn

Opening Hymn Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain #363 - Horn

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

spoken responsively

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Holy Lord, your love for all humanity compelled you to send your Son, the Messiah, to and into the world, even to face rejection and death. Help us love others with the radical, fearless, extravagant love that you have shown us. Give us the Holy Spirit for our strength, our wisdom and our joy.

Amen.

Holy Scripture

1 John 4:7-21

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶ So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷ Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹ The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Sermon

Love and Fear

Children return during the anthem, and offerings may be placed in the offering boxes at this time, or either before or after the service

Hymn

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death #452 - Gläser

Offering Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things and source of all blessings. Use us, our talents and offerings, in feeding the world and sharing your Word. **Amen.**

Prayers for the church, community, and the world

*For each petition ending in "Lord, in your mercy"
Please respond "hear our prayer"*

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Words of Institution

The Bread and the Wine, Body and Blood

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Lord's Prayer *(please share quietly or silently)*

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 and ever. Amen.

Sharing of the Eucharist

Choir Anthem

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing - Williams

Benediction

P: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. C: **Amen.**

Dismissal

P: Go in Peace. Proclaim the Resurrection. C: **Thanks be to God.**