

# *St. Luke Lutheran Church*

**"Energized by God's Love"**

Dynamisé par l'amour de Dieu

1025 The Dalles Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94087 (408) 736-9216  
The Rev. Daniel Tisdell

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter/Mt. Cross Camp Sunday**

**Setting IV**  
**April 14, 2024**

---



**Dear Members & Guests - Welcome to Worship!**  
God has greatly blessed us with your presence today.  
Thank you for responding to his invitation.

If you have a prayer request, please send it by email or voicemail to Letty in the church office.

# SERVING US THIS MORNING

**Ministers: All of the Members of this Congregation!**

**Pastor:** The Rev. Daniel Tisdel

**Youth Director:** Grant Hannon

**Office Phone Line:** 408-736-9216

**Office Manager:** Letty Lucero

**Children's Ministry Director:** Grace Alexandrou

**Website:** [stlukechurch.org](http://stlukechurch.org)

## **Amazing Creations Preschool**

**Phone Line:** 408-730-0365

**Email:** [AmazingCreationsPreschool@yahoo.com](mailto:AmazingCreationsPreschool@yahoo.com)

**Website:** [www.AmazingCreationsPreschool.net](http://www.AmazingCreationsPreschool.net)

**Assistant Minister:** Kirk Autsen

**Lector(s):** Roy Tuason (1<sup>st</sup> Reading & the Psalm) & TBD (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)

**Children's Message:** Sam Garcia, Program Director, Mt. Cross Ministries

**Eucharist Assistant(s):** Laura Rubio & Danae Moreno

**Altar Guild:** Georgine Acly, Bee Robles, Shirley Loo & Denise Tsang

**Greeters:** Joyce Masterson (Front Door), TBD (Side Door)

**Worship Team:** Andy Wadsworth, Beth Stauter, Wil & Deb Mandac

**Background Worship:** Beth Stauter

**Organist:** Beth Stauter

**Choir Director:** Chris Frye

**Bell Choir Director:** Wil Mandac

**Tech Team:** Andy Wadsworth, Alan Martinez, Ethan ElAmir, Justine Skov, Madeleine Gan, Ryan Peters, Tim and Denise Tsang

**Prayer Chain Coordinator:** Marlene Custer

Hearing Assistance devices are available in the Library/AV Room.

---

## **ORDER OF *WORSHIP***

**PRELUDE**

***"WITH HIGH DELIGHT LET US UNITE"***

**Beth Stauter**

(Arr. By Harry Balcombe)

**WELCOME**

**Pastor Dan Tisdel**

**GATHERING SONG**

***"ALLELUIA! JESUS IS RISEN"***

***ELW #377***

**INVOCATION**

*(music found on page 147)*

[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**

[A] *In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*

**[C] Lord, have mercy.**

[A] *For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*

**[C] Lord, have mercy.**

[A] *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.**

[A] *For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.*

**[C] Lord, have mercy.**

[A] *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

**[C] Amen.**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE “The Feast of Victory”**

(music found on page 149)

[A] *This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.*

**[C] Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing, and glory are his.**

***This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.***

***Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:***

***Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever.***

***Amen.***

***This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia, Alleluia.***

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

[P] Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

**[C] Amen.**

[P] Look, here is water!

**[C] Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

[P] Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden’s verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new

day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!

**[C] Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

[P] At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**[C] Amen.**

[P] Look, here is water!

**[C] Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

[A] Let us pray...

**[C] Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE WITH SAM GARCIA (Mt. Cross Ministries)**

## **GOD ENCOUNTERS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Acts 3:12-19**

*After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.*

[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this

way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

#### **Psalm 4**

OT => Old Testament windows (right) side of sanctuary

**NT => New Testament windows (left) side of sanctuary**

*[NT] Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.*

[OT] “You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”

*[NT] Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; the LORD will hear me when I call.*

[OT] Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

*[NT] Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.*

[OT] Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?” Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.

*[NT] You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.*

**[C] In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**“BLESSED BE THE LORD”**

**St. Luke Choir**

(By Eugene Butler)

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 1 John 3:1-7**

*God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.*

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*(music found on page 151)*

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

[P] This is the Holy Gospel according to Luke ...

[C] **Glory to you, O Lord.** (spoken)

**Gospel – Luke 24:36b-48**

**Read by Pastor Dan Tisdell**

*In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.*

Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**MESSAGE**

**"WITNESSES OF THE GODD NEWS"**

**Pastor Dan Tisdell**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"GREAT ARE YOU LORD"**

**Led by Sam Garcia  
Program Director,  
Mt. Cross Ministries**

**GATHERING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Prayer requests collected in the offering plates will be brought forward for the Prayers of the People.

**PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS**

[A] Let us pray...

[C] **Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**[C]** I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
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.  
**Amen.**  
(\*universal)

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

[P & A] God of grace,

**[C]** Hear our prayer.

## **PEACE OF CHRIST**

### **TRANSITIONAL PRAYER**

[A] Let us pray...

**[C]** Oh God, Each time I worship and take communion, I want to recommit my life, my heart, my thoughts, my everything to You. Fill me today with Your powerful Spirit and help me grow closer to you and to my neighbor. Amen.

## **MEAL**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

[P] The Lord be with you.

**[C]** And also with you.

[P] Lift up your hearts.

**[C]** We lift them to the Lord.

[P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**[C]** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

[P] It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and places give thanks and praise; for you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with the angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name.

# WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND BLESSING

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

[C] 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.

## **"LAMB OF GOD"**

*(music found on page 154)*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION SONG

**"SANCTUARY"**

Sam Garcia

**"STEP BY STEP"**

**"MESSIAH"**

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION - THE EUCHARIST (be seated)

Our Lord Jesus is the host of his table. He invites all to come to him. Everyone is welcome to commune with communion fellowship cups in the basket or bread and your choice of wine or grape juice by intinction. If you are not communing, please receive a blessing of the day.

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

[P] Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

[C] Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & SAM GARCIA TALK

SENDING HYMN **"LET US TALENTS AND TONGUES EMPLOY"**

ELW #674

## BENEDICTION

[P] Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ✝ give you peace.

[C] Amen.



**THE DISMISSAL**

[A] Our worship continues; our service is just begun. Go in peace to love and serve  
The Lord.

**[C] THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**POSTLUDE**

***“LET US TALENTS AND TONGUES EMPLOY”***

**Beth Stauter**

(Arr. By David Cherwien)