



ST. LUKE'S
Episcopal Church

BUFFALO,
Wyoming

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

Online Version



Holy Eucharist Rite II

St. Luke's Vision Statement

To know and grow in Christ, through education, dedication and service.

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: 1982 Hymnal #411 "O bless the Lord, my soul!"

O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee proclaim!
And all that is within me join to bless his holy Name!

O bless the Lord, my soul! His mercies bear in mind!
Forget not all his benefits! The Lord to thee is kind.

He will not always chide; he will with patience wait;
his wrath is ever slow to rise and ready to abate.

He pardons all thy sins, prolongs thy feeble breath;
he healeth thine infirmities and ransoms thee from death.

He clothes thee with his love, upholds thee with his truth;
and like the eagle he renews the vigor of thy youth.

Then bless his holy Name, whose grace hath made thee whole,
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days: O bless the Lord, my soul!

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Penitential Ode

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Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Decalogue

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Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

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You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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Most merciful God,
 we confess that we have sinned against you
 in thought, word, and deed,
 by what we have done,
 and by what we have left undone.
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
 have mercy on us and forgive us;
 that we may delight in your will,
 and walk in your ways,
 to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Kyrie (*Sung*)

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Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.
 Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Collect of the Day

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Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson **Joshua 5:9-12**

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 32 *(Reading responsively by half verse)*

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
**who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."**
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Epistle **2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So

we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

Response: **Thanks be to God**

Sequence Hymn: 1982 Hymnal #635 "If thou but trust in God to guide thee"

If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through all thy ways,
he'll give thee strength whate'er betide thee, and bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on a rock that nought can move.

Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving; so do thine own part faithfully,
and trust his word, though undeserving thou yet shalt find it true for thee;
God never yet forsook in need the soul that trusted him indeed.

Gospel **Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe-the best one-and put it on

him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found! And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon: The Rev. Todd Young, Rector

The Nicene Creed

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We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People (*The Leader and People pray responsively*)

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I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Provisional Bishop, Todd;
for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially Jeff Barnes and Julie Dodge-Sapp. Pray for
those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those we now name, either silently or aloud (pause) especially, the Diocesan staff, and those on our prayer list. We also pray, especially for the people of Byron, for those affected and killed by natural disasters throughout the world, and for those killed or affected by gun violence in our nation.

Silence

I ask your thanksgiving for blessings we now name either silently or aloud (pause)

We also pray for Kolton, along with all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be.

I ask prayers of gratitude for those who serve at the Bread of Life Food Pantry, that they may continue to provide ongoing support and to be strengthened by your calling to serve those who find others in times of hunger. That all who are hungry for food and spiritual nourishment find their needs to be satisfied by Christ.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored, especially in memory of all the Ramsbottom families and Arlan's mother, Greta Daniel who are remembered today by Wallace & Sally Ramsbottom and Arlan & Sandy Tift. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Birthdays, Baptisms, & Anniversaries

Pew Sheet

Birthdays: Kristin Ellis (2), Cameron Jerry (2)

Baptisms: Emily Whipple, Pat Miller, Greg Born, Travis Millhouse, AJ Bartlett, Jim Shambaugh, Jack Killian (3), Zachery Jerry (3), Nancy Straight (3), Jerry Eastwood (5), Jay Walter (5)

Anniversaries: none

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Celebrant: If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.

Offertory Hymn: 1982 Hymnal #693 "Just as I am"

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt;
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive; wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, of thy great love the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
here for a season, then above: O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

The Great Thanksgiving

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The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

**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.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Luke and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ
has taught us,
we now pray,

The Lord's Prayer (*Contemporary*)

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People and Celebrant

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.

The Breaking of the Bread (*A period of silence is kept*)

Fraction Anthem

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

Communion Hymn: 1982 Hymnal #341 “For the bread which you have broken”

Communion

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Holy Communion is the sacred meal of the Christian faith and a foretaste of the heavenly banquet.

Baptized Christians of all denominations are invited to receive Holy Communion in this church.

Post Communion Prayer (said in unison)

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After Communion, the Celebrant says:

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

Dismissal Hymn 1982 Hymnal #448 “O love how deep, how broad, how high”

O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how passing thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake!

For us baptized, for us he bore his holy fast and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew; for us the tempter overthrew.

For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his daily works he wrought:
by words and signs and actions, thus still seeking not himself, but us.

For us to wicked hands betrayed, scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death; for us gave up his dying breath.

For us he rose from death again; for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent his Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad;
the Trinity whom we adore for ever and for evermore.

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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**Weekly Prayer List**

**Healing of body, mind and soul for:** The Diocesan staff, the parish family, Adrian, Andrea, Bob & Diana, Bobby, Charolette, Christy, Cole, Dale, Dana, Dave, Elyse, Emily, Helen, Ivan, Jayne & Steve, Jennifer, Johnnie, Joy, Julie, Kathy, Linda, Mary, Melvin, Nancy, Nikki, Orde, Owen, Pat, Pat M., Peggy, Pippa, Pitchie, Roger, Sara, Steve, Susan, Tara, Tyler, and Zoe.

**Military:** Kolton Watson, U.S. Marines. Please keep all members of the Armed Forces in your prayers.

**Diocesan Prayer List:** St. Stephens, Casper

**For the departed:** Jeff Barnes and Julie Dodge-Sapp.

## In the Life of the Church

**Weekdays:** Noonday Prayer 12:00–1:00pm

**Today:** Services at 8:00am/Rite I and 10:00am/Rite II  
Adult class 9:00am and Rector's Forum following coffee hour

**Monday:** St. Luke's Prayer Group—9:00am in Onderdonk Hall

**Tuesday:** Evening Prayer at Amie Holt 4:00pm

**Wednesday:** Holy Eucharist 7:00am

**\*\*\*Every Wednesday in Lent at noon we will observe the Stations of the Cross**

Prayer Shawl knitting group 1:00pm in Onderdonk Hall

**Thursday:** Daughters of the King 1:00pm

**Friday:** Compline at Amie Holt 4:00pm

**Sunday:** Services at 8:00am/Rite I and 10:00am/Rite II  
Adult class 9:00am and Rector's Forum following coffee hour  
Youth group 3:00pm in Onderdonk Hall

## Bread of Life Food Pantry

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:00–1:00pm & 5:00–6:00pm

## Today's Announcements

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

**Lent Soup Suppers** continue on April 2nd at 5:15pm. St. Luke's Lutheran will be hosting the supper and we are providing the bread. Please sign up on the white board if you are able to provide food for this meal or items for the upcoming meals.

## **Useful website information:**

LiveStream links are on our website: [www.stlukesbuffalo.church/services](http://www.stlukesbuffalo.church/services)

If you have a comment about the service, please email the church at [stlukeswyo@gmail.com](mailto:stlukeswyo@gmail.com)

The Diocese: [www.episcopalwy.org](http://www.episcopalwy.org)

**\*\* Food pantry baskets are available at the church front door. Items needed are: soups, canned meats, canned meals (stews), and baby wipes.**

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## Holy Week Services

Stations of the Cross will be observed at Noon from April 14-18 (\*Livestream Wed. only)

Personal confessions offered from 3:00-5:00 from April 14-18

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| April 13 | <b>Palm Sunday</b>     | 8:00am - Rite I<br>10:00am - Rite II (**Livestream)                                                                  |
| April 17 | <b>Maundy Thursday</b> | 6:00pm - Meal, Liturgy of the Word,<br>Foot washing<br>7:00pm - Service and stripping of the Altar<br>(**Livestream) |
| April 18 | <b>Good Friday</b>     | 12:00pm - Stations of the Cross<br>6:00pm - Good Friday Liturgy (**Livestream)                                       |
| April 19 | <b>Holy Saturday</b>   | 12:00pm - Noon Service (**Livestream)                                                                                |
| April 20 | <b>Easter Day</b>      | 6:00am - Easter Vigil (**Livestream)<br>7:30-9:30am - Breakfast<br>10:00am - Holy Eucharist Rite II (**Livestream)   |

\*\*Livestream links for our services can be found on our website at:

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