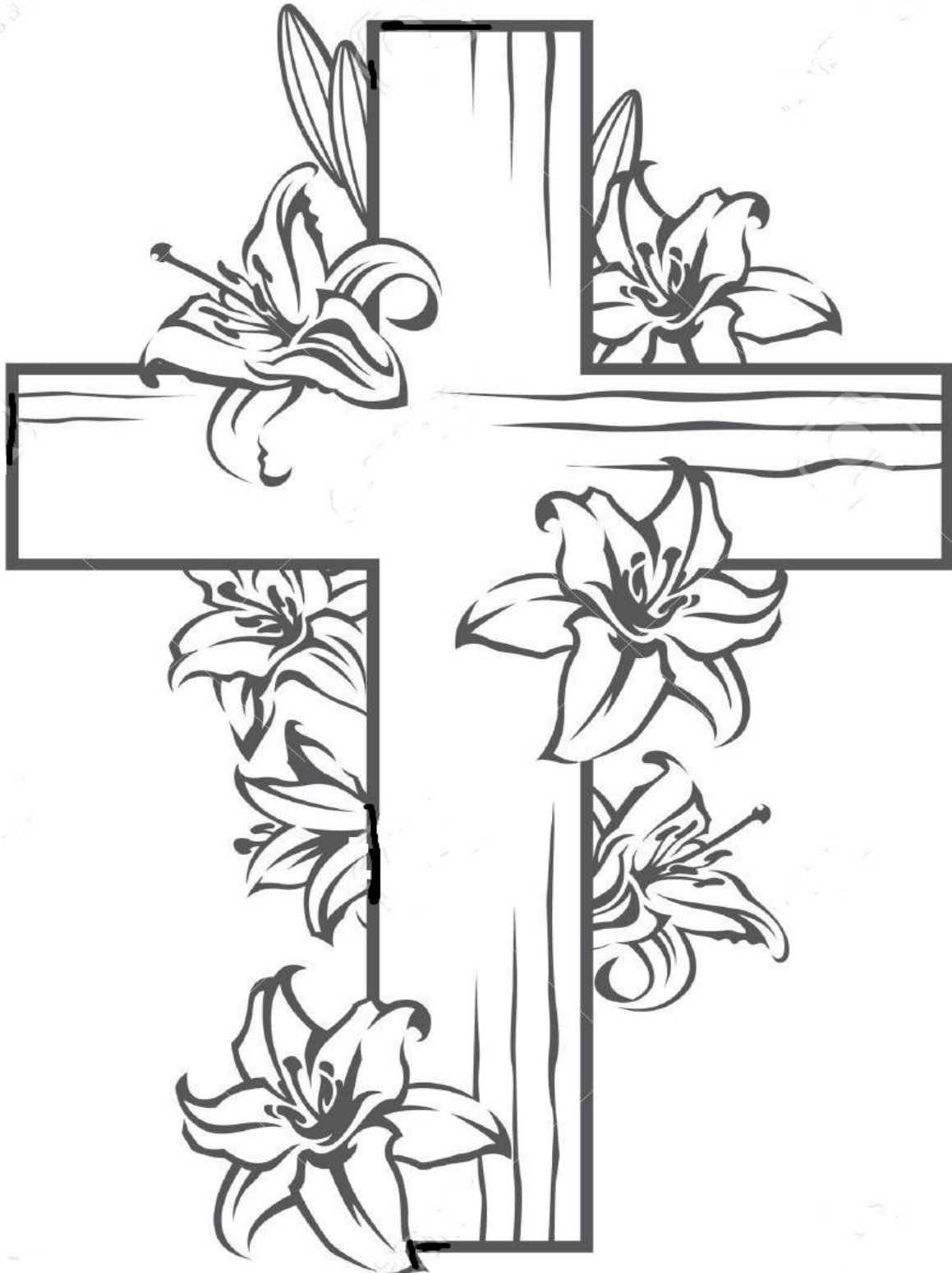


Saint Luke Presbyterian Church

April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday



The angel said, "Don't be alarmed; you're looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Look, this is where they laid his body. Now go and tell his disciples." Mark 16:6-7a

Gathering for the Word

Prelude

Our Life Together at St. Luke

Please pass the friendship books to mark your participation and to greet others in your row.

Minute for Mission on NOROC

Rev. Don McDonald

† Passing the Peace of Christ

one: May the peace of Christ be with you all. all: **And also with you.**

Time of Centering and Stillness

Choral Introit

"This Is the Feast of Victory"

Responsive Call to Worship (based on Psalm 150)

one: Hallelujah! Give praises to the Lord for God's acts of power.

all: **God's deeds are amazing; too wonderful to describe!**

one: Sound the trumpet of salvation! Christ arose!

all: **Jesus Christ, our King, has risen! Praise God.**

one: Rejoice! Sing and give thanks to the Lord our God.

all: **Hallelujah! Let everyone be glad and praise the Lord.**

Morning Prayer ending with: And all God's children say... **Amen**

† Opening Hymn # 232

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of the empty tomb, on this day of celebration, we confess that we have failed to help others as we should. We accept the Resurrection but fail to share Good News with our neighbors. Please forgive our failings and fill us with the joy of Christ. Amen.

Choral Request for Pardon

"Lord Have Mercy Upon Us"

Assurance of Forgiveness

one: Friends, believe the Good News! all: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

† Gloria Patri # 582 **Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

Hearing of the Word

Word With the Wise (a time for the young and the young at heart)

one: God loves you, I love you, all: **And all the people of St. Luke love you too.**

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Holy Spirit, pour your wisdom and understanding into us, so that our hearts may be opened to receive all you have for us today. Teach us by your holy scriptures and through your living Word, Christ our Savior, who leads us to eternal Life. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:1, 7-9; 52:10, 12, 15

Choir Anthem

"Early in the Morning on Easter Day"

New Testament Readings

Acts 10:41b-43 and Mark 16:1-8

Message

"Good News is Still Alive"

Responding to the Word

†Hymn # 240

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

†Doxology Praise God whose breath fills all the earth; whose love reveals our secret worth; whose Spirit forms one family; whose grace brings peace and harmony. Amen.

†Unison Prayer of Dedication

Holy Lord, the greatness, power and glory of everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All good things come from you, and we give back to you. Please help us use these gifts to spread your Good News to others, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (using "Debts")

Choral Prayer Response

"Creator of the Stars of Night"

†Affirmation of Faith from the Belhar Confession

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells. God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world. Amen.

†Our Motivational and Missional Statement

As the people of St. Luke Presbyterian Church, we offer to God our hands of service, hands of faith, and open hands of love. Holy Spirit, unite us in this calling and send us forth to serve.

†Closing Hymn # 238

"Thine Is the Glory"

†Charge and Benediction

Colossians 3:1-4, 10-11

†Choral Response

"Hallelujah"

†Postlude



†The congregation is invited to stand in body or spirit.