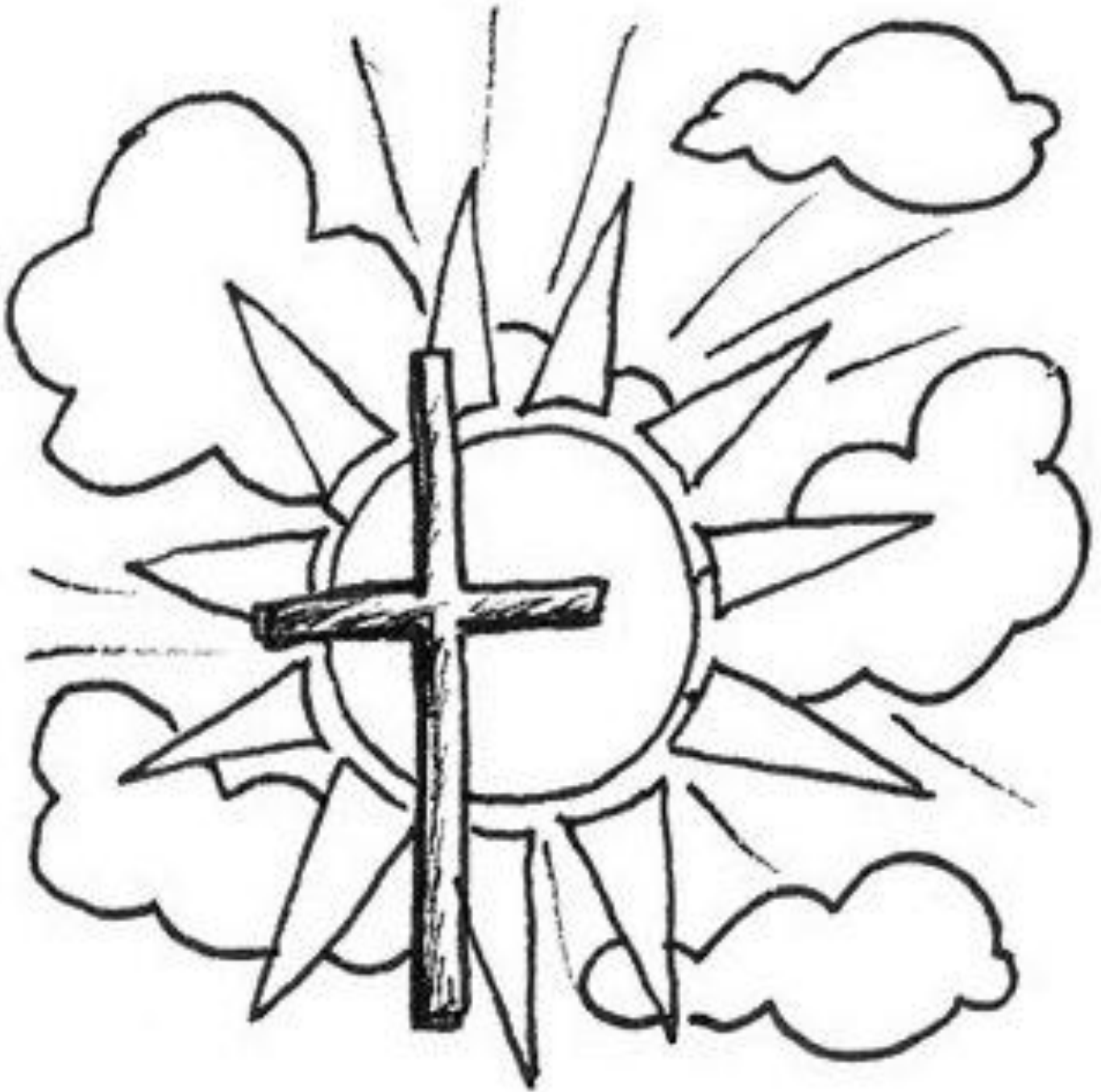


# Saint Luke Presbyterian Church

April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday



The Lord will strip away the cloud of gloom that hangs over the earth. The Lord all-powerful will destroy the power of death and wipe away all tears. On that day, people will say: the Lord has saved us! Let's celebrate. Isaiah 25:7-9a

*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.

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 # 245

"Christ the Lord 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 when given the opportunity. We accept the Resurrection but fail to share Good News with our neighbors. Please forgive our failings and restore us to new life. Transform our hearts and fill us with the joy of Christ Jesus. 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.**

† Passing the Peace of Christ

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

*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

Choir Anthem

"The Lord Has Risen This Morning"

Gospel Reading

Mark 16:1-8

Message

"Roll Away the Stone"

***Responding to the Word***

†Hymn # 268

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!" piano/organ duet Mila and Mary

†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.**

†Hymn (insert)

"Christ Arose"

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

Choral Prayer Response

"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

†Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God 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.**

†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 # 263

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

†Charge and Benediction

Colossians 3:1-4, 10-11

†Choral Response

"Go Forth in Joy"

†Postlude



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

**Welcome to St. Luke! As you silence your cell phone before the service begins, please take a moment to sign our digital attendance book using this QR code.**



**SUNDAY, APRIL 20** (Easter Sunday)

9:30am Coffee and Fellowship in Fellowship Hall  
9:45am Children's Egg Hunt in Nursery Courtyard and Adult Sunday School in Classroom A  
10:15am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Multi-Purpose Room  
11am Worship Service in the Sanctuary

**MONDAY, APRIL 21**

10 & 11 am Adult Piano Classes in Fellowship Hall (Contact Sue Duckett for information 806.352.4915)

**TUESDAY, APRIL 22**

10am Exercise Group in Fellowship Hall (Contact Mary Holmlund for information 806.570.7450)

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23**

8:30am Yoga Practice in Fellowship Hall (Contact Kary Wingo for information 806.679.9531)

**THURSDAY, APRIL 24**

10am Exercise Group in Fellowship Hall (Contact Mary Holmlund for information 806.570.7450)  
2pm Threads of Love in Fellowship Hall (Contact Susan Barnes for information 806.690.3373)

**FRIDAY, APRIL 25**

5pm Palo Duro Presbytery 161<sup>st</sup> stated at Union Presbyterian Church in Brownwood begins

**SATURDAY, APRIL 26**

12pm Palo Duro Presbytery 161<sup>st</sup> stated at Union Presbyterian Church in Brownwood concludes

**SUNDAY, APRIL 27** (Choir Cantata AUMC & SLPC together)

9:30am Coffee and Fellowship in Fellowship Hall  
9:45am Adult Sunday School in Classroom A  
10:15am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Multi-Purpose Room  
11am Worship Service in the Sanctuary (AUMC & SLPC together)  
2pm OAC Interfaith "Thankful for Creation" worship service in the Ball Field near Bell Street

**Ministers:** The Congregation

**Pastor:** Rev. Bill Cotman

**Organist:** Mila Abbasova

**Lector:** Barbara Taylor

**Director of Music:**

**Nursery Coordinator:**

**Office Administrator:**

**Sexton/Groundskeeper:**

**Dr. Robert Hansen**

**Mary McCracken**

**Brittany Forney**

**Jesse Perez**



**Session:** **Barbara Taylor**, Clerk (2025) **Julie Johnson**, Treasurer (2027)

**Sam Burnett** (2027) **Ross Clopton** (2025) **Paige Hadley** (2026) **Robert Hansen** (2025)  
**Kaci Jones** (2027) **Mary McCracken** (2027) **Priscilla Sheets** (2026) **Tim Sougstad** (2026)  
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