

**Welcome to St. Luke**  
**The Second Sunday of Easter**  
**April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**"Called into a New Future" - Genesis 12:1-7**

In Genesis 12:1–7, God calls Abram to leave what is familiar and step into a future shaped not by his own plans but by God's promise, presence, and blessing. In the risen Christ, that same call comes to us: the God who raised Jesus from the dead invites us into a new life marked by trust, obedience, and a hope that reaches beyond what we can see. The story that shapes us is a story of resurrection-shaped calling—God leading His people into a future secured by the One who conquered death.

**INVOCATION**

♪ ♪ Be The Center

**OPENING PRAYER**

♪ ♪ "O Saviour, Precious Saviour" #527

**THE CALL TO CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: In Genesis we meet a God who forms us for life with Him, yet we—like Adam and Eve, like Abraham and Sarah, like Isaac and Jacob—turn aside in fear, mistrust, and self-reliance. And we see, too, how the sins of others wound and distort the world, as in the life of Joseph. Let us return to the God who calls us, seeks us, and shapes our lives with mercy.

*Silence for reflection*

**All: God of our beginning and our end, we confess that we have wandered from Your good path. We have listened to voices that do not speak Your truth. We have grasped for control instead of**

**trusting Your promise. We have hidden in shame rather than resting in Your grace. Forgive us, renew us, and shape us again by Your Word of life, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READERS ARE** *Laurel Dawe and Heather Melder*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Genesis 12:1-7 (*The Call of Abram*)

<sup>1</sup> The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. <sup>2</sup>"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." <sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. <sup>5</sup> He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there. <sup>6</sup> Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup> The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

**RESPONSE** – "Thanks be to God"

**SECOND READING** 1 Peter 1:3–9 (*"Born again to a living hope"*)

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice,

though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup>obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**RESPONSE** – “Thanks be to God”

**ALLELUIA** - Page 173 in the Hymnal (*Please rise if you are able*)

**HOLY GOSPEL** John 20:19–31 (*Jesus appears to the disciples.*)

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.” <sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.” <sup>26</sup>Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that

Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**RESPONSE** – “Praise to you Oh Christ”

**APOSTLES’ CREED** (*Back page in the Hymnal*)

♪ ♪ "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" #702

**THE MESSAGE:** "Called into a New Future." Genesis 12:1–7-  
*Pastor James Paulgaard*

**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS**

♪ ♪ Once Again

**RECORD OF FELLOWSHIP** (*Please complete the Record of fellowship during the Offering. Located at the ends of the pews*)

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**All:** Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever, Amen.

**THE BLESSING**

♪ ♪ Bless The Lord (10,000 Reasons)



**SCRIPTURE READINGS for April 19<sup>h</sup>:**

 Announcements 

**WELCOME VISITORS** - We are delighted that you have joined us this morning. We pray for the Holy Spirit to richly bless your worship with us, and we invite you to join us again. If you are looking for a church home or have any questions, please speak with the Pastor or an Usher. Being a friendly congregation is a priority here at St. Luke. You can help us by leaving your name and address on the Friendship Register when it is passed down your pew. After the blessing at the end of the Service, greet your fellow worshippers and introduce yourself!

**ST. LUKE SERVICES ONLINE** - You can watch us online, every Sunday morning, 11:30 a.m. Go to [sllc.ca](http://sllc.ca) for the link.

**DONATE ONLINE** - [sllcoffering@gmail.com](mailto:sllcoffering@gmail.com) or ask Deb Kroeger for a monthly automatic donation form.

**OPPORTUNITY BOARD** - lots of new posts are ready for your helping hand. As always we are grateful for the ongoing support of volunteers.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** altar flowers for this morning are presented by Shirley Wisdahl to the glory of God and in loving memory of her Mom, Anna Elman.

A **2026 ALTAR FLOWERS CHART** is posted on the Bulletin Board. Please sign up for your favorite date(s) to provide flowers for the Altar.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** - Hear these inspirational messages at AM 550 at 11:30 a.m. If you are unable to listen to the radio at that time you can hear The Lutheran Hour anytime on-line at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)

**FOOD CUPBOARD:** thank you to all who help keep this going. St Luke has provided bags of groceries without question to all who ask. We now have post it notes for anyone to take home and replenish specific needs. Look for a new display in the hallway to see what is needed and take a post it note. If cleaning out your cupboard at home please check for Best before dates. **GIFT CARDS** are also appreciated.

**SERMON SUMMARY FOR APRIL 19<sup>th</sup>** - "The Lord Will Provide". **Sermon text:** Genesis 22:1-19. **New Testament Connection:** Hebrews 11:8-19. Abraham's agonizing journey up Mount Moriah becomes a window into the heart of God, who provides the substitute sacrifice. The story points forward to the greater Son who carries the wood of His own offering and is given back from death. In the Easter season, we see that God's provision is not abstract—it is Christ Himself.

**REFUNDABLES** - as of March 1st 13,000+ beverage containers have been delivered to a Return-it depot credited to members and friends of St Luke. Current income from container recycling will go to Canadian Lutheran World Relief and their Creation Care Quest-Learning to Love our World that is fighting the

effects of climate change. Thank you for helping to keep all these containers out of the landfill all in support of a variety of projects since this project was started in the hundreds of dollars.

**New Membership Class: Christianity 101** - If you would like to learn, or have a refresher, on the basics of the Christian faith, Pastor James will be leading a Christianity 101 class. If you want to become a member of St. Luke Lutheran Church, this class is part of the process. The class will be run on Monday evenings, 7-8:30 pm for 7 weeks starting on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at Walnut Grove Lutheran Church. Topics include: The Creed, The 10 Commandments, The Lord's Prayer, Holy Baptism, Confession, Holy Communion. The textbooks for this class will be provided and they will be Luther's Small Catechism and a Bible (your own or we can supply one). Please contact Pastor James if you are interested in having a class @ St. Luke.

**ROOF REPAIRS** - They have finished replacing the roof over the classrooms and the two overhangs. We hope to have the photos posted. It has been wonderful to have such support for this unexpected but overdue project. The 2nd payment is due shortly (the cost is being billed in three installments). If you have not had a chance to support the roof project it is not too late, funds are really appreciated to cover this unplanned financial hit. The damaged classroom was easily repaired and painted, check out room 3 to see how bright and welcoming it is now. The fire alarm for the second floor has been rewired and repaired, These were the added costs to the roofing replacement project, room repairs aside only added just under \$160.00, but the rewiring and the false

alarm fine from the city were unplanned budget burdens. A full report will be made available either through the newsletter &/or to the next Voter's meeting.

 **THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE** 

- TUESDAY** 10:30 a.m. LWML-C Meeting
- WEDNESDAY** 10:00 a.m. Quilting
- THURSDAY** 10:30 a.m. English Literacy Class
- SATURDAY** 10:30 a.m. Bible study
- SUNDAY** 11:30 a.m. Worship Service