

# Welcome to St. Luke

## The Third Sunday of Easter

April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**"The Lord Will Provide"**. Sermon text: Genesis 22:1-19. 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.

### INVOCATION

♪♪ Grace Like Rain

### OPENING PRAYER

♪♪ "Be Thou My Vision"

### 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.**

Pastor: People of God, hear the good news. The God who spoke light into the darkness shines His mercy upon you. The God who clothed the sinners in the garden, who kept His promise to Abraham, who wrestled with Jacob, and who raised Joseph from the pit—this same God has acted once and for all in

Jesus Christ. By His command and in His stead, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Go in peace, shaped by the story of God's redeeming love.

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READERS ARE** *Larry & Patti Balback*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Genesis 22:1-19 (*Abraham tested*)

<sup>1</sup> Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. <sup>2</sup> Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you." <sup>3</sup> Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. <sup>4</sup> On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. <sup>5</sup> He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you." <sup>6</sup> Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, <sup>7</sup> Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" <sup>8</sup> Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together. <sup>9</sup> When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup> Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. <sup>11</sup> But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. <sup>12</sup> "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son." <sup>13</sup> Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup> So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided." <sup>15</sup> The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time <sup>16</sup> and said, "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this

and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup> I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, <sup>18</sup> and through your offspring<sup>[b]</sup> all nations on earth will be blessed,<sup>[c]</sup> because you have obeyed me.” <sup>19</sup> Then Abraham returned to his servants, and they set off together for Beersheba. And Abraham stayed in Beersheba

**RESPONSE** – “Thanks be to God”

**SECOND READING** Hebrews 11:8-19 (*Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God,)*

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. <sup>12</sup> And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore. <sup>13</sup> All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. <sup>14</sup> People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them. <sup>17</sup> By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, <sup>18</sup> even though God had said to him, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.” <sup>19</sup> Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death.

**RESPONSE** – “Thanks be to God”

**ALLELUIA** - Page 156 in the Hymnal (*Please rise if you are able*)  
**HOLY GOSPEL** Luke 24:13–35 (*Jesus appears on the road to Emmaus.*)

<sup>13</sup>That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup>But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup>And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. <sup>28</sup>So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, <sup>29</sup>but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. **30** When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. **31** And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. **32** They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” <sup>33</sup>And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who

were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup>saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

**NICENE CREED** (*Back page in the Hymnal*)

♪ ♪ "Guide me, O Thou Great Redeemer" #918

**THE MESSAGE:** "The Lord will provide." Genesis 22:1–19

*Pastor James Paulgaard*

**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS**

♪ ♪ Let Us Break Bread Together

**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 WORDS OF OUR LORD** *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

**Pastor:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  $\uparrow$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\uparrow$  blood,

which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

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## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have purified us through this Meal, the very body and precious blood of Christ. We pray that You would strengthen us to love one another as You have loved us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## **THE BLESSING**

Pastor: May the God who spoke light into the darkness shine upon you with His grace. May the God who called Abraham and Sarah lead you in His promises and make your steps sure. May the God who wrestled with Jacob and watched over Joseph guard you in every place you go. And may the blessing of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—the One who shapes our story and makes all things new— be with you now and remain with you always. Amen.

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**SCRIPTURE READINGS for April 26<sup>h</sup>:**  
Genesis 28:10-22 , 1 Peter 2:19-25, John 1:43-51

 **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.

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

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

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 26<sup>th</sup> - Genesis 28 — "A Stairway From Heaven to Earth" - Sermon text: Genesis 28:10-22. New Testament Connection: John 1:43-51.** Jacob, alone and on the run, discovers that God meets sinners not in holy places but in their wilderness. The ladder reveals heaven opened, not by human striving but by divine descent. Jesus later declares Himself the true and living stairway, the One through whom God's presence comes near.

**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.

**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** 

**THURSDAY** 10:30 a.m. English Literacy Class  
**SUNDAY** 11:30 a.m. Worship Service

**ST LUKE COMMUNION** - We extend an invitation to our members and guests who:

- confess their sins before God
- earnestly desire, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to amend their sinful lives.
- are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and are confirmed in this faith.
- believe receiving Christ as true Body and Blood, that the Elements are not merely a symbolic matter.
- believe in salvation by Christ's death and resurrection alone.

Unsure - Please speak with the Pastor or an usher. (For

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those with special needs, grape juice is provided in the center ring on individual tray). See Page 329 in Hymnal for those who wish to question themselves before Communion