

PRAYER CONCERNS

Ron and Vangie Cannon's grandson, Matthew (brain surgery), **Lee Lanier** (back surgery), Tommy Vernon (**Iris and Jimmy McFarland's** son-in-law)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Would you like to become a Member of St. Luke? Contact Pastor Todd Davis at pastor@stlukehartsville.com or 843-383-5169.

Community Lenten Worship Service: The Lenten service for this week will be hosted by Centenary UMC in Hartsville at noon on Wednesday, March 26, 2025. Rev. Fred McDaniel will be the guest preacher, and the service will be followed by a light lunch. Please make plans to join us and invite a friend!!!

Lenten Devotion Booklets: St. Luke's Worship Team is providing special **Devotion Booklets** for you to use during the season of Lent. They are available for you to pick up in the Narthex, church office and hallway.

The Evangelism Team has encouraged us to intentionally focus on celebrating evangelism with a **Lenten Challenge**. The purple flyers are in the Narthex and the church office. Please pick one up and accept the challenge to be a witness to the Good News.

Wednesday Night Soul Food (Fellowship Meal and Small Groups for All Ages): Our Fellowship Meal for March 26 is Chicken Fingers, French Fries, Corn on the Cob, Roll, Tea. The cost is \$9/adult and \$5/children 10 & under. Sign up cards are available in the pew racks, or you may call the church office. Payments can be made at the door with check or cards (no cash please), or on the website through Secure Give. **The deadline to sign up for the meal is TUESDAY BY NOON!**

Joy4U Children's Choir: *Sermon on the Mound Musical* will be presented by our Joy4U Children's Choir on Sunday, March 30, 2025, at 5:00 PM. There will be several *Special Guest* appearances, including **Joseph Ringer**, **Russ Lockman** and **PASTOR TODD!** See if you can guess who the St. Luke Mudville Nine will be!

St Luke's Softball Team: If you would be interested in joining St. Luke's softball team this spring, please contact Joseph Ringer (josephringer0713@gmail.com) or Levi Culbreath (mlculbreath@gmail.com). You must be 16 years old or older to play and if you are under age 18, you must have signed permission from your parents.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 23

9:15 AM Sunday School
10:15 AM Worship Service
Children's Church
5:00 PM Parent Preview of
Sermon on the Mound
5:30 PM Youth Ministry

Wednesday, March 26

12:00 PM Lenten Service
Centenary UMC

Wednesday, March 26 (Cont.)

2:00 PM Ladies Game Day
4:30 PM Children's Choir
5:15 PM Wednesday Night
Soul Food
6:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
6:00 PM Youth Ministry

Thursday, March 27

6:00 PM Bible Study with
Ben Babb
8:00 PM Ladies Bible Study
On Zoom

St. Luke Methodist Church



Third Sunday in Lent

Rev. Todd Davis

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Making disciples of Jesus Christ who worship
passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

Color: Purple

March 23, 2025

This worship service is live streamed weekly on Facebook/YouTube

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Words of Welcome

Prelude

My Jesus, I Love Thee

† Responsive Call to Worship

Pastor: Come, listen to the story

All: Of God's love and grace.

Pastor: Come, tell the story

All: Of Jesus' life and saving work.

Pastor: Come, experience the story

All: Of the Spirit's renewing power.

All: Come, let us listen, tell, and experience the Good News together!

† Processional Hymn UMH 361

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

† Call to Confession (Pastor)

So often when we speak of sins, we think of things that are morally reprehensible, or socially unacceptable. If we think of sin as anything keeping us from living openly with God and others – anything preventing us from being the creature God intended – we realize that much of our sin is actually legal, or socially acceptable. Let us confess those sins before God, and before each other.

† Prayer of Confession (All)

You create us for profound love, O God. You have given us depth of feeling, to share it with others. You make us spiritually hungry, to search for you within ourselves, and in those whose lives touch ours. Yet we seek to numb our feelings, and feed our hunger with junk.

We turn on our televisions to tune out the world around us. We shop for what we think will satisfy our longing for beauty or goodness. We eat without considering the worth or value of our food. We do any number of mindless tasks without noticing or searching for your presence in our lives.

Forgive us, O God. Touch us once again in our deep places, the wells of hunger that only you can fill. Fashion us once again to be your vibrant people, alive for you in all that we say, feel, and do. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

† Gloria Patri UMH 71

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Evangelism Ministry Moment

Sara Buckles

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Scott Cameron

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out on us the

spirit of wisdom and understanding that our hearts and minds may be opened. Amen.

The First Reading Isaiah 55:1-9 (NLT) New Living Translation

The Gospel Reading Luke 13:1-9 NLT

Hymn of Preparation UMH 359

Alas! And did My Savior Bleed

The Scripture Lesson 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 NLT

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God;

People: Thanks be to God.

The Message

"Overcoming Temptation"

Pastor Todd

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Piano Offertory

Amazing Grace

† The Doxology UMH 95

† The Affirmation of Faith

We believe in the church as a community of believers and doubters who strive always to rise to our greater selves as we work to accomplish more than we could ever dream possible.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who comforts and strengthens us even when we are not paying attention. We believe in Jesus who gives us the courage to endure when the way before us seems impossible to navigate.

We believe in God whose love will never let us go, even when we are tempted to let go of God when life gets difficult. We believe in the gift of grace, which is a kindness beyond comprehension, and which gives us a resilience of the spirit to try again and again.

We believe in the power of prayer when we are tempted in ways of unbelief. We believe. Amen.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

† Hymn of Dedication UMH 467

Trust and Obey

† Responsive Benediction and Response

Pastor: St. Luke disciples: Stand firm in the Lord. Trust in the promises of God. Live fully in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: We walk with Jesus through his earthly journey to Jerusalem, and we know that God's great Spirit always walks with us. Amen.

† Chiming of the Holy Trinity

† Postlude

Victory in Jesus

† Please stand as you are able.