

## Annoucements

**Scout Sunday** will be **March 30th**. Troop 40 will be celebrating 100 years of scouting at our Scout Sunday Service on March 30, 2025. A fundraiser luncheon to follow for an enclosed trailer. Cost will be \$10 per adult and \$7 per child. Scouts in uniform and kids under 5 are free. Family max of \$30. Come join the fun and celebrate with us! Sign up on the website or in the Hospitality Hall.

**Sherwood Elementary School Easter Clothing Drive** We will once again be collecting spring dress clothing for the boys and girls of Sherwood Elementary. Cute Spring sweaters and dresses, ties and dress shirts are welcome. If you would like to help, please hang or place the clothing on the rack located in the hospitality hall by the desk.

**Lenten Bible Study:** Join us for a family-centered Lenten study on the topic of temptation and Jesus' journey to the cross. Dinner provided. Please RSVP to [sheridan.harris@stlukesumc.org](mailto:sheridan.harris@stlukesumc.org)

**Lenten Worship Services at Noon:** Join us each Tuesday during Lent for a noon Lenten Service. There will be a complimentary soup and sandwich lunch immediately after in the Lounge. Please check the website for details on the guest speakers.

**Food Pantry:** The food pantry is starting to run low on donated paperback books for our clients. If anyone in the congregation has book paperback or hardback books that they don't want anymore, the pantry would love to have them. Thanks!

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Volunteers are needed for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! The event will be held on Saturday 4/12 from 10:30a-12p in Fellowship Hall. In addition to needing helpers, we will be taking donations of small pieces of individually wrapped candy to stuff our eggs with as well as Little Debbie Snack Cakes for the cake walk and empty easter eggs. Please leave donations at the front desk and reach out to Mary Page Contreras to volunteer.

### Prayer Requests

Tom Burkett (Hospice), Marty Cobb, Diane Hayne, Fred Kuhns(friends of the Colters), Jill Dye Congdon(former member), Kim Davis (brother in law Melinda Kaler), David and Mike Smith, Bette Colter, Jerry Dunn, Susan Heavey (hospice) Karen Kinney's cousin, Charlotte Fletcher's son in law's father, Rita Richardson, and Greg McCarter (nephew of Opal Hill).

*Sympathy and Christian Love for the Barlow family in the death of Nita Barlow.*

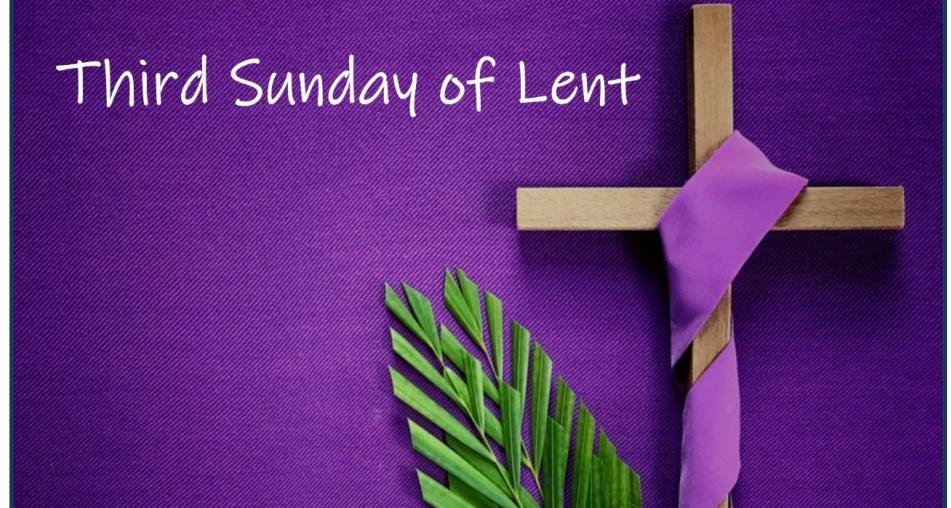
*Arrangements TBD.*

*We are leveling up Bette Colter to the Prayer Warriors.*

*If you would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact Pat Anderson at [pata9276@gmail.com](mailto:pata9276@gmail.com) or call the church office at 452-6262*



## Third Sunday of Lent



**March 23rd 2025**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**



*During this season of Lent, you are welcomed to use the chapel before or after worship for quiet prayer and meditation. Feel free to light a candle as a physical representation of your prayer.*

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*We are becoming a faithful community of disciples striving to share the heart, mind and hands of Jesus Christ with all people.*

### St. Luke's United Methodist Church

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### Church Office Hours

Monday- Thursday- 8:30am-3:00pm  
Friday- Closed

## Order of Worship

*The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of John Sadler from his wife.*

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

Tom Porter

*O Light, Born from Light*  
Wes Kirkpatrick, Organist

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** Children of God, what has God done for you?

**People:** God saves, provides, and holds us in God's steadfast love.

**Leader:** Consider and remember: in the joyful times and in the sorrowful times, what has God done for you?

**People:** God covers us and lifts us up, protecting and empowering us with steadfast love.

**Leader:** When you have been like the fig tree in Jesus' story that seems unable to produce and that everyone has given up on, what has God done for you?

**People:** God tends the soil and waters the ground, nurturing us into life with steadfast love.

**Leader:** Children of God, come, let us worship God who never gives up on us!

**All:** We come to worship and cling to God, for God's steadfast love never fails!

#### \*OPENING HYMN

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

UMH 396

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Leader:** Let us declare our faith in God.

**All:** We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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#### \*GLORIA PATRI

UMH 70

**CANTICLE OF THE KINDER** (sing response on the screens) While we sing this song, children ages 4 through 3rd grade are invited to come forward for a children's sermon, then they are dismissed to Children's Worship in the Lighthouse.

### WORD AND WONDER- A Time For Children

### CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

### PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

### \*HYMN OF PREPARATION

*There is a Balm in Gilead*

UMH 375

### SCRIPTURE

New Testament Pew Bible Page 183

Ephesians 4:32

Rest

Chancel Choir

### ANTHEM

Heather Sorenson

*Come, come unto Me. Come, come unto Me, and I will give you rest, I'll give you rest and healing for your soul. Come, come unto Me. All who are weary, unwanted, unlovely. Come, come unto Me, and I will give you rest. I'll give you rest and healing for your soul. Take my yoke upon you and learn of Me. I am gentle, I am lowly of heart. I am mercy, of my healing come take part. Come, and find my yoke is easy. Come, and find my burden light. Come, come unto Me, find respite for your soul. Come, come unto Me, and I will give you rest. I'll give you rest and healing for your soul. I am her with you. I will hide you; I will hold you safe within My arms. Come, come unto Me, and I will give you rest.*

### MESSAGE

Rev. Jim McKinney

### UNISON OFFERTORY PRAYER

*Gracious God, as we present to you our tithes and offerings we pray that you would help us to remember that all we have comes from you. Bless what is upon these plates and what is in our hearts that together we may bring you glory and show forth the wonder and the power of your love to the world. Amen.*

### OFFERTORY

Arr. Dale Wood

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

Wes Kirkpatrick, Organist

UMH 95

### \*DOXOLOGY

### \*SENDING HYMN

*For the Fruits of this Creation*

UMH 97

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

Arr. Robert Lau

*Joyful We Adore Thee*

Wes Kirkpatrick, Organist

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\*Congregation stand as able.

*If you are interested in uniting in membership, please contact Pastor Jim.*