

**WELCOME, GUESTS!**

**Children:** Thank you for bringing your children with you!  
**Restrooms:** In the hallway outside the sanctuary and the hallway by the kitchen ADA accessible.  
**Giving:** Our ministries are grateful for all your gifts.  
**Communion:** All are welcome to participate. We have an open table.

**Your Generosity Makes  
A Difference In This Community!**

Don't forget that you may also visit our website to give your contributions through the secure tithe.ly system.  
[st-lukesumc.com/give-online](http://st-lukesumc.com/give-online)  
Or scan this code with your smartphone →



Don't forget to support the food pantry with donations of shelf stable foods, paper grocery bags, and/or cash donations (marked food pantry). All your efforts help keep our ministry to our community going. Thank you!!

**Thrift Store**

Our Thrift Store can always use more helping hands. Please contact Nina Hartley to volunteer

**Calendar**

**Sunday, February 26**

10:00 Sunday School  
10:45 Choir Rehearsal  
11:15 Worship

**Monday, February 27**

1:00 Parkinson's Support  
5:00 Food Pantry  
5:00 Karate  
8:00 AA Meeting

**Tuesday, February 28**

5:30 Youth & Children  
6:00 Finance

**Wednesday, March 1**

9:00-1:00 Thrift Store  
10:30 Al-Anon  
6:30 Ash Wednesday Service

**Thursday, March 2**

9:00-1:00 Thrift Store  
12 Noon Al-Anon Begin  
12:45 Al-Anon  
5:00 Karate  
6:30 ACA Group 3  
7:00 AA Meeting  
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**Friday, March 3**

6:30 ACA Group 2  
7:30 ACA Group

**Saturday, March 4**

9:00-1:00 Thrift Store  
11-12 AlAnon Training

**Sunday, March 5**

10:00 Sunday School  
10:45 Choir Rehearsal  
11:15 Worship

**St. Luke's United Methodist Church**

St. Petersburg, Fl.  
**Making God's Love Known**

1st Sunday of Lent

11:15 A.M. Service

February 26, 2023

*Prelude I Will Arise and Go to Jesus* Peggy BeVillie  
*by Rachel Sawyer based on a Southern folk melody*

*Welcome/Ministry Opportunities* Barb Snead

*Passing of the Peace*  
Share a greeting in whatever way you are comfortable

*Call to Worship*

Leader: Lord God, we are constantly bombarded with temptations and enticements. When we yield, when we fail, who will help us?

**People respond: You, Lord, have come to our aid. You teach us, counsel us, and guide us in the ways we should go. We rejoice in your unfailing love.**

*Hymn 269 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray, teach us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.

As thou with Satan didst contend, and didst the victory win, O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to conquer sin.

As thou didst hunger bear, and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord, to die to self, and chiefly live by thy most holy word.

And through these days of penitence, and through thy passion-tide, yea, evermore in life and death, Jesus, with us abide.

Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering over past, an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.

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*Prayer of the People*

**Loving God, we come before you, many of us feeling like we have climbed just a part of the mountain, and there is so much more of a climb left to even get to point to dream that we might be dazzled by what is Divine. Our loads are heavy, with worry, with regret, with fatigue, with illness, with despair for all in the world that is hurting, in danger, in bondage and more. We trudge ahead, following you, stumbling, hoping, praying... breathing hard, hearts pounding, and yes, even some of us are nimble and skipping. Lead us Lord, to the top of that mountain, where we might be dazzled by your Light, lifted by what is Divine, filled by the sheer delight of what is numinous and ethereal and grounded and real. We pray this, for ourselves, for one another and for the world in which we live in. Amen.**

*Moment of Silence/Pastoral Prayer*

*Pastor Victoria*

*The Lord's Prayer*

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

*Special Music*      *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*      *Choir*  
*African American spiritual*

I want Jesus to walk with me, I want Jesus to walk with me,  
All along my pilgrim journey.  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. When I'm in trouble, Lord,  
walk with me, When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me,  
When my poor heart's almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to  
walk with me.  
When I'm prayin', Lord, walk with me, When I'm prayin', Lord,  
walk with me, When my poor heart's over-flowing,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.  
When I'm workin', Lord, walk with me, When I'm workin', Lord,  
walk with me, When my hands are building your Kingdom,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.  
When I'm singin', Lord, walk with me, When I'm singin', Lord,  
walk with me, When I'm praising all of God's goodness,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.  
When I'm lovin', Lord, walk with me. When I'm lovin', Lord,  
walk with me. When I'm caring for your children,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

*Children's Moment*

*Offertory*      Living for Jesus

Peggy Beville

*Sing Psalms*      Psalm 32

Tune: Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

*Offertory Prayer*

Generous God, as we remember Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, we acknowledge the temptation that pursues so many of us. As we offer these gifts to you this morning, we pray that you might deliver us from the temptation of building our lives around what belongs to us. Continually lead us to the conviction that what matters is that we belong to you. We pray in the name of our Savior and Redeemer. Amen.

*Scripture*      Matthew 4: 1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. 2 He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. 3 The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." 4 But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" 5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" 7 Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" 8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, 9 and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." 10 Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" 11 Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

*Message*      The Temptation of Jesus

Pastor Victoria

*Hymn #377*      It Is Well With My Soul

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll; whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.

*Refrain: It is well with my soul, It is well, It is well with my soul. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, Let this blest assurance control, that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.*

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
My sin, not in part but the whole, is nailed to the cross,  
And I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Refrain

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall resound,  
And the Lord shall descend, even so, it is well with my soul.  
Refrain

*Sending Forth*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, here and in the world.  
Amen.

*Postlude*      What a Day That Will Be

Peggy Beville