

## 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.

## Pack-A-Sack

We are grateful for your generous gifts to support this ministry. Each bag costs about \$4 to assemble and contains a variety of healthy, shelf-stable snacks and milk. For us to maintain our previous participation, we will need about \$175/week. You can mark a donation in the plate or give online.

## Thrift Store

Want to take a shift at the Thrift Store? Contact the church office if you would like to help out. It is a great way to help others in the community.

## 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 our ministry to our community going.  
Thank you!!

## Calendar

### Sunday, January 22

10:00 Sunday School  
11:15 Worship

### Monday, January 23

1:00 Parkinson's Support  
5:00 Food Pantry  
5:00 Karate  
6:30 Ad Council  
8:00 AA Meeting

### Tuesday, January 24

5:30 Kids & Youth

### Wednesday, January 25

9:00-1:00 Thrift Store  
10:30 Al-Anon

### Thursday, January 26

9:00-1:00 Thrift Store  
11:30 Al-Anon  
5:00 Karate  
6:30 ACA Group 3  
7:00 AA Meeting  
7:00 Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 AA Meeting

### Friday, January 27

6:30 ACA Group 2  
7:30 ACA Group

### Saturday, January 28

9:00-1:00 Thrift Store

### Sunday, January 29

10:00 Sunday School  
11:15 Worship

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## St. Luke's United Methodist Church

St. Petersburg, Fl.

**Making God's Love Known**

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

11:15 A.M. Service

January 22, 2023

*Prelude*      *The Light of the World Is Jesus*      Peggy BeVille  
arr. Richard Miles

*Welcome/Ministry Opportunities*

*Passing of the Peace*

Share a greeting in whatever way you are comfortable

*Call to Worship*

Leader: God's glorious presence has appeared.

**People respond: God is indeed our light and our salvation. We will follow where God and Jesus lead us.**

Leader: Let us worship our God of light and promise.

**People respond: Let us celebrate the hope and joy of our salvation.**

*Hymn of Praise #185 When Morning Gilds the Skies*

1. When morning gilds the skies  
My heart awaking cries: May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Alike at work and prayer, to Jesus I repair:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

2. The night becomes as day when from the heart we say:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
The powers of darkness fear when this sweet chant they hear:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

3. Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound:  
May Jesus Christ be praised! I  
In heaven's eternal bliss the loveliest strain is this:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

4. Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Be this th'eternal song through all the ages long:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

*Prayer of the People*

**O God, our light and our salvation, shelter us in your love. O God, our stronghold protect us from danger. We come with shouts of joy to worship you this day. We come with song and music to celebrate your love. We come with longing to seek your presence. Be with us now, O God, as we sing your praises. 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* *God, How Many Are a Thousand*  
Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

God how many are a thousand out of all the grains of sand, and how many are a thousand of the stars that you command? Lord, how awesome is the meaning of this new day shining bright, for we know a thousand years are as a moment in your sight.

God, we look to your vast heavens; constellations seem to dance. In each atom is your detail, and you form the smallest plants. When we look back through the ages, There we see your hand as well. Thank you, God, for loving, caring for this world in which we dwell.

God, in Christ, you showed that caring: you broke through our time and space. Christ proclaimed how much you love us, showing your redeeming grace. Jesus healed the ones who suffered; He endured death's mighty pain. In your time, you raised our Savior; with him, life begins again.

Yet, O God, our world still searches, longing for the peace you give. In this age when life is changing, teach us, Lord, in whom we live. Show again Christ's risen presence, Guide us by your Spirit's power. May we find the joy you offer, as we serve you every hour.

*Children's Moment*

Have you been fishing? What was that like? What does it mean to "fish for friends" with Jesus?

*Offertory* *Heeding the Call* William Barnett

*Doxology*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.

*Offertory Prayer*

God of light and love, we have in recent weeks sung our songs announcing the birth of our Savior. We have remembered Christ's baptism and our own. We have acknowledged the light that came into the world through Christ, and now it is time to hear Jesus' call to follow. He calls us to follow not just when it fits our schedule, not just when it doesn't mean giving up something else, and not just when it is safe. We offer these gifts to you as a token, knowing that to truly follow we need to let go of all that calls us in a different direction. Help us to be faithful in following. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*Scripture* *Matthew 4: 12-23*

12 Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. 13 He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, 14 so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 15 "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles— 16 the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." 17 From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." 18 As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. 19 And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. 21 As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. 22 Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. 23 Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

*Message* "What Happens After We Say "Yes!"

*Closing Hymn #206* *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

1. I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

*Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

2. I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, And show me the way to the Father.

*Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, We shall know the joy of Jesus.

*Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

*Sending Forth*

Go and tell the news of God's love. Cast the nets of grace wide, that all may see the glory of God. Go forth and shine with God's light! Amen.

*Postlude* *Praise to the Lord* Peggy BeVillie  
arr. Edward Broughton