



St Luke's and St Matthew's Lutheran Church Leeds

*4th of May 2025 Holy Communion led by
Pastor Joseph*

Welcome to the Service this morning. If it is your first time here, you are very warmly welcome: please do introduce yourself to the Pastor. Baptised Christians who would usually receive Holy Communion in their own Church are welcome to receive Communion here. If you are not baptised or for whatever other reason would prefer not to receive Communion, please place your arms across your chest when the time for Communion comes and the Pastor will give you a blessing. If you require a gluten free host, please do let the Pastor know before the service. Please also note that the wine is alcoholic: if for whatever reason you cannot consume alcohol or would prefer not to receive from the chalice please place your arms across your chest at the appropriate point during the distribution.

Easter 3

First Reading: Acts 9:1-20

Psalm 30

Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel Reading: John 21:1-19

Prayers of intercession

Mighty God, your Son revealed himself again and again and convinced his disciples of his glorious resurrection. Help us to feel his risen presence so we can lovingly feed his sheep, and care for the lambs of his flock here in this congregation and in our daily contact with people wherever we are. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Father God, we pray today for all those to be baptised and confirmed in the coming weeks. We pray for all those involved in the service in any way that your example of service will shine through us as a witness to all those who attend. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, we thank you for the example of leadership given to us by your Son, Jesus Christ, in his life on earth and how, in a very practical sense, he showed his followers a new way to fish. We pray especially for the Lutheran Church in Great Britian Synod which will take place on Saturday. That all involved may be led by your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, you have called us to follow in the way of your risen Son, and to care for all, not only with words, but with acts of love. As we seek to be true friends of all, we pray for our families, our friends and our neighbours especially in areas where there are issues and struggles. We continue to pray for all impacted by the shooting that took place in Headingley last week. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we remember this morning those who are sick, sad or lonely and those who are brave and patient when things are going wrong. We pray that they may be aware of your comforting presence and know that in your hands they are safe and loved. In a moment of silence we bring before you those on our hearts today. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, through the glorious resurrection of your son Jesus Christ you have freed us from the grip of the tomb. We remember those who have departed this life and ask you, through your loving kindness, to have mercy on their souls. We pray too for those bereaved by their passing. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Lord, at the start of this new week help us to be an example to others. Show us, as you did with your fishermen friends, the practical steps we need to take so that we can change the ways in which we do things and so develop consistency and integrity in all that we do in our lives.

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

Coming up...

11th of May

NO SERVICE @ ST LUKE'S IN THE MORNING

6.30pm Vespers with Taizé music led by Pastor Joseph

18th of May

10.30am Holy Communion led by Pastor Joseph

25th of May

10.30am Healing service led by Pastor Joseph

Sunday school during the service

3pm Harrogate Joint Lutheran-Methodist Holy Communion led by Pastor Joseph with Rev Ben preaching

4pm Polish Service Leeds led by Pastor Krystyna

1st of June

10.30am Holy Communion led by Pastor Joseph

12.30pm Churches Together lunch at the Skyrack

2.30pm Polish Service Bradford led by Pastor Krystyna

8th of June (Pentecost Sunday)

10.30am Holy Communion led by Pastor Joseph

15th of June (Trinity Sunday)

NO SERVICE @ ST LUKE'S IN THE MORNING

6.30pm Holy Communion (with Holy Baptism) led by Pastor Joseph

22nd of June

NO SERVICE @ ST LUKE'S IN THE MORNING

2pm Parish Council Meeting

4pm Joint English – Polish – German service with food after the service

Sunday school during the service

29th of June

10.30am Healing Service led by Pastor Joseph

3pm Harrogate Holy Communion led by Pastor Joseph

Other Information

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