



Services for Arnold Rettig

The church will host a visitation on Saturday April 9, 7:00-9:00 pm.

The memorial service will be held on Sunday, April 10, 3:00 pm.

Services for Lauren Britten

St. Luke will host a memorial service for Lauren Britten on Saturday, April 23, 11:00 am. The service will be followed by lunch at the home of Barbara Little. Please RSVP to Barbara if you plan to eat lunch.

Pastor Robb is taking a couple of days off (April 4-6)

The last Vespers service of Lent will be March 30. Pastor Robb is taking a couple of days off to spend with his family during spring break prior to the Easter rush, so will we not have online Matins or the evening Vespers service on Wednesday, April 6.

Holy Week/Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday Procession and Divine Service, April 10, 11:00 am

Maundy Thursday Divine Service, April 14, 7:00 pm

Good Friday Service, April 15, 7:00 pm

Easter Egg Hunt, April 16, 11:00 am

Easter Morning Fellowship, 10:00 am

Divine Service and Reception of New Members, 11:00 am

Reception of New Members

St. Luke will receive new members on Easter Sunday, April 17! If you would like to become a member of St. Luke, please contact Pastor Robb for more information.

Easter Egg Hunt

There is still time for you to fill eggs! Plastic eggs are available in the narthex. Please take them home, fill them with goodies (no chocolate, please) and return them to the church. For more information, or to learn how to volunteer to help on the day of the egg hunt, please see Mary Beth Egas.

A new faith-based nonprofit is forming in Henry County

They are looking for people who are mission-oriented who would like to get involved in a service organization to help fill unmet needs in our communities. This opportunity is a wonderful way to serve others but also allows you to begin from the ground up, as the organization is formed, making critical decisions as the project takes shape. The eventual goal is to develop a service group that can qualify for 501c3 status, which will greatly help fund the work.

Initially, you would be asked to meet with other like-minded people from various faith-based groups and/or social service groups. The group will work with the guidance of a group facilitator to determine what specific area of help to focus on.

If you think you would like to be part of this important team, or you have questions, please contact Pastor Robb.

Cans for Lutheranch

Lutherance is collecting empty, clean 3-1/2" cans for us in craft projects. You can drop the cans off at the church. Please contact Debbie Lundell for more information.

The Gathering

Our women's Bible study group, The Gathering, meets the last Friday of the month, and will meet again Friday, April 29, at the home of Barbara Little. All women are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Barbara Little or Debbie Lundell.

Online Morning Prayer

Join Pastor Robb as he prays Morning Prayer live on St. Luke's Facebook page on Wednesday mornings. The live service begins at 9:15 am. If you can't catch it at 9:15, video will be available after the initial livestream.



A NOTE FROM PR. ROBB

Dear St. Luke,

As you can see from The Journey this month, we are entering a very busy season for the church. Lent is winding down and we are about to enter the holiest time in the life of the church. We will again experience the story of Jesus' life-giving passion and death. Though a dark time, it is also a time where we anticipate the joy of Easter morning, knowing that Christ is risen!

During this season I challenged each of you to prioritize reading scripture and praying for the future of St. Luke. I've also preached each week about our mission statement, and how that statement is more than just words on paper, but is about how we live as God's people. As this time is winding down, I wonder what you have taken from that experience. Who is God calling this church to be in this next phase of our life together? What things does God have in store for us? I hope that over the coming weeks we will be able to have some discussions about these questions.

For now, however, I will tell you that I am excited that this will be the first time in two years that we will gather inside our sanctuary to celebrate Holy Week and Easter. In 2020, we had to do it virtually, gathering online. Last year, most of the celebration was done outdoors, dodging thunderstorms on Palm Sunday and pollen on Easter. I am also excited that we will have a fellowship time on Easter Sunday prior to worship.

I hope to see you during Holy Week and Easter!

Peace,

Pr Robb

Upcoming Commemorations

April 4 Benedict the African, confessor, died 1589

Born into slavery on the island of Sicily, Benedict lived as a hermit until the pope ordered all hermits to attach themselves to a monastery, at which time Benedict joined the Franciscans. Though illiterate, he was highly respected as a confessor and later superior of his community.

April 6 Albrecht Dürer, died 1528; Matthias Grünewald, died 1529; Lucas Cranach, died 1553; artists

These great artists revealed through their work the mystery of salvation and the wonder of creation. Dürer's work reflected the apocalyptic spirit of his time. Though he remained a Roman Catholic, he was sympathetic to Martin Luther's reforming work. Grünewald's paintings are known for their dramatic forms, vivid colors, and depiction of light. Cranach's work includes many fine religious examples and several portraits of Martin Luther. Cranach was also widely known for his woodcuts.

April 9 Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian, died 1945

Bonhoeffer was a German theologian who wrote profoundly, yet in an accessible manner. In the Second World War, he became a leader of the Confessing Church in Germany that resisted the Nazi movement. Linked to a plot to kill Hitler, he was hanged shortly before the end of the war.

April 10 Mikael Agricola, Bishop of Turku, died 1557

Consecrated bishop of Turku, Finland, without the approval of the pope, Agricola began a reform along Lutheran lines. In only three years, he translated the New Testament and worship texts into Finnish, in the process establishing the rules of Finnish writing that are still used today.

April 19 Olavus Petri, priest, died 1552; Laurentius Petri, Bishop of Uppsala, died 1573; renewers of the church

These two brothers studied with Luther at the University of Wittenberg and then returned to their native Sweden to introduce the Lutheran reforms. Olavus published a catechism and hymnal; Laurentius was a professor who defended the office of bishop and later became one.

April 21 Anselm, Bishop of Canterbury, died 1109

This eleventh-century monk was one of the greatest theologians of the Middle Ages. He is remembered for emphasizing the maternal aspects of God, and for the theory that the Son of God became human in order to make the necessary payment for our sin.

April 22 Day of the Creation (Día de la Creación) (LLC)

This observance invites us to notice and give God thanks for the wonders of the created universe. As stewards of that creation, we are also challenged to be careful in our use of it.

April 23 Toyohiko Kagawa, renewer of society, died 1960

Born in Kobe, Japan, Kagawa was orphaned as a young child. Later, when he became Christian, he was disowned by the rest of his family. Wishing to bring Christian principles into society, he worked among poor people, established schools and hospitals, and worked for peace.

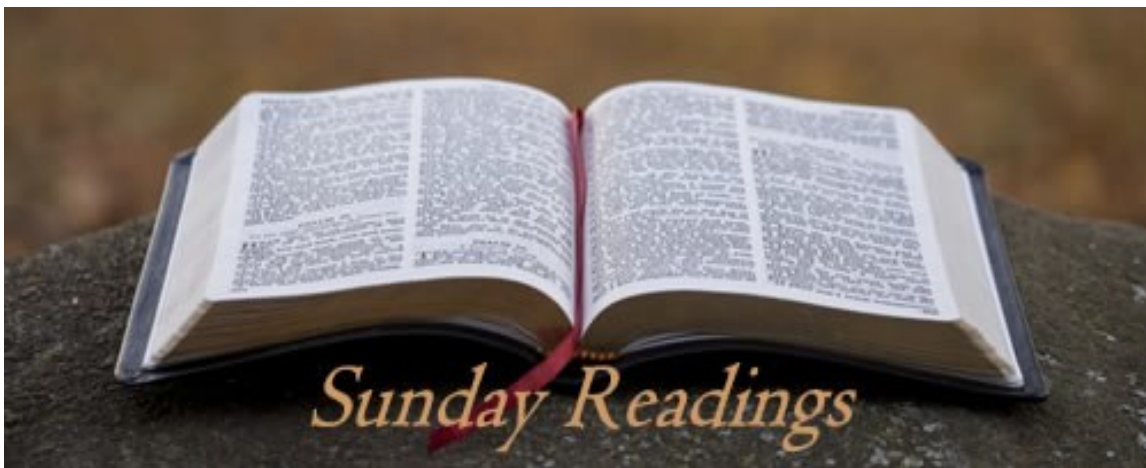
Upcoming Commemorations (continued)

April 25 Mark, Evangelist

He was not numbered among the twelve apostles, yet Mark was probably a member of the early church community. The gospel that bears his name is the shortest and most direct, and many scholars think it was the first to be written.

April 29 Catherine of Siena, theologian, died 1380

This theologian was the first woman among Roman Catholics to receive the title "Doctor [teacher] of the Church." Catherine was a Dominican sister known for her mystical visions as well as her work on behalf of people who were poor and imprisoned.



April 3

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

April 10

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 22:14--23:56

April 24

Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 118:14-29
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31

April 17

Acts 10:34-43
Isaiah 65:17-25 (alternate)
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
Acts 10:34-43 (alternate)
Luke 24:1-12

PRAYER REQUESTS

The family and friends of Arnold Rettig; The family and friends of Lauren Britten; Chong Brauer; Rick and Dorothy Bradberry; Mike Scott and family; Jana Justice; Noel Peek; LaMont Sudduth; Shirley Jones; the Adair Family; Shawn Hiltunen Johnston and family; Nilgul Taylor; Jeffrey Wedge; Erin Lannen; Rick and Jamie Gray; Mike Gassaway; Charlotte Baldwin; Jan Hammons; Mariya King

Ongoing Requests

Morgan and Jordan, Heather and Sierra, Lenore and Family, Corey Sease, Gigi's House

Healthcare Workers and First Responders

Mallory Lively, Cindy Gourley, Janet Neese, Dottie Ogaz, Christy Adams, Lauren Corcoran, Jeremy Hutchinson, Danielle Harrell, Nick Ludley, Eddie Lopez, Elga Dhillon, Mikki Jackels, Bobby Swanger, Damen Denzin

Those Serving in the Armed Forces

Mallory Lively, US Navy; Connor Roberts, USMC

If you have any prayer requests, please let Pastor Robb or Susan know so that they may be included on this list.

April 2022 Sunday Servants

April 3

Assistant: Barbara Little

Lector: Dave Barkdoll

Ushers: John Shaw and Larry Egas

Counters: Judy Barkdoll and Vickie Pace

Clearers: Susan Sparrow

April 10

Assistant: Debbie Lundell

Lector: Shelia Kelley

Ushers: John Shaw and Tony Kelly

Counters: Paul Egas and Barbara Little

Clearers: The Egas Family

April 17

Assistant: Mark Rettig

Lector: Conrad Busch

Ushers: Dave Barkdoll and Ed Joyner

Counters: Beverly and Mark Rettig

Clearers: The Kelley Family and Barbara Little

April 24

Assistant: Mary Shulack

Lector: David Ludley

Ushers: Mark and Beverly Rettig

Counters: Judy Barkdoll and Vickie Pace

Clearers: The Barkdolls and Vickie Pace

April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Matins (online) 9:15 am Al-Anon 7 pm		1	2 AA 9 am Al-Anon 7 pm
3 Worship 11 am	4 Al-Anon 12 pm	5	6 Al-Anon 7 pm	7	8	9 AA 9 am Al-Anon 7 pm
10 Worship 11 am Arnold Rettig memorial 3pm	11 Al-Anon 12 pm 8	12	13 Matins (online) 9:15 am Al-Anon 7 pm	14 Maundy Thursday Service 7pm	15 Good Friday Service 7pm	16 Easter Egg Hunt 11am AA 9 am Al-Anon 7 pm
17 Easter Morning Fellowship 10am Worship 11 am Reception of new members	18 Al-Anon 12 pm	19	20 Matins (online) 9:15 am Al-Anon 7 pm	21	22	23 AA 9 am Al-Anon 7 pm Lauren Britten memorial 11am
24 Worship 11 am	25 Al-Anon 12 pm Deadline for news- letter submissions	26	27 Matins (online) 9:15 am Al-Anon 7 pm	28	29	30 AA 9 am Al-Anon 7 pm