



SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday Liturgy---10:00 O'clock AM

The Reverend Rebecca A. Barnes, Priest-in-Charge

Our Mission Statement

To spread the Gospel to all people through hospitality, service, and spiritual growth.

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2020

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PRAYER BEFORE THE SERVICE

O Almighty God, *who pourest* out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to *thee*, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship *thee* in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRELUDE

Liebster Jesu, BWV 634 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Ms. Maria Zengion (Organist)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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Celebrant

Blessed by God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant may read the following sentence

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Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14,16*

Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

GLORIA

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When appointed, the following hymn or some other song of praise is sung or said, all standing

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:10-13

AS THE RAIN and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 65:9-14

Te decet hymnus

- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.
- 10 You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- 12 You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.
- 14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

THE SECOND READING

Romans 8:1-11

THERE IS NO condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Celebrant

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

JESUS WENT out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Celebrant

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Mother Barnes

THE NICENE CREED

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We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As the Word goes forth from the mouth of God, let us turn our hearts to those in need and offer prayers for God's people in every place, saying: Holy God, *hear our prayer.*

For the Church: especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin our bishop, that we may spread hope, joy, understanding and Good News with great liberality, so that all may experience the generosity of God. Holy God, *hear our prayer.*

For this parish family, that the Word sown among us will accomplish its purpose, yielding fruit a hundredfold in our lives of worship and witness. Holy God, *hear our prayer.*

For those who live and work in places of danger, especially those who protect and serve in our nation and cities, and for all who plant seeds of peace, that God will bring us to a new day of healing and reconciliation. Holy God, *hear our prayer.*

For all whose lives have been affected by the pandemic, that God will keep them safe, give them strength, and guide all who are seeking to assist them. Holy God, *hear our prayer.*

For all who are traveling, that God will watch over them, preserve them from harm, and renew and refresh them through God's bountiful creation. Holy God, *hear our prayer.*

For all who hunger for life, especially those who are lonely or depressed, those who live in fear of sickness or violence. and those in need of our prayers remembering especially, Jordan, Jean, Mary Ann, Sr. Annette, Sally, Beverly and Frank, Elsa, Barbara, Ann Marie, Jack, Lucien, Ronnie, Maria, Leroy, Ted, Ann, and Sylvia, that God's abundant love will sustain and protect them. Holy God, *hear our prayer.*

For all the departed, remembering especially Howard, Dick, Amelia, Norbert, Richard, Becky, Gina, Noah, Shannon, and Barbara, that they may rejoice to become the first fruits of the new creation. Holy God, *hear our prayer.*

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary, the God-bearer, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. *To you, O Lord our God.*

Celebrant: Holy God, Sower of the seed, hear our prayers and make us good soil, ready to receive what you sow, that we may hear the word and understand it, bear fruit and yield a hundredfold. This we ask in your most Holy Name. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

As our Savior Christ
has taught us,
we now pray,

People and Celebrant

**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.**

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

AGNUS DEI

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The following or some other suitable anthem may be sung or said here

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Prayer of St. Alphonsus de Liguori

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

People and Celebrant

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

**I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace.
*Amen.***

A moment of silence is observed

Celebrant Come Lord Jesus,

All and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT*

God of all power and love,
we give thanks for your unfailing presence
and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.
Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.
Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world:
a people who pray, worship, learn,
break bread, share life, heal neighbors,
bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.
Wherever and however we gather,
unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission,
that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL

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Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Reverie Duettina

Wm. Horatio Clarke (1840-1913)

PRAYER AFTER THE SERVICE

Grant, we beseech *thee*, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through *thy* grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of *thy* Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*From Pentecost Sunday through the first Sunday in September, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and his Lutheran counterpart Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton welcome congregations and individuals to regularly pray "A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit among the People of God." This prayer – crafted by a team of Lutheran and Episcopal prayer leaders in light of the COVID pandemic – is meant to unite us in common prayer and revive us for common mission, wherever and however we may be gathered.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S

DAILY - Live streaming and zoom gatherings from St. Luke's.

Morning and Evening Prayer are being offered daily:

Morning Prayer at 9 AM; Evening Prayer at 5PM.

SUNDAY, JULY 12

Liturgy, 10AM – Please note, beginning Sunday, June 14th we will stream **Sunday Liturgy at 10AM** (this is in addition to Morning Prayer, Rite I at 9AM). Sunday Liturgy will be offered with spiritual communion. A full service leaflet for the Sunday service may be found by clicking [here](#).

Please join us on our [Facebook page](#) for a live stream of the services listed above.

Virtual Coffee Hour, Sundays, 11AM (following 10AM Sunday Liturgy).

Click [here](#) to join coffee hour.

Sunday Adult Ed – Study of the Gospel of Matthew, Sunday, 12 PM.

Join us for a weekly gathering to review and share reflections from our study of Matthew. Click [here](#) to join in the class.

Sunday, July 12th we will be discussing Matthew 18.

Children's Christian Education Materials

Click below to access free faith formation resources for kids for Sunday, July 12, 2020. Materials include:

– Lectionary based Children's worship [bulletin coloring page](#)

– and [The Sunday Paper Junior](#)

Here's a resource for talking to kids about race: *A Kids Book About Racism* by Jelani Memory — An excellent book and video reading by the author for young children.

See our [Children and Youth page](#) for more offerings including resources for talking with kids about the challenging issues of our time.

MONDAY, JULY 13

Social Justice Book Club – Monday, July 13, 2020, 6:30 PM.

The Albright Memorial Library and St. Luke's Episcopal Church present a night of discussion on *If You See Me, Don't Say Hi* by Neel Patel. To join in, please click [here](#).

“In eleven sharp, surprising stories, Neel Patel gives voice to our most deeply held stereotypes and then slowly undermines them. His characters, almost all of who are first-generation Indian Americans, subvert our expectations that they will sit quietly by. We meet two brothers caught in an elaborate web of envy and loathing; a young gay

man who becomes involved with an older man whose secret he could never guess; three women who almost gleefully throw off the pleasant agreeability society asks of them; and, in the final pair of linked stories, a young couple struggling against the devastating force of community gossip..”

Borrow a copy from the library or get a 25% discount when you order a book club title at Library Express, 2nd Floor at the Marketplace at Steamtown, 570-558-1670.

TUESDAY, JULY 14

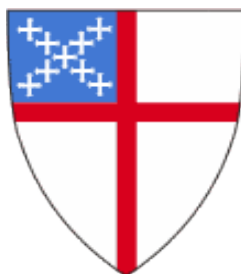
Grab-n-Go Food Pantry: In partnership with Friends of the Poor, The Weinberg Food Bank and The Family to Family Basket Program, St. Luke’s will hold a Covid-19 emergency walk up “Shopper’s Choice food giveaway Tuesday, July 14th 1:00PM to 4:00PM. Limited free delivery to downtown Scranton residents is available. Open to Public, zip code and number of children/adults/elderly required

Centering Prayer - Tuesday, 5:30 PM. Centering Prayer is CANCELED this week, July 14. Click [here](#) for a brochure on The Method of Centering Prayer.

THURSDAY, JULY 16

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS: Conversations on Race to Call Forth Solidarity led by the Rev. Canon Dale Grandfield

A VIRTUAL Series **Thursday evenings, June 11 through July 30, from 7pm to 8:45pm** [email Canon Grandfield to register](#) for the Zoom gatherings.



The Rev'd Rebecca A. Barnes, Priest-in-Charge

Susan Zaleski, Secretary (Part-time)

John (Jack) Dunleavy, Sexton (Part-time)

Gary Cohen, Custodial Staff (Part-time)

The Vestry

Deirdre Frazier (2021—Clerk), Mickey Baccoli, (2022—Senior Warden),
Francis McMullen (2021), Jane Merolla (2023—Treasurer),
Robin O'Hearn (2021), Bernard Ott (2022), Kathy Selemba (2022),
Sharon Sollami (2023), and Amanda Wrazien (2023).

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