

SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Liturgy- Saturday, 5:00 O'clock PM; Sunday, 10 O'clock AM

Basic Information Regarding In-Person Worship

- Doors will open 15 minutes before the start of worship begins, please remain in your cars until that time.
- Everyone must enter through the front door of the church. Accommodations will be made for those who require use of the ramp.
- **Masks must be worn at all times**; extras will be available.
- Upon your arrival, a compliance team member will collect contact tracing information (if you have not pre-registered) and your temperature will be taken. Please use the available **hand sanitizers** as you enter the Nave.
- Please pick up a service leaflet as an usher then seats you. The service leaflet is also available electronically on our parish website, stlukescranton.org
- Please note that only members of the same household will be permitted to share a pew. Follow the direction of the usher to keep a minimum of **6 feet social distance** from others.
- Please remain in your seat. There will be no physical passing of The Peace, no congregational singing, and no passing of an offering plate.
- There will be no Holy Communion; an Act of Spiritual Communion will be made.
- Following the Blessing and Dismissal, please wait for the usher to instruct you when to leave. An offering plate will be available as you exit and everyone is to exit through the doors in Throop Building. Accommodations will be made for those who require use of the ramp.
- Please take all items with you as you leave including the service leaflet and avoid congregating.

St. Luke's policies and procedures are subject to change under the direction of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, the Center for Disease Control (CDC), and the Diocese of Bethlehem.



The Feast of Saint Luke the Evangelist

October 18, 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.*

All stand as the procession enters the nave.

PRELUDE

Veni Creator Spiritus, SSWV 153

Samuel Scheidt (1587-1654)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.

Almighty God, who inspired your servant Luke the physician to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of your Son: Graciously continue in your Church this love and power to heal, to the praise and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

All sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING Sirach 38:1-4, 6-10, 12-14

The Reader A reading from the Wisdom of Sirach.

Honor physicians for their services,
for the Lord created them;
for their gift of healing comes from the Most High,
and they are rewarded by the king.
The skill of physicians makes them distinguished,
and in the presence of the great they are admired.
The Lord created medicines out of the earth,
and the sensible will not despise them.
And he gave skill to human beings
that he might be glorified in his marvelous works.
By them the physician heals and takes away pain;
the pharmacist makes a mixture from them.
God's works will never be finished;
and from him health spreads over all the earth.
My child, when you are ill, do not delay,
but pray to the Lord, and he will heal you.
Give up your faults and direct your hands rightly,
and cleanse your heart from all sin.
Then give the physician his place, for the Lord created him;
do not let him leave you, for you need him.
There may come a time when recovery lies in the hands of physicians,
for they too pray to the Lord
that he grant them success in diagnosis
and in healing, for the sake of preserving life.

The Reader The Word of the Lord.
The People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM **Psalm 147:1-7**

- 1 Hallelujah!
How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
- 2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; *
he gathers the exiles of Israel.
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted *
and binds up their wounds.
- 4 He counts the number of the stars *
and calls them all by their names.
- 5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to his wisdom.
- 6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, *
but casts the wicked to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.

THE SECOND READING **2 Timothy 4:5-13**

The Reader A reading from the Second Letter to Timothy.

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments.

The Reader The Word of the Lord.

The People **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 4:14-21

All Stand

The Celebrant

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

The People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

At the conclusion of the Gospel

The Celebrant

The Gospel of the Lord.

The People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

All sit.

Mother Barnes

THE NICENE CREED

All Stand

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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

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader Nurturing God, your love is free, your compassion unconditional, and your mercy infinite. You shower upon us gifts abundant. Grant that we may know and trust these gifts, that we may discover the joy they bring, and inspire us to serve and to love out of that joy.

Open our lips, O God, that we may proclaim your benevolent truth and your call for justice in our communities, in our congregations, and in the world. *Gracious God, open our lips.*

Open our minds, O God, that we might dream a Church reconciled, a Church that knows only your love so abundantly that it bursts with a passion for ministry, a desire to give completely, and a sense of stewardship that seeks only to give back. *Gracious God, open our minds.*

Open our hearts, O God, to be transformed by the mighty outpouring of your compassion, so that our will to serve others with humility, integrity, and urgency is your desired will for us, your servants. *Gracious God, open our hearts.*

Open our eyes, O God, to the hurts and needs of others that call us to ministry. Teach us to see where our own abilities and resources—and the world’s deep hunger—meet. *Gracious God, open our eyes.*

Open our hands, O God, to be your instruments of witness. Help us to work without hesitation, serve without recognition, to do justice, to love kindness, and to serve humbly with you, our God. *Gracious God, open our hands.*

Open our memories, O God, as we remember those who have died. (Please add your petitions, silently or aloud). Help us honor the wisdom of those who devoted their lives to your service, and who generously gave of their time and treasure. *Gracious God, open our memories.*

Celebrant Nurturing God, your love is free, your compassion unconditional, and your mercy infinite. You shower upon us gifts abundant. Grant that we may know and trust these gifts, that we may discover the joy they bring, and inspire us to serve and love out of that joy. In the name of the Risen Christ we pray. *Amen.*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,
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.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

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

**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 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.*



A GENERAL THANKSGIVING

People and Celebrant

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with a truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. *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 Third Sonata, Con moto maestoso, BWV W58 Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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.*

*The flowers on the high altar are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the 1st wedding anniversary of
Thomas Zurla and Michael Semian*

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SPECIAL MINISTERS

Saturday, 5:00 pm: H. Timms, L. Grohowski, C. Griffiths (Compliance Team Ushers); B. Ott (Reader and Intercessor).

Sunday, 10:00 am: S. Sollami, C. McMullen, F. McMullen (Compliance Team Ushers); J. Smurl (Reader and Intercessor).



THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S

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

Daily Office: Morning and Evening Prayer – Morning Prayer at 9 AM; Evening Prayer at 5PM. Are live-streamed on Sunday; Tuesday through Saturday morning.

• SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

Sunday Vigil Liturgy, 5 PM – Liturgy is a service of Ante-Communion with spiritual communion. A full service leaflet for the Sunday service may be found by clicking below

• SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

Morning Prayer, Rite I at 9AM live streamed from the Memorial Garden.

Sunday School, 9:30 AM – From Sunday, September 6 until Advent we will be offering a virtual program on the Beatitudes. Please email Mother Barnes at mthrbarnes@gmail.com to register and receive Zoom log-on information.

Sunday Liturgy, 10AM – Sunday Liturgy is a service of Ante-Communion with spiritual communion. A full service leaflet for the Sunday service may be found by clicking below:

[Service Leaflet for October 17 and 18, 2020](#)

Please join us on our **[Facebook page](#)** for the streaming of the services listed above.

Virtual Coffee Hour, Sundays, 11:15AM (following 10AM Sunday Liturgy). Click **[here](#)** to join coffee hour.

Sunday Adult Ed – Study of the Gospel of Matthew, Sunday, 12 PM. Please join us at 12PM for our Adult Ed Bible Study. We will discuss Matthew 27 and 28. Click **[here](#)** to join the class.

Children's Christian Education Materials

Click below to access free faith formation resources for kids.

For **Sunday, October 18, 2020**. Materials include:

– Lectionary based Children's [coloring sheet](#)

Also, please see the information above regarding our 12 week virtual program on The Beatitudes

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

• TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

Covid-19 Emergency "Grab& Go" Food Give Away - 1:00PM – 4:0PM.

Limited free delivery to downtown Scranton residents. Open to the public. Zip code & number of children/adults/elderly in household required.

Love Is The Way Book Study, 7PM – Join us Tuesdays in October for this parish book study of the last book by our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry. Click [here](#) to enter the Zoom book study.

The way of love is essential for addressing the seemingly unsurmountable challenges facing the world today: poverty, racism, selfishness, deep ideological division, competing claims to speak for God. This book will lead readers to discover the gifts they need in order to live the way of love: deep reservoirs of hope and resilience, simple wisdom, the discipline of nonviolence, and unshakable regard for human dignity.

• THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

Centering Prayer – Thursdays at 5:30 PM. Join in the virtual chapel by clicking [here](#). Click [here](#) for a brochure on The Method of Centering Prayer.

Parish Survey

Have you completed the parish survey? We'd love to hear from you!

We are conducting a parish survey prior to reopening to obtain feedback and hear from you as your hopes and concerns. To complete the survey, click [here](#).



Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. - 1 PETER 4:10

October 17, 2020

Dear Beloved in Christ,

When we set “Faith-Filled Generosity” as the theme for this year’s stewardship campaign, none of us could have known what this year would be like. I need not remind you of the disruptions, losses, and anxieties that this year has brought to our communities, for we are all still living with the impacts. I can say, however, that although the coronavirus pandemic has tested our resolve, it has not tested our faith. We are stronger, more resilient, and more connected than we have ever been as a Church and as a community of neighbors. Thank you. Thanks to each one of you doing your part in your homes, workplaces, schools, neighborhoods, families, and here in our church.

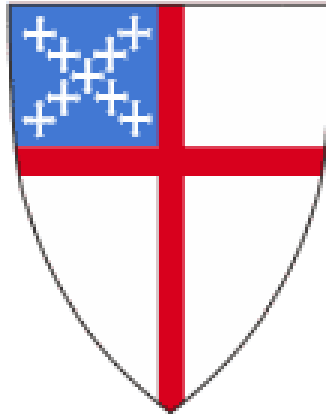
Our stewardship and our mission this year have been focused on service. As we experienced some weeks of not being able to gather in person, the usual focus on weekly worship was spread throughout the week as we found ways to gather virtually, taking more time to pray for each other’s needs and serve our communities. You used this time to discover, hone, and put to use the gifts you have received from our Creator God and to serve one another.

I have witnessed the countless ways that you have used your resources for the mission of the Church and to help each other. I have found it inspiring and hopeful as we plan our work together in 2021. This coming year, we will explore the way that our generosity is inspired by our faith, how we are formed and led into relationship with each other as we share our gifts with the world. This is what we mean by “Faith-Filled Generosity.”

How will you discover and use the gifts you have been given to help our church this year? How will you hear the Gospel call to seek and serve Christ in all people, and respond with generosity? As I look at each family, each individual in our community, I realize that we are the stewards of God’s manifold grace because we give to the world from what we have received.

This year, your stewardship committee will be sending you a packet with your pledge card and an appeal. I invite you to receive this with grace and prayer as you consider how you will share with God and God’s Church from what you have received.

In the spirit of generosity and love,
Mother Barnes



ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
"In the heart of things"

Our Mission Statement

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

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

Ms. Maria Zengion, Organist and Choirmaster

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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