

SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 20)
Saturday September 18, 2021
5:00 O'clock PM

SAINT LUKE’S: A USER’S GUIDE

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. If you are a visitor or a newcomer, please make yourself known to the priest or greeter and let us know if we can be of help to you. **As we resume in-person worship, we ask that all follow the The Diocese of Bethlehem COVID-19 Protocols for Gathering (Last updated: May 20, 2020.)**

<https://diobeth.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/DioBethProtocolUpdates-052021.pdf>

General Guidelines

Indoor Gathering

To consider indoor gathering and worship, each parish should determine the following:

- Your county’s 7-day Average New Cases per 100,000 to be less than 25 for 2 consecutive weeks
- The Vestry’s consensus to open for indoor gathering/worship
- The agreement of the Rector/Priest-in-charge to open for indoor gathering/worship

Parish leadership should prayerfully consider these three elements and notify the Bishop in writing (email or letter) of any decision to gather indoors.

Fully Vaccinated People

The CDC considers people fully vaccinated:

- Two weeks after their second dose in a two-dose series, such as Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or
- Two weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen vaccine

People who do not meet these requirements are not fully vaccinated and should follow ”Guidance for Unvaccinated People.”

Masking

Fully vaccinated people are not required to wear a mask while gathering. In gatherings that include both fully vaccinated and not yet fully vaccinated people, masks that fully cover the nose and mouth are recommended for all people.

Physical Distancing

Fully vaccinated people are not required to physically distance while gathering. In gatherings that include both fully vaccinated and not yet fully vaccinated people, all people are recommended to stay six feet apart from others who do not live with them.

Specific Recommendations

Singing

Congregational or choir singing among fully vaccinated and not yet fully vaccinated people should follow the “Masking” and “Physical Distancing” guidelines above.

Gathering Capacity

Indoor gathering capacity should be determined by the circumstance and space. For indoor gatherings that include both fully vaccinated and not yet fully vaccinated people, it is recommended that your gathering capacity be determined by applying the “Physical Distancing” guidelines above to your indoor space.

Eucharist

- The Celebrant should sanitize hands liberally and should wear a mask that fully covers their nose and mouth.
- The Sacrament should be received by the communicants in only one kind (the Bread).
- The Celebrant should be the only person who delivers the Bread to the communicants.
- The Cup should be received only by the Celebrant.



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Said Holy Eucharist (Vigil)---5:00 O'clock PM

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

Our Mission Statement

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

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(Please silence all cell-phones & digital devices until after the Service! Thank you.)

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.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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The Celebrant may say

ALMIGHTY God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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

THE GLORIA

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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.

GRANT us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All sit.

THE FIRST READING Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22

Reader A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon..

THE ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death;
considering him a friend, they pined away
and made a covenant with him,
because they are fit to belong to his company.

For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves,
“Short and sorrowful is our life,
and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end,
and no one has been known to return from Hades.
Let us lie in wait for the righteous man,
because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions;
he reproaches us for sins against the law,
and accuses us of sins against our training.
He professes to have knowledge of God,
and calls himself a child of the Lord.
He became to us a reproof of our thoughts;
the very sight of him is a burden to us,
because his manner of life is unlike that of others,
and his ways are strange.
We are considered by him as something base,
and he avoids our ways as unclean;
he calls the last end of the righteous happy,
and boasts that God is his father.
Let us see if his words are true,
and let us test what will happen at the end of his life;
for if the righteous man is God’s child, he will help him,
and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries.
Let us test him with insult and torture,
so that we may find out how gentle he is,
and make trial of his forbearance.
Let us condemn him to a shameful death,
for, according to what he says, he will be protected.”

Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray,
for their wickedness blinded them,
and they did not know the secret purposes of God,
nor hoped for the wages of holiness,
nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM **Psalm 54** *Deus, in nomine*

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Read in unison, the leader beginning with the first phrase and the people joining in the bolded text.

- 1 Save me, O God, by your Name; *
 in your might, defend my cause.
- 2 **Hear my prayer, O God; ***
 give ear to the words of my mouth.
- 3 **For the arrogant have risen up against me,**
 and the ruthless have sought my life, *
 those who have no regard for God.
- 4 **Behold, God is my helper; ***
 it is the Lord who sustains my life.
- 5 **Render evil to those who spy on me; ***
 in your faithfulness, destroy them.
- 6 **I will offer you a freewill sacrifice ***
 and praise your Name, O LORD, for it is good.
- 7 **For you have rescued me from every trouble, ***
 and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

THE SECOND READING **James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a**

Reader A reading from the Letter of James.

WHO is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then

peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

All stand

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

JESUS and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

Mother Barnes

All sit.

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

Intercessor Let us pray to God our helper, the source of all wisdom, mercy and peace, saying: *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

For the Church: especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin, our bishop, that we may imitate the example of Jesus, not seeking to be first but becoming servants of all. *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

For this Parish Family, that we may recognize our common humanity, and accompany one another along the journey of life. *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

For all who serve the children of our community in Christ's name, that they may teach us how to welcome Christ in simplicity of heart. *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

For healing among the daughters and sons of Abraham, that God will bring reconciliation and greater cooperation among the followers of Islam, Judaism, and Christianity. *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

For those affected by storms, floods, and fires, for refugees and those fleeing violence, that they may find safety, new communities of welcome, and the resources needed for life. *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

For all those commended to our prayers, remembering especially, Jordan, Mary Ann, Beverly & Frank, Edna, George, Perfecto, Father Joe, Peter, Tim, Martin, Liz, Gloria, Naomi, Elaine, Jennifer, Evan, Chantal, Karen, Althea, Beatrice, Gladys, Lynn, Ann, Peg, Stacy, and Gary, that they may find healing and strength in the Good News of the dying and rising of Jesus. *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

For those who have died, remembering especially, Mark, Janek, Winnie, Mary, Christine, Bjarne, Darlene, Graham, and Mary, that they may be welcomed to share in the joy of God's presence forever. *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

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

Celebrant God of mercy, hear the prayers we offer this day, strengthen us with your wisdom from above, and bring forth in our lives a harvest of humility, and peace, through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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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.**

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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.**

THE PEACE

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. In an effort to observe social distancing when passing of The Peace, we ask that you please remain in your pew and exchange with those immediately near you or with a wave or bow.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

In this prayer, the lines in italics are spoken by the People.

The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

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Celebrant and People

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
***We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.
AMEN.

The Celebrant continues

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Contemporary*)

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**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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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A period of silence is kept.

*Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,
People: Therefore let us keep the feast.*

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

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People and Celebrant

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

We welcome all baptized persons, regardless of age or denomination, to receive communion here at Saint Luke's. If you do not wish to receive communion, we invite you to come forward to a blessing. To show that you wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food**

of the most precious **Body and Blood**
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the **Body of your Son,**
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, **Father,** send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

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The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

THE 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.**

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 altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of the 100th birthday of
Peter Rakauskas by Mario and Lucetta Savinelli.

The candle beside the Ambry, in which the Blessed Sacrament is reserved, has been given in loving memory of
James “Jimmy” David Guzzi by Carole Guzzi.

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SPECIAL MINISTERS

Saturday, 5:00 pm: S. Savinelli, M. Savinelli (Ushers and Altar Guild); TBD (Crucifer/Acolyte); S. Hoffman (Lector/Intercessor).

Sunday, 10:00 am: TBD (Altar Guild); A. Wrazien, TBD (Ushers); A. Guthrie (Crucifer/Acolyte); F. McMullen, C. McMullen (Lectors); A. Wrazien (Intercessor); TBD (Counters).

***Servers are needed at every service:** If you are interested in serving, please contact Mother Barnes. A sign-up sheet for the month may be found in Israel Lounge.

THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S

Welcome to St. Luke's as we return to in-person worship! Live streaming and zoom gatherings continue from St. Luke's. Please join us on our [Facebook page](#) for the streaming of the services. ******(Note: if you are NOT a Facebook member, when you click on the link it will ask you to sign in or create an account, which you can ignore and just scroll down the page a bit till you see the service.)

Click [here](#) for a copy of the Book of Common Prayer!

Click [here](#) for a copy of Enriching Our Worship 1. This contains supplemental liturgical materials (i.e. Canticles) we occasionally use for Morning and Evening Prayer.

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

Please note: On Saturday, May 22 we resumed in-person worship. Going forward, we will continue to stream our in-person services at St. Luke's, as well as the Daily Office, as scheduled below.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 – EDWARD BOUVERIE PUSEY

- 9AM – Morning Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 – THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 20)

- 5PM – Said Holy Eucharist II ([click here for streaming on our parish Facebook page](#))

[The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost \(Proper 20\) \(Lectionary Readings\)](#)

[Click here for the 5 PM service leaflet](#)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 - THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 20)

See above for Lectionary Readings

- 9 AM-Morning Prayer, Rite I (Memorial Garden, weather permitting) ([click here for streaming on our parish Facebook page](#))

- 9:30AM – Godly Play Sunday School
- 10AM - Sung Holy Eucharist II ([click here for streaming on our parish Facebook page](#))
– A full service leaflet for the Sunday service may be found by clicking below:

[Click here for the 10 AM service leaflet](#)

- 11:45AM – *Episcopal 101* Adult Ed program
- 5PM - Evening Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 – JOHN COLERIDGE PATTESON (NO SCHEDULED SERVICES OR EVENTS).

- [Monday Morning Prayer](#)
- [Monday Evening Prayer](#)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21– FEAST OF SAINT MATTHEW (Major Feast)

- 9AM – Morning Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))
- 5PM – Evening Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 – PHILANDER CHASE

- 9AM – [Morning Prayer](#) (There will be no streamed service this morning)
- 12:10PM – Healing Eucharist (*This service is in-person only; no live-stream*)
- 5PM – Evening Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 – THECLA OF ICONIUM

- 9AM – Morning Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))
- 5PM – Evening Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))
- 5:30PM - **CENTERING PRAYER:** Our ongoing group meets each Thursday at 5:30 BOTH IN THE CHAPEL AT ST. LUKE'S AND ON ZOOM. All are welcome to join in. To access the "zoom chapel" click [here](#). Click [here](#) for a brochure on *The Method of Centering Prayer*.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 – ANNA ELLISON BUTLER ALEXANDER

- 9AM – Morning Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))
- 5PM – Evening Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 – SERGIUS

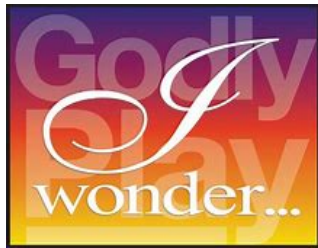
- 9AM – Morning Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))

Christian Education and Formation

Episcopal 101 - An Adult Formation & Inquirers Class

Episcopal 101 class will begin on Sunday, September 19; following the 10AM Sunday Eucharist (approx. 11:45). The classes, which will be led by Mother Barnes, will be held live at St. Luke's. (Zoom options will be considered in the event of increased Covid numbers and/or inclement weather.) This class is an opportunity to explore and learn more about the Episcopal Church and the Anglican tradition. Sessions are open to everyone, no matter where you may be in your journey of faith - those who are seeking, those new to the Episcopal Church, or those who have been life-long Episcopalians and want a refresher course. This class may also be used toward preparation for baptism and/or confirmation or reception. The text used for this class will be *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs & Practices* by Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson Shobe.

Children's' Christian Education and Formation



Sunday School, 9:30 AM –Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 19! Rick Ammenhauser, Senior Sunday school teacher, announces that children's Sunday school classes will commence on Sunday, September 19 at 9:30am. St. Luke's uses Godly Play, a Montessori-based curriculum with our younger children, ages five to ten years old. In October, another program will launch for our older youth. That ministry program will include focused lesson plans with goals, activities, and talking points on topics including racism and creation care. For more information, to enroll your child, or to learn more about serving in the Sunday school program, please see Mother Barnes or email her at mthrbarnes@gmail.com or Rick Ammenhauser at imgold67@aol.com

Children's Christian Education Materials

Click below to access free faith formation resources for kids.

- For **Sunday, September 19, 2021**. Materials include: Lectionary-based [**Sunday Paper Junior**](#)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



► St. Luke's Annual First Friday Blessing of the Animals in Honor of St. Francis, October 1, 2021.

Pet Blessing will be at 6:00 P.M. All pets are welcome (leashed or in cages, please). We will have the pet blessing in the Memorial Garden, weather permitting.

In addition to the blessing service, St. Cats and Dogs will be our special guests and will have cats available for adoption.



Boscov's Friends Helping Friends – October 20, 2021, 8AM-11PM: St. Luke's is participating again in the Boscov's Friends Helping Friends program. \$5 shopping passes are available that buy you a full day of 25% discounts, refreshments, entertainment and a chance to win prizes. For shopping passes or more information, please contact Lucetta Savinelli at (570)344-5689, or Robin O'Hearn at (570) 963-5407. Shopping passes are also available from any Vestry member. Proceeds from this program benefit St. Luke's and other community agencies and organizations.

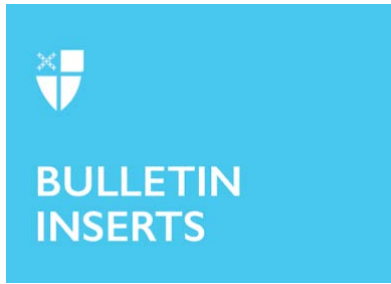
► ***Every Stitch Counts: Works from the Social Justice Sewing Academy and Bold Independence: African American Quilts from the Collection of David Whaley – October 23, 2021at 1PM***



St. Luke's will offer a special intergenerational outing to the **Everhart Museum on Saturday, October 23 at 1PM**. We will be given a special group tour led by the new Executive Director, Kathy Johnson Bowles. Special focus will be on two current exhibits: ***Every Stich Counts***, developed by the Everhart Museum in conjunction with the Social Justice Sewing Academy (SJSA), a national youth education program that bridges artistic expression with activism to advocate for social justice, this exhibition features textiles created by either individual artists or collectives highlighting social justice issues that have affected the artists, their families, and their communities. The powerful images create unique narratives addressing issues such as racism, gun violence, education, immigration, and poverty. The second and related exhibit, ***Bold Independence*** features quilts made during the second half of the 20th century by eleven African American women from Mississippi and Alabama. A number of the works are by the famous Gee's Bend quilters and a majority were produced in the Black Belt region of Central Alabama. Please call the St. Luke's parish office at 570-342-7654 to register to attend. This will help us and the staff at the museum prepare for our visit.

► **The latest edition of the St. Luke's Newsletter is hot off the press. Click here to see the [September edition](#) or visit the newsletter section of our parish website at <http://stlukescranton.org/about-us/newsletter/>**

In a Pastoral Emergency, please contact—The Reverend Rebecca A. Barnes, Priest-in-Charge at 646-533-1836 or via e-mail at mthrbarnes@gmail.com. If you, or a family member, are in the hospital, a health care facility, or are home bound and would like to have a visit from Mother Barnes or a member of our Pastoral Care Committee, please contact the parish office. Due to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, commonly known as HIPAA, hospitals no longer automatically provide churches with the names of admitted parishioners. If you or a family member are hospitalized or in a health care facility someone acting on your behalf will need to notify the church in order to assure that proper pastoral care may be offered. St. Luke's church complies with all HIPAA requirements and cannot provide personal information for sick or injured members without permission of the member or his or her close family member. Additionally, if you or a loved one are hospitalized or homebound and desire regular Eucharistic visitation, please notify the parish office. Eucharistic Visitations are customarily made once per month; weekly visits may be scheduled upon request.



September 19, 2021 – Pentecost 17 (B)
Explore the Way of Love: GO

As we discover the Way of Love and the practices through which we can follow Jesus more closely, we realize that Jesus did not stay in one place very often.

The pursuit of Jesus can often mean moving out of our circles of comfort and going to other places – geographically, culturally, economically, spiritually. Because if there is one thing Jesus did, it is that he went – out of his home, out of his town, out of his community - to engage with other cultures and people, to listen and dignify their stories, no matter their culture or station in life.

Jesus was a listener and witness to outcasts and sinners, drinkers and tax collectors, strangers and foreigners, the rich and the poor. He uplifted women who were considered unequal to men. He dignified people of other faiths or no faith at all, and showed them the values of the Kingdom of God, through his teaching, through his healing, through his listening, and through his meeting them where they were and putting love into action.

The Scriptures teach us that it is also our mission to go out into the world. As the writer of John’s Gospel quotes Jesus, “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” And as the first letter of John tells us, “Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.”

Are you ready to make the commitment to go beyond your boundaries? To listen and talk, to love and serve, to use your gifts in the struggle for dignity and justice for your neighbor and for people who are outside your comfort zone?

Are you ready to challenge yourself to forge new friendships, open yourself up to new perspectives, and build bridges where once there were walls?

The Way of Love challenges us to Go.

As the writer of Hebrews tells us: “Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” We are called to give freely of our resources, our stories and experiences, our time and our attention. And we are called to invite others into this Way of Love. We bless ourselves in the process.

Learn more about the Way of Love at episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove. You can find suggestions on getting started and going deeper with [Going at iam.ec/explore](http://Goingatiam.ec/explore).



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