

# SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 24)**

**Saturday October 16, 2021**

**5:00 O'clock PM**

## SAINT LUKE'S: A USER'S GUIDE

Welcome to all who are worshiping 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.



## SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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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**G**LORY 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.

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations:  
Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere  
with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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    Isaiah 53:4-12

*Reader* A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

SURELY he has borne our infirmities  
and carried our diseases;  
yet we accounted him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.  
But he was wounded for our transgressions,  
crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,  
and by his bruises we are healed.  
All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have all turned to our own way,  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.  
By a perversion of justice he was taken away.  
Who could have imagined his future?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people.  
They made his grave with the wicked  
and his tomb with the rich,  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.  
When you make his life an offering for sin,  
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;

through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.  
Out of his anguish he shall see light;  
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.  
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.  
Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;  
because he poured out himself to death,  
and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
and made intercession for the transgressors.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

***People***            **Thanks be to God.**

**THE PSALM**            **Psalm 91:9-16** *Qui habitat*

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

- 9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, \*  
    **and the Most High your habitation,**
- 10 There shall no evil happen to you, \*  
    **neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.**
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, \*  
    **to keep you in all your ways.**
- 12 They shall bear you in their hands, \*  
    **lest you dash your foot against a stone.**
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; \*  
    **you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.**
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love,  
    **therefore will I deliver him; \***  
    **I will protect him, because he knows my Name.**
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; \*  
    **I am with him in trouble;**  
    **I will rescue him and bring him to honor.**
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, \*  
    **and show him my salvation.**

## THE SECOND READING

## Hebrews 5:1-10

*Reader* A reading from the Letter of to the Hebrews.

**E**VERY high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;  
as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

***People*** Thanks be to God.



## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:35-45

*All stand*

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

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

JAMES and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

*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

*Intervessor* Let us approach the throne of grace with confidence, praying in the name of Jesus our great high priest, saying: *Hear us and help us, O Holy One.*

For the Church: especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin, our bishop, that in all things we may follow the example of Jesus, who came not to be served, but to serve. *Hear us and help us, O Holy One.*

For this Parish Family, that we may gladly bear the burdens of others, and seek to serve in sacrificial love. *Hear us and help us, O Holy One.*

For ourselves, called to be stewards and disciples, that in giving, we may follow the Lord's example and teaching. *Hear us and help us, O Holy One.*

For the healing of the earth, that God will guide us in being good stewards of God's creation, so that all people may experience the blessings which earth brings forth to sustain our needs. *Hear us and help us, O Holy One.*

For all those whose lives have been touched by violence or natural disasters, those seeking freedom and asylum, and all those in need of our prayers, remembering especially, Jordan, Mary Ann, Beverly & Frank, Edna, Perfecto, Father Joe, Peter, Tim, Martin, Liz, Gloria, Naomi, Elaine, Jennifer, Evan, Althea, Beatrice, Gladys, Lynn, Ann, Peg, Linda, Mary, Polly, Dan, and Janet that God will free their hearts from fear, and help them to live life fully. *Hear us and help us, O God.*

For those who have died, remembering especially, Darlene, Graham, Mary, Eileen, Tom, Matthew, and Joseph that they may pass through the heavens to stand with joy before the throne of grace. *Hear us and help us, O God.*

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Blessed Mary, the God-bearer; Blessed Luke; 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, you call us to live as your Son lived, in service to others; hear our prayers voiced in the name of Jesus, who is Savior and Lord, for ever and ever. *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.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C

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*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:



*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 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 candle beside the Ambry, in which the Blessed Sacrament is reserved, has been given in loving memory of  
Grace and Leo Rakauskas by Mario and Lucetta Savinelli.*

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## SPECIAL MINISTERS

**Saturday, 5:00 pm:** S. Savinelli, M. Savinelli (Ushers and Altar Guild); TBD (Crucifer/Acolyte); T. Zurla (Lector); D. Kraus (Intercessor).

**Sunday, 10:00 am:** D. Kraus, A. Wrazien (Altar Guild); TBD (Ushers); A. Guthrie (Crucifer/Acolyte); B. Ott (Lector); M. Baccoli (Intercessor); D. Wegner, 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.

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## 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, OCTOBER 16 – HUGH LATIMER, NICHOLAS RIDLEY, AND THOMAS CRANMER

- **9AM** – [Morning Prayer](#) – There will be no live-streaming due to the Holy Hikers walk.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16 – THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 24)

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

[The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost \(Proper 24\) \(Lectionary Readings\)](#)

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

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17 - THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 24)

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, OCTOBER 18 – FEAST OF ST. LUKE (THIS IS OUR PATRONAL FEAST DAY AND WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO OCTOBER 23/24. NO SCHEDULED SERVICES OR EVENTS TODAY).**

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

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19 – HENRY MARTYN**

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

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20 – FERIA**

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

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21 – FERIA**

- 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, OCTOBER 22 – FERIA**

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

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23 – FEAST OF ST. JAMES OF JERUSALEM**

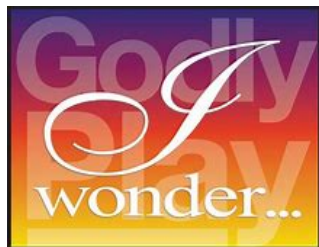
- 9AM – Morning Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))

## **Christian Education and Formation**

### ***Episcopal 101 - An Adult Formation & Inquirers Class***

*Episcopal 101* class began on Sunday, September 19. The class is held following the 10AM Sunday Eucharist (approx. 11:45). The classes, led by Mother Barnes, are 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 resumed on Sunday, September 19!** St. Luke's uses Godly Play, a Montessori-based curriculum with our younger children, ages five to ten years old. Rick Ammenhauser, Senior Sunday school teacher leads the children's Sunday school classes at 9:30am. This fall, another program is planned to be launched 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](mailto:mthrbarnes@gmail.com) or Rick Ammenhauser at [imgold67@aol.com](mailto:imgold67@aol.com)

### **Children's Christian Education Materials**

Click below to access free faith formation resources for kids.

- For **Sunday, October 17, 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**

► **CaPAA's 2nd Annual Enchanted Trunk or Treat!** Saturday, Oct. 30, 2021 1-4pm  
222 Wyoming Ave, Scranton, PA 18503

Our neighbors at CaPAA are hosting an *Enchanted* Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 30 from 1-3pm at 222 Wyoming Ave. Perhaps you'd like to help by hosting a trunk (decorating your vehicle's trunk and handing out candy) or by volunteering at CaPAA's snack stand. You can also help out with a donation of individually wrapped candy; there is a drop off basket in the back of the Nave. For more information, contact Amanda Wrazien at [manders018@gmail.com](mailto:manders018@gmail.com).



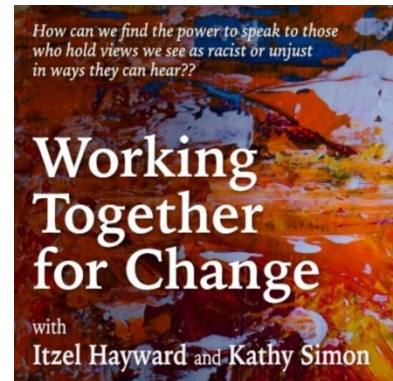
► **Every Perfect Gift - Annual Stewardship Campaign:** On Sunday, October 3, 2021, we will launch our Annual Stewardship Campaign. On Sunday, November 21st, we will have the ingathering of pledges. The program we will use this year is an ongoing year-long program offered through The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS). TENS has chosen “Every Perfect Gift” as the theme for 2021.

“This year’s stewardship theme, “Every Perfect Gift,” taken from the first chapter of The Letter of James and highlights all the ways in which we have been blessed by God and how that inspires us to give back to our neighbors, our church, the world. During this pledge drive, each of us is asked to make a generous financial pledge for the coming year, we’re also grateful for the many gifts of time, food, and skills from virtually every member of this church. We hope you’ll join us as we work together as a parish community remembering that “Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights.”

### ► **Working Together for Change**

The Scranton Area Ministerium in collaboration with the Greater Scranton Martin Luther King Commission is holding a multi-session workshop entitled “Working Together for Change: How to Advocate for Racial Justice.”

This series will take place on October 14, 21, 28, and November 4 by Zoom and on November 11, 2021 in person 7:30-8:45. This series will feature speakers and facilitators Itzel Hayward and Kathy Simon from *Attuned Living* to discuss how to be an effective ally, learn non-violent communication, and advocate for racial justice. The final session will be led by Rabbi Miriam Spitzer of Temple Israel and Mother Rebecca Barnes of St. Luke’s Episcopal Church.



This is a unique opportunity to come together across religious traditions, cultures and experiences to:

- Step out of our comfortable silos, come together as Scranton faith communities
- Challenge everyday biases in ways that encourage conversation
- Talk about deeply charged topics with openness and clarity
- Step into your power to create a more just world

Registration and donations will offset the cost of the program.

Here’s a free video by our facilitators to introduce you to the kind of work this program will cover.

<https://vimeo.com/607853507>

Registration is available at the following link beginning this coming week:

[https://scranton.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/list/event?event\\_date\\_id=1858](https://scranton.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/list/event?event_date_id=1858)

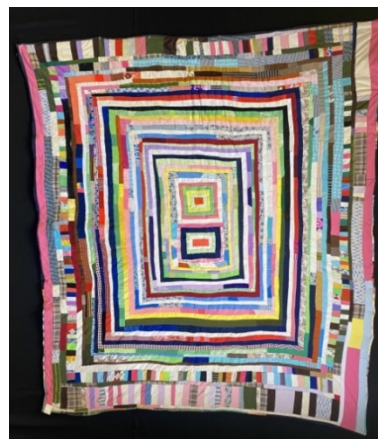
► **The latest edition of the St. Luke’s Newsletter is hot off the press. Click here to see the [October edition](#)** or visit the newsletter section of our parish website at <http://stlukescranton.org/about-us/newsletter/>



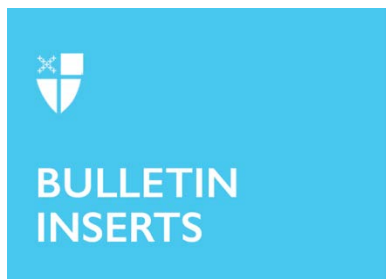
► **Boscov's Friends Helping Friends – October 20, 2021, 8AM-11PM:** St. Luke's is participating again in the Boscov's Friends Helping Friends program. \$5 shopping passes are available that buy you a full day of 25% discounts, refreshments, entertainment and a chance to win prizes. For shopping passes 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, 2021 at 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.



**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](mailto: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.



## Explore the Way of Love: REST

When the scriptures tell us that we should love others as we love ourselves, there is an underlying message that we are allowed to love ourselves. The Way of Love recognizes that one way to love ourselves and to maintain ourselves as useful instruments of God is through the practice of rest.

As Jesus tells us in the Gospel of Matthew, “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Part of the work of a Christian is to take time to put the work aside and be restored. After God created the heavens and the earth and everything in them, God rested. In doing so, God created a sacred pattern of work and rest, realizing that making dedicated time – to allow our minds to unwind, for our souls to be comforted and healed, for our bodies to be rejuvenated – ensures we can continue in this divine stream.

Rest is a gift and we are allowed to take it.

Rest gives rhythm to our lives; just as it is the end of one endeavor, so it is the beginning of another. There is no greater reward for those whose labor never ceases than for those who do what they can and rest to come back refreshed to do the work another day.

Rest is not only a blessing to us but a blessing to God, as we demonstrate our faith that God is the primary actor, maker of heaven and earth. And as children of God, we are encouraged to trust that all of creation is held in God’s hand.

Are you willing to submit to the practices that will restore your body, mind, and soul? Will you join with others to encourage one another to observe the regular practice of rest?

Learn more about the Way of Love at [episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove](http://episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove). You can find suggestions on getting started and going deeper with Resting at [iam.ec/explore](http://iam.ec/explore). , make a prayer request, make a donation, or become an Oblate, Associate, or nun of the Order.



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“Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above...” James 1:17, NRSV

October 2, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Every pledge campaign begins with Gratitude, and that is how I want to begin my message to you this year. I am inspired by your generosity – by the grand acts that you have accomplished this year, by the single acts of love and kindness, and by the unseen work you have done in the service of God and our church community. Thank you, I cannot say it enough.

Our pledge campaign this year focuses on our gifts; not just on the things we wrap with paper and bows, and not the things we put in envelopes or give from our bank accounts, but all of the gifts that we give throughout the year. We frequently talk about the three-legged stool of *Time, Talent, and Treasure* when we discuss our gifts, without really focusing on the power of each of those elements. I am grateful and aware of the ways in which you have given all three, and today I want to focus on your time.

Time, they say, is the greatest gift, because it is a gift that we can't replace. When we give of our treasure or our talent, they come from renewable streams, to some extent. But time, once given, can't be taken back, reclaimed. This is why I am inspired by the ways that you give of your time to this community. Whether these gifts of time are measured in hours spent running a ministry, participating in our services, or volunteering in the community, or in minutes spent on the phone or in person reaching out to each other, taking care of each other, this community is generous with its time!

In his timeless work, *The Little Prince*, Saint-Exupéry says, of the Prince's tending of his beloved rose, “It is the time you have spent on your rose, that makes your rose so important.” Our church is that rose, tended gently and blessed abundantly by the effort, love, prayer, and time you give to us.

In this season where we uphold our gifts, I hold you up in light, love, and leadership. Over the coming weeks you will be hearing more about our gifts from our leadership, in our liturgy, and in our common life together. You are a gift, each of you, and you are gifts to each other and to a world in need of our love; certainly blessed with *every perfect gift that comes from God above*.

Faithfully yours,

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

# Every Perfect Gift

## *The Gift of Helping a Stranger*



Last summer, I ran out of gas at a gas station. The car stopped moving a few yards from the pump. To my great relief, another customer came over and offered to push my car to the pump.

Before this kind, young person drove away, I shouted “Wait!” and hurried toward him.

He shook his head from side to side. “I don’t want anything for helping you,” he declared. “Not even homemade chocolate chip cookies?” I countered.

He laughed, took the bag of cookies, and thanked me.

When we share the gift of being human beings together, especially in difficult moments, we slip into an awareness of abundance. We feel full. We know goodness given and received. Travels continue. Cookies and laughter are enjoyed. Every good gift comes from God, and in sharing our gifts we become even more gifted, whether or not we are recognized or rewarded for sharing.

Sometimes we step up to help from a desire for recognition.

We offer our gifts, like James and John in today’s Gospel text, out of loyalty to Jesus and a desire to be useful. Our egos may be attached in healthy, or unhealthy, ways.

Sometimes we share a gift without expectations. We give without needing recognition. We push a car for a stranger and get a tired priest, her daughter and two dogs back on the road to Vacationland.

Making an annual financial commitment to a congregation is like offering to push a stranger’s car to a gas pump. It gets ministry moving. We seek no recognition, yet are rewarded in surprising ways. We offer our gifts because doing so creates the type of world we want to inhabit—a world where strangers collaborate and laugh together during a frustrating and embarrassing experience, sharing every good gift along the way. | [tens.org](https://tens.org)



### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

**Are you a person who easily receives gratitude or compliments from others, or do they make you feel shy? What is it like to be recognized for your giving?**

*The Rev’d. Dina Van Klaveren is Rector of St. Andrew’s in Glenwood, Maryland and a member of the TENS Board of Directors.*





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**"In the heart of things"**

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