

SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King (Proper 29)
Saturday November 20, 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 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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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 and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All sit.

THE FIRST READING Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Reader A reading from the Book of the prophet Daniel.

AS I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.
A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.
As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.
To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

- 1 The LORD is King;
 he has put on splendid apparel; *
 the LORD has put on his apparel
 and girded himself with strength.
- 2 He has made the whole world so sure *
 that it cannot be moved;
- 3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; *
 you are from everlasting.
- 4 The waters have lifted up, O LORD,
 the waters have lifted up their voice; *
 the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.
- 5 Mightier than the sound of many waters,
 mightier than the breakers of the sea, *
 mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.
- 6 Your testimonies are very sure, *
 and holiness adorns your house, O LORD,
 for ever and for evermore.



Angels Worshipping
Benozzo Gozzoli (1459 – 1461)

THE SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4b-8

Reader A reading from the Revelation to John.

GRACE to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

All stand

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

PILATE entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Mother Barnes

All sit.



Christ before Pilate
Pietro Lorenzetti (ca. 1280 – 1348)

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 As we wait for the day of the Lord, let us offer prayers to God through Jesus, who is our refuge and our hope, saying: *Hear us and help us, O Holy One.*

For the Church: especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin, our bishop, that through our deeds of compassion and our faithful witness, we may be a light in times of confusion and turmoil. *Hear us and help us, O Holy One.*

For this Parish Family, that we may recognize the signs of the times, and respond to God's presence and call each day. *Hear us and help us, O Holy One.*

For all those who live daily amidst bloodshed and violence, that they may be strong in the face of oppression, and work diligently for the establishment of peace and justice. *Hear us and help us, O Holy One.*

For the gift of hope, that no matter what challenges we face, we may remain confident that with God all things are possible. *Hear us and help us, O Holy One.*

For all those in any anguish of body, mind, and spirit, remembering especially Jordan, Mary Ann, Beverly & Frank, Edna, Perfecto, Father Joe, Peter, Tim, Martin, Liz, Naomi, Elaine, Jennifer, Evan, Althea, Beatrice, Gladys, Lynn, Ann, Peg, Linda, Mary, Polly, Dan, Janet, Judy, Cheryl, Don, and Leslie that they may find hope in Christ's words and help from Christ's followers. *Hear us and help us, O Holy One.*

For those who have died, remembering especially, Eileen, Bruce, Tom, Matthew, Joseph, Colin, John, and Ruth that they may awake to everlasting life, and shine like the stars for all eternity. *Hear us and help us, O Holy One.*

Lifting our voices with all creation, with the 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 all times and places, hear the prayers we offer this day, and grant us grace to hold fast to the confession of our hope, without wavering, in the assurance of your faithfulness, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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.

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all.

1 Chronicles 29:11

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:

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)*

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
Susan Fessenden by the O'Hearn Family.*

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SPECIAL MINISTERS

Saturday, 5:00 pm: S. Savinelli, M. Savinelli (Ushers and Altar Guild); D. Kraus (Lector); S Hoffman (Intercessor).

Sunday, 10:00 am: D. Kraus, A. Wrazien (Altar Guild); B. Ott (Lector); S. Sollami (Intercessor); R. Ammenhauser, 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, NOVEMBER 20 – EDMUND OF EAST ANGLIA

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20 – THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: CHRIST THE KING (PROPER 29)

- 5PM – Said Holy Eucharist II ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))
[The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King \(Proper 29\) \(Lectionary Readings\)](#)
[Click here for the 5 PM service leaflet](#)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21 – THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: CHRIST THE KING (PROPER 29)

See above for Lectionary Readings

- Morning Prayer, Rite I ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))
- 10AM - Sung Holy Eucharist II ([streamed 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
- Evening Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22 – FEAST OF ST CECILIA; and FEAST OF CLIVE STAPLES LEWIS (NO SCHEDULED SERVICES OR EVENTS TODAY).

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23 – CLEMENT OF ROME

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24 – CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, BARBARA OF NICOMEDIA, AND MARGARET OF ANTIOCH

- 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, NOVEMBER 25 – THANKSGIVING DAY (USA)

- [Morning Prayer](#)
- 10AM – THANKSGIVING DAY EUCHARIST ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))
- [Evening Prayer](#)
- 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*. Please note there will be no Centering Prayer this week.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26 – SOJOURNER TRUTH

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27 – FERIA

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

Christian Education and Formation

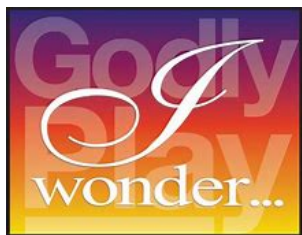
Episcopal 101 - An Adult Formation & Inquirers Class

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.

Advent Preparing to Become Beloved Community: Wednesdays in Advent, 7PM

Advent is a season of preparation: shopping for gifts, decorating our homes and sanctuaries. Advent is also a time to prepare our hearts and communities for the coming of Christ, the Almighty God who came among us poor and homeless, a stranger and a child. There may be no better time to reflect on how we as the Episcopal Church embrace the Holy One who continues to draw near in the neighbor, the stranger, the refugee, or the one who seems most "other" to you. It is the ideal season to commit to becoming Beloved Community and growing loving, liberating, life-giving relationships across the human family of God. Join us as we gather for a time of lighting the Advent wreath, prayer, reflection on Advent texts and conversation.

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. 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, November 21, 2021.: 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

► **Thanksgiving Service:** On **Thursday, November 25**, Thanksgiving Day Eucharist will be celebrated at 10AM at St. Luke's.



► **Every Perfect Gift - Annual Stewardship Campaign:** On Sunday, October 3, 2021, we will launch our Annual Stewardship Campaign. On **Sunday, November 28th**, we will have the ingathering of pledges, and a potluck luncheon following the 10AM Eucharist. 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.”

► **Advent Wreath Workshop – Sunday, November 28:** On Sunday, November 28, following our Stewardship Ingathering Potluck luncheon, we will have a multigenerational advent wreath workshop. There will be the opportunity for all to make an advent wreath to take home, followed by a blessing of the wreaths. Devotional materials for home use will be provided to help us and mark the season and prepare our hearts for Christmas and the coming of the Christ child. A suggested \$20 donation is requested to cover supplies; scholarship is available by speaking with Mother Barnes.

► **Upcoming Concerts**

Arcadia Chorale: Angels, Shepherds & Animals, Oh My! December 5, 2021 3:00PM

Celebrate the holidays with this exciting choral program focusing on the observers of the baby in the manger. Our Christmas presentation plans to be a beautiful and colorful concert. ArcadiaChorale.org

St. Luke’s Piano Dedication Concert: Sunday, December 19, 2021 3:00PM

St. Luke’s celebrates the dedication of our 1994 Steinway Model B Grand Piano! The concert will feature pianist Ron Stabinsky and violinist Sophie Till, and will feature Mozart’s Violin Sonata in C Major, K 296, Schnittke’s Violin Sonata No. 1 for Violin and Piano, Schubert’s Fantasy for Violin and Piano in C Major, D 934, and Ravel’s Sonata No. 2, M. 77.

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.



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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



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November 13, 2021

Dear St. Luke’s parish family,

Every message about our pledge campaign begins with Gratitude, and I am so very grateful for all the ways that this community has met the challenges of this year and found common ways to share a community of love and joy with our neighbors. Thank you.

Our campaign theme this year is about Every Perfect Gift, and reminds us how everything that we receive and everything we give comes from God. In our priest’s letter to us recently, she focused our attention on the gift of Time in the trinity of *Time, Talent, and Treasure*. I would like to highlight the gift of Talent.

Talents, the blessings with which we are imbued by our Creator, are even more beautiful when they are freely given, as I have seen you do so often in our life together. Talents are a double gift – by Grace you have received them, by Grace and you generously share them.

“Well I am not talented! What can I give?” some might say. But you are, each of you, wonderfully gifted. I have heard it in the voices of our musicians and of those loud singers among you – angelic! I have appreciated your talent in the way you give your wisdom, counsel, and experience to our committees, and guilds! We see it manifest in the way you raise your families and teach your children to be loving! I have tasted your talent in meals left on doorsteps and treats shared at coffee hours and potlucks! Each of you has something you do well, and I am grateful that you share those talents with our community and our neighbors.

As you receive your pledge materials this year, and learn more about Every Perfect Gift, please know that your guidance and support are deeply appreciated by me and by this community. I thank you for sharing your gifts with us.

Sincerely,
Mickey Baccoli, Sr. Warden



Every Perfect Gift



The Gift of Relationship

Jesus stands before Pilate. We know this story. We hear it on Good Friday, we remember it every week in the Nicene Creed. And our ears hear it anew today, on the cusp of Advent, as we are emerging and rebuilding from an unimaginable time of pandemic. Once again, we proclaim Christ the King of all Creation.

As Jesus and Pilate talk, we learn something powerful about who Jesus is and how he serves God and humanity. We are reminded of who he is called to be and what he has come here to do. And it invites us to wonder who we are and who we are called to be, in this moment, in this season of our lives, and in this moment of our Church. What strikes me how Jesus acts in the time of trial. He acts with integrity. He makes a choice to remain wholly who he is, firmly rooted in love of God and clear about the work he has come to do. In that moment Jesus stays true to who he is. His trust in God remains steadfast too.

We're invited to do the same. We know this in a distinct way in stewardship season. Our money is one of the most powerful and honest symbols of what we offer to God and to the church. It is one of the truest ways we can understand what we value and what we believe. Faithful, selfless and generous giving invites into a deeper relationship with God and our money. And it requires us to do the hard, but essential work of looking deep within to discover what we truly value, what we consider most precious. | [TENS.org](https://tens.org)

The Rev. Sarah Fisher is rector of St. Catherine's Church in Marietta, Georgia and is a former member of the Board of Directors for TENS.



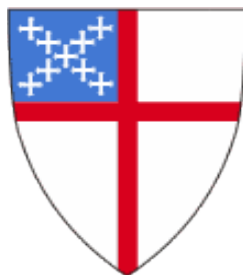
QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. As we emerge from the pandemic, many of us are rebuilding—lives, jobs, churches. How in this post-pandemic time do you understand Christ the King? Has your understanding of God's faithfulness shifted or changed?
2. What do you notice in your own life about your relationship to God and your wallet? What story does it tell you?



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