

SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**The Fifth Sunday of Easter
Saturday, May 14, 2022
5:00 O'clock PM Vigil**

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.



COVID-19 Protocols for Gathering

The Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem recommends the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) "[How to Protect Yourself & Others](#)" web page for detailed advice about our continuing effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

General Guidelines

Indoor Gathering

When considering indoor gathering and worship, each parish should determine the following:

- Your county's "[COVID-19 Community Level](#)" as calculated by the CDC
- 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 develop and communicate prevention steps for their parish as informed by the CDC's "[How to Protect Yourself & Others](#)" and "[COVID-19 Community Level](#)" web pages. People with symptoms, a positive COVID-19 test, or exposed to someone with COVID-19 should consider online worship/gathering instead of gathering in-person while masked.

Masking

As suggested by the CDC, "People may choose to mask at any time." Additionally, the following masking recommendations are suggested based on your county's "[COVID-19 Community Level](#)":

- High: Everyone should wear a mask indoors
- Medium: People at high risk for severe illness should wear a mask indoors
- Low: No mask requirement indoors

The CDC's "[Use and Care of Masks](#)" web page is a good resource for learning more about the importance of masks for indoor gathering.

Specific Recommendations

Singing

Congregational or choir singing should follow the "Masking" guidelines above.

Eucharist

For indoor worship in counties with a "[COVID-19 Community Level](#)" of Medium or High should consider these recommendations for celebrating the Eucharist:

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

There are no COVID-19 specific recommendations for celebrating the Eucharist in counties with a "[COVID-19 Community Level](#)" of Low.



SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

The Reverend Rebecca A. Barnes, Rector

Our Mission Statement

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

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2022

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

"BCP" with a page number, refers to The Book of Common Prayer.
The Collect of the Day, the First and Second Lessons, and the Gospel are on the bulletin insert.

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.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP page 355

The Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

All sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING Acts 11:1-18

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

NOW the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 148 *Laudate Dominum*

BCP page 805

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

- 1 Hallelujah!
Praise the LORD from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.
- 2 **Praise him, all you angels of his; ***
praise him, all his host.
- 3 **Praise him, sun and moon; ***
praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 **Praise him, heaven of heavens, ***
and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 **Let them praise the Name of the LORD; ***
for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 **He made them stand fast for ever and ever; ***
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- 7 **Praise the LORD from the earth, ***
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 **Fire and hail, snow and fog, ***
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- 9 **Mountains and all hills, ***
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 **Wild beasts and all cattle, ***
creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 **Kings of the earth and all peoples, ***
princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 **Young men and maidens, ***
old and young together.
- 13 **Let them praise the Name of the LORD, ***
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 **He has raised up strength for his people**
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!

THE SECOND READING**Revelation 21:1-6**

Reader A reading from the Revelation to John.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL **John 13:31-35**

All remain standing

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

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

AT the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.



The Washing of the Feet
Giotto di Bondone (1267-1337)

THE SERMON

Mother Barnes

THE NICENE CREED *(All Stand)*

BCP page 358

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 Because God has been glorified in Jesus, let us pray for all those God loves in the name of Jesus saying: *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the Church, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin, our bishop, that strengthened by the Risen Christ, we may be strong in our faith and bear witness to his commandment of love. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For this parish family, that we may be known as disciples of Jesus by the love and care that we show one another. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For people of all faiths, who are experiencing persecutions and hardships, that God will protect them, fill them with courage, and help them to love in the face of fear. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the people of Ukraine and Russia, who are caught up in the war, that peace and justice may prevail. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all whose work points to a new heaven and new earth, especially those who fight poverty, homelessness, and hunger, that God's light and love will shine through their service and be a sign of hope for all. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the elderly and the homebound, the sick and the suffering, remembering especially, Jordan, Mary Ann, Beverly & Frank, Edna, Peter, Tim, Evan, Martin, Fr. Joe, Naomi, Elaine, Jennifer, Beatrice, Lynn, Rich, Maria, Melvin, Lolly, Mary Jane, Bruce, George, Carrie, and Dawn, that God will renew them and give them a taste of the water of life. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those who have died, remembering especially, Dan, Sue, Theresa, Felicia, Marion, Jane, and Suzanne, that they may find a place in the new and eternal Jerusalem where death is no more, let us pray to the Lord. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Blessed Mary, the God-bearer, Blessed Luke, and all the saints who have borne witness to the Risen Christ, let us offer ourselves, and one another, to the living God, through Christ. *Alleluia! To you, O Lord, we give praise and glory.*

Celebrant Blessed are you, God of glory, who gave us your Son. Hear the prayers we offer on behalf of your whole creation, and strengthen it in your love, that we may honor your Spirit, which fills the whole earth, through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

All stand.

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.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

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.

All remain standing.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant continues with the Preface for Holy Week:

Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, it is right,
and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere
to give thanks to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross,
that he might draw the whole world to himself;
and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of
eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and
Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever
sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

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

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Celebrant then continues

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

A period of silence is kept.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

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

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

We welcome all baptized persons, regardless of age or denomination to receive communion 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.

We invite those who are joining via livestreaming to make an Act of Spiritual Communion

<https://news.forwardmovement.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Spiritual-Communion.pdf>

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP page 365

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, **you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE EASTER BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE EASTER DISMISSAL

BCP page 366

The Celebrant

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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 today and last Sunday are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Jean Oressey and Pearl Stanis by Dr. Richard and Gail Stanis.*

*The candle beside the Ambry, in which the Blessed Sacrament is reserved, has been given in loving memory of
Felicia Bernardini by Pete and Patty Coccetti*

SPECIAL MINISTERS

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

Sunday, 10:00 am: D. Kraus, A. Wrazien (Altar Guild); TBD (Ushers); A. Guthrie (Crucifer); TBD (Torch Bearers); L. Edwards, M. Baccoli (Lectors); C. Winn (Intercessor); D. Wegner, C. McMullen (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.

SATURDAY, MAY 14 – EASTER FERIA

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

SATURDAY, MAY 14 – THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 5PM – Said Holy Eucharist I ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))

[The Fifth Sunday of Easter \(Lectionary Readings\)](#)

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

SUNDAY, MAY 15 – THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

See above for Lectionary Readings

- 9AM Morning Prayer Rite I ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))
- 10AM - Sung Holy Eucharist II ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))

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

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

MONDAY, MAY 16 – MARTYRS OF SUNDAN AND SOUTH SUDAN (NO SCHEDULED SERVICES/EVENTS).

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

TUESDAY, MAY 17 – THURGOOD MARSHALL

- 9AM – Morning Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))
- 5PM – Evening Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))
- 6:30PM – Cypress House Executive Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18 – EASTER FERIA

- 9AM – Morning Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))
- 12:10PM – Healing Eucharist
- 5PM – Evening Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))

THURSDAY, MAY 19 – DUNSTAN

- 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*.

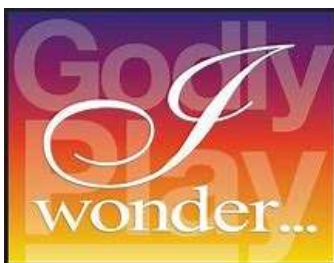
FRIDAY, MAY 20 – ALCUIN OF YORK

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

SATURDAY, MAY 21 – LYDIA OF THYATIRA

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

Announcements and Upcoming Events



Sunday School, 9:30 AM – 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. **The final session for this season will be Sunday, May 22.** For more information, to enroll your child, or to learn more about serving in the Sunday school program, please contact Mother Barnes at mthrbarnes@gmail.com or Rick Ammenhauser at imgold67@aol.com

Visit the Children & Youth website page for weekly updates and materials for our younger members! **Lectionary based resources from are available in the rear of Nave.**

Resources for Children: We have new welcome bags for our youngest attendees to enjoy during Mass. The bags are filled with sensory engaging toys and books and are available from an usher. Weekly lectionary materials are also available for our youngest members and visitors.

Bishop Kevin's Easter Message

"Jesus is calling our name, inviting us into transformation, a new way of being and seeing." Bishop Kevin Nichols. If you missed the Bishop's Easter 2022 message, you can watch by clicking here.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ycSkBs9dKY0>



Grocery Giveaway - Tuesday May 17, 2022 from 1-3PM. St. Luke's monthly Grocery Give in partnership with Friends of the Poor, will be this coming Tuesday. The program is open to all who may be experiencing food insecurity. If you would like information about receiving food, or about volunteering, please contact Sharon Sollami at sharonsollami@gmail.com

Throughout the month of May, we are seeking donations of herbs and spices for our monthly grocery giveaway. Donations can be dropped off in the designated box in Israel Lounge. Specifically, we are seeking bottles of: Black Pepper,

Garlic Powder, Thyme, Rosemary, Cayenne Pepper, Cumin, Paprika, Cinnamon, and Nutmeg.

Catch Up With the Congregation

Coffee Hour is a wonderful time for us to gather together as a parish community. If you would like to host the hour with a light snack or homemade goodie, please sign up on the board in Israel Lounge. If you have a favorite coffee mug you'd like to contribute for use during coffee hour, please bring it in; St. Luke's is trying to minimize the use of paper products!



St. Luke's Holy Hikers will begin its second season with a walk at Lake Scranton on **Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 10:00AM**; the group will meet in the upper parking lot. Everyone is invited to join in the walk for whatever distance is comfortable for you. The contemplative walk will begin with prayer, reflection, and worship.

At its April meeting the Vestry approved affiliating with Holy Hikes, an Episcopal organization, and adopting our group as an official ministry of St. Luke's. The May walk will be the first hike under our new chapter title name ***Holy Hikes Northeast Pennsylvania***. Holy Hikes Northeast Pennsylvania plans to meet on the third Saturday of each month through October; the June hike will be on the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail beginning at the Olive St. trailhead. If you would like to recommend a Scranton area trail or park let David Wegner know! For more information contact David at drwegner@epix.net or check the parish Facebook page for updates.

Parish Game Night

St. Luke's Parish Game Night, an intergenerational event, returns on **Friday, June 3, 2022** from 6:00PM to 9:00PM. Join in the fun with bingo, Jenga, and lots of "Minute to Win It" games. All are welcome!



Senior Information Fair

On **Friday, June 3, 2022 from 3:00PM to 4:30PM**, St. Luke's will be the host site for a multi-agency town hall style gathering of older adults who are residents of downtown Scranton. The objective is to gain an understanding of the specific interests and needs of those residents so as to expand housing, communication, beautification, and health services programs. Partnering with the Area Agency on Aging, Lackawanna County, Scranton Tomorrow, Scranton Area Community Foundation and the University of Scranton, among others, St. Luke's is excited to host this event for our neighbors.

Upcoming Concerts at St. Luke's and beyond

TODAY: Choral Society of NEPA presents Anglican Gems, SUNDAY AT 3 PM – 4:30 PM
St. Stephen's Episcopal Pro-Cathedral, 35 S. Franklin St. Wilkes-Barre, PA, 18701

Accompanied by Canon Mark Laubach on the St. Stephen's "Gem," we sing Britten's Rejoice in the Lamb, Handel's Coronation Anthem No. 4, and works by Ireland, Wesley, Parry, Stanford, Gibbons, and McKie. General Admission \$15.00; age 18 and under free.



Make It a Double! Great Pairings!

On **Sunday, May 22, 2022 at 3:00PM** the Lyric Consort will be serving up selections from a variety of styles and genres, including Spirituals, love songs, jazz standards, Debussy, Chansons, popular songs, and more at St. Luke's. They will also premiere a new work commissioned from James Eakin in memory of Dr. Steven Thomas. Tickets are available at the door for \$10.00.

In a Pastoral Emergency, please contact—The Reverend Rebecca A. Barnes, Rector at 646-533-1836/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 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 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.



May 15, 2022 – Easter 5 (C)
Week 4: Reflections on the Resurrection

During the Easter season, Sermons That Work is pleased to present reflections from bishops of The Episcopal Church on the resurrection of our Lord. Check back each week for a brief exploration of how Jesus Christ's rising from the grave changes everything. To listen to this reflection, scan the QR code on this page and subscribe to the Sermons That Work podcast.

In John's version of Easter, Mary lingers at the empty tomb after Peter and John run quickly away. When the risen Jesus appears in front of her, she mistakes him for the gardener. It's an understandable miss. In the grip of all the trauma and grief from the events of Good Friday, she certainly wouldn't be expecting the one for whom she grieves to be suddenly standing in front of her. It's easy to overlook that moment as an unimportant detail.

However, as I return to this story year after year, I've come to think it's not a mistake at all, that Mary gets it exactly right, and that this detail helps us understand why the Resurrection really matters.

The original vocation to which God calls humanity is tilling and keeping the world God has made. We initially failed in that calling, choosing ourselves and our own way over God and God's way of love. The whole arc of scripture is essentially the story of God's project to reforest a world that has become desolate with suffering, violence, and death as a result of our rejection of God. Of course, Jesus is the gardener! His resurrection is the unmistakable assurance of God's intention to restore the desert we have made of the world to the original garden God intended, lush with the fruits of love, life, justice, and peace.

Jesus died a real death. The same death each of us fears, and that we have seen take so many we love. For the Resurrection to mean anything, it must be every bit as real as that death. Jesus the gardener reminds us that, as an Easter people, the point of our faith and our lives is not to escape from the world and its pain, but rather to join Jesus in renewing the world, planting seeds of hope, watering the parched places of pain, tilling the soil toward justice, working the land to nurture the feast of love God intended. We don't find the Beloved Community by retreating to somewhere else, we find it by following Jesus to where the pain is, and by digging, by tilling, by keeping.

Plant a tree in these days of Easter. Grow a garden. Make it a sign and sacrament of how we are called in every moment to bear witness to the great good news that death is not what it appears to be. Even now, the green shoots of faith and hope are bringing about God's perfect reign of love, joy, and life that knows no end.
Alleluia!



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