

SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Second Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 7)
Saturday, June 18 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.

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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 Second Sunday after Pentecost

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(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.

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

BCP page 355

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

BCP page 230

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

OLORD, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your lovingkindness; 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 65:1-9

Reader A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

I WAS ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,
to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am,"
to a nation that did not call on my name.

I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good,
following their own devices;

a people who provoke me
to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens
and offering incense on bricks;

who sit inside tombs,
and spend the night in secret places;

who eat swine's flesh,
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;

who say, "Keep to yourself,
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."

These are a smoke in my nostrils,
a fire that burns all day long.

See, it is written before me:
I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their laps
their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,
says the LORD;

because they offered incense on the mountains
and reviled me on the hills,

I will measure into their laps
full payment for their actions.

Thus says the LORD:

As the wine is found in the cluster,
and they say, "Do not destroy it,
for there is a blessing in it,"

so I will do for my servants' sake,
and not destroy them all.

I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;
my chosen shall inherit it,
and my servants shall settle there.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM **Psalm 22:18-27** *Deus, Deus meus*

BCP page 611

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

- 18 Be not far away, O LORD; *
 you are my strength; hasten to help me.
- 19 Save me from the sword, *
 my life from the power of the dog.
- 20 Save me from the lion's mouth, *
 my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.
- 21 I will declare your Name to my brethren; *
 in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
- 22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; *
 stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
 all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
 neither does he hide his face from them; *
 but when they cry to him he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
 I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
 and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
 "May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
 and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
 he rules over the nations.

THE SECOND READING**Galatians 3:23-29**

Reader A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Galatians.

NOW before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL**Luke 8:26-39**

All stand

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

JESUS and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" -- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the

Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Mother Barnes

All sit.



Exorcism, tapestry, Andrei Madekin

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 Baptized into Christ, let us offer our prayers in the spirit of compassion and supplication, saying: “*Holy God, hear our prayer.*”

For the Church, especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and for Kevin, our bishop, that we may witness to the light of Christ so that all may know how much God has done for us. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For this parish family, that we may come to know Jesus in a new way, and walk with Jesus every day. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For all who are in positions of leadership, that God will give them insight into the important issues of the day, wisdom to propose solutions, and courage to act on them. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For the people of Ukraine, that they may be delivered from the destruction and death of war and be strong in the hope of their just cause. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For the clergy and the people of St. Stephen’s parish in Vestavia Hills, Alabama, and all others whose lives have been forever changed by gun violence, that God will walk with them in their pain, and give this nation the will to seek new ways to change the gun laws, and help us to be instruments of peace and live as children of the light. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For the widowed and orphaned, the poor and the oppressed. and for all who are sick or in any need, remembering especially, Jordan, Mary Ann, Beverly & Frank, Edna, Peter, Tim, Evan, Martin, Fr. Joe, Naomi, Elaine, Jennifer, Beatrice, Lynn, Rich, Melvin, Mary Jane, Carrie, Dawn, Bill+, Jim, and Padraic and the Moran family, that they may know the healing power of God. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For all the departed, remembering especially, Jane, Suzanne, Sharon, Janet, Jim, George, Walter, Sarah, Jane, that they may live forever in the presence of the God of joy and gladness. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Blessed Mary, the God-bearer; Blessed Luke; Blessed John the Baptist; 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 everlasting mercy, hear the prayers we offer this day for all who suffer and are rejected, and open our hearts to see your face in all your human creatures, through Jesus Christ our Savior. ***Amen.***

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

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

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

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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 BLESSING

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

THE DISMISSAL

BCP page 366

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER AFTER THE SERVICE

Grant, we beseech *thee*, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through *thy* grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of *thy* Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Charles Kraus, Sr. and Charles Kraus, Jr. by Carol Winn and Diane Kraus.*

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

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SPECIAL MINISTERS

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

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

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S

Welcome to St. Luke's as we return to in-person worship! Live streaming and zoom gatherings continue from St. Luke's. Please join us on our [Facebook page](#) for the streaming of the services.

** (Note: if you are NOT a Facebook member, when you click on the link it will ask you to sign in or create an account, which you can ignore and just scroll down the page a bit till you see the service.)

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

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

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 18 – BERNARD MIZEKI

- 9AM – Morning Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))
- 10AM – Holy Hikes Northeast Pennsylvania – LHVA Rail Trail

SATURDAY, JUNE 18 – THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 7)

[The Second Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 7 \(Lectionary Readings\)](#)

- 5PM – Said Holy Eucharist II ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))
[Click here for the 5 PM service leaflet](#)

SUNDAY, JUNE 19 – THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 7)

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 - [Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem](#) Celebrate the Day of Freedom
The Racial Justice and Reconciliation Task Force invite you to celebrate Juneteenth
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81204204204?pwd=Z0udOGRrjwoHtWSqIeMyLbRPzpnh...>

MONDAY, JUNE 20 – FERIA (NO SCHEDULED SERVICES/EVENTS).

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 21 – FERIA

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

During Mother Barnes' vacation all are encouraged to continue praying the Daily Office individually. The order of service for the daily office may be found at Mission St. Clare <https://www.missionstclare.com/english/June/cal.html>

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22 – ST. ALBAN

- 9AM – Morning Prayer
- 5PM – Evening Prayer

THURSDAY, JUNE 23 – FERIA

- 9AM – Morning Prayer
- 5PM – 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*.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24 – NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST

- 9AM – Morning Prayer
- 5PM – Evening Prayer

SATURDAY, JUNE 25 – JAMES WELDON

- 9AM – Morning Prayer
- 5PM – Holy Eucharist II

Announcements and Upcoming Events



Centering Prayer Group: Each Thursday evening at 5:30PM an ongoing weekly Centering Prayer group meets. Centering Prayer is a contemplative form of prayer geared toward the cultivation of interior silence or “centering.” This form of prayer invites one to enter into a deeper relationship with God by being open and receptive to the presence and action of God in our lives. No prior experience is necessary. For more information, contact Mother Barnes at mthrbarnes@gmail.com or call the parish office.

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.

Cypress House at St. Luke’s – NEPA Day of Giving: Mother Barnes and the Board of Cypress House would like to thank all who contributed during the NEPA Day of Giving. Through the generosity of many, we raised over \$6,000 which includes having won a “Golden Ticket” \$1000 prize. Cypress House is a non-profit organization affiliated with St. Luke’s, Scranton. We aspire to help incarcerated people get back on their feet through employment, vocational training, and educational opportunities at our future central-city bakery and café. To learn more about our Cypress House ministry, please visit the Cypress House website, www.cypresshouse.org

Mother Barnes Vacation – June 22 – July 5

Mother Barnes will be taking some time off over the next two weeks. In her absence, the following supply clergy will be covering for her: Father Tyler Parry (Saturday 6/25), Father Dan Jones (Sunday 6/26 and 7/3). Deacon Chris Sutton (July 2). The office will be staffed by members of the Vestry. Please note the weekend Eucharists will be fully covered, but there will be no midweek Healing Eucharist; Wednesday Eucharists will resume July 6. There will also not be any live-streamed services during this time. This includes the Daily Office and Saturday/Sunday Eucharists. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Fr. Jones at (570) 346-4558 or Mickey Baccoli, Senior Warden at (570) 878-6464,

Upcoming concerts



Nine Greek Definitions of Love – Sunday, July 10 at 3PM

Madison Zahorsky, Soprano, with Xu Cheng, Piano; Evan Howard, Cello.

The Nine Greek Definitions of Love provide insight on the varied shadings of love that have been experienced throughout humanity for millennia. The ancient Greeks subscribed to the philosophy that love needed to be balanced and come from many sources in order to be fulfilling. The theme of Love is no stranger to the vocal musical canon. This program illuminates the many possibilities of love in art and in our lives. Program will feature works of Jonathan Dove, Amédée-Ernest Chausson, Gabriel Fauré, Samuel Barber, Richard Wagner, Franz Schubert, Jason Robert-Brown and more. A free will offering will be taken.



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 around Lake Scranton was 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 contemplative hike is structured to celebrate Eucharist as we walk and find ways of being in prayer, reflection, and communion with God's Creation. The July hike will be on the Countryside Conservancy Trolley Trail followed by a BBQ with friends from our Convocation III. The focus for the July is especially to have an event for youth and families. In August we will hike in Montrose at Salt Springs State Park and be joined by friends from St. Paul's, Montrose. For more information contact David at drwegner@epix.net or check the parish Facebook page for updates.

Our latest edition of the St. Luke's Newsletter is hot off the press. Click here to see the [JULY 2022 edition](#) or go to the newsletter tab on our parish website.

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.



June 19, 2022 – Pentecost 2 (C)
The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

The church celebrates the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist on June 25. John was Jesus' cousin and a prophet with a large following when Jesus began his ministry. Although many of John's followers believed him to be the Messiah, John recognized Jesus as the true Messiah, called for the world to "prepare the way of the Lord" (Mark 1:3), and baptized Jesus.

The Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist is one of the oldest Christian festivals, dating back to 506, and was first included in the Book of Common Prayer in 1549. It was decided to observe this feast six months before Christmas because Elizabeth was in her sixth month of pregnancy with John at the time of Jesus' conception. This date in June also coincides with the summer solstice, a pre-Christian festival, which is now dedicated to the Nativity of St. John the Baptist in much of Europe and the Mediterranean and widely celebrated.

The Gospel of Luke describes John's miraculous birth to an elderly, childless couple, Zechariah and Elizabeth, who was a cousin of the Virgin Mary. When the angel Gabriel told Zechariah that Elizabeth would bear a son who would be named John, Zechariah did not believe it was possible, so he was made mute. Zechariah's speech was restored to him on the eighth day after John's birth, when the baby was circumcised and named. With his newly regained voice, Zechariah then proclaimed the canticle known as the Benedictus Dominus Deus:

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.
He has raised up a mighty savior for us
in the house of his servant David,
as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.
Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,
and has remembered his holy covenant,
the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,
to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,
might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness
before him all our days.
And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
to give knowledge of salvation to his people
by the forgiveness of their sins.
By the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon us,
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace' (Luke 1:67-79).



John the Baptist from Matthias Grünewald's Isenheim Altarpiece. The text, referring to Jesus, reads: "He must become greater, I must become less."

Collect for the Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Savior by preaching repentance: Make us so to follow his teaching and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching; and, following his example, constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen (Book of Common Prayer, p. 241).



Pastoral word from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry on shooting at St. Stephen's

Dear friends in Christ:

By now you are aware that last night a shooter entered St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Vestavia Hills, Alabama, killing two children of God and injuring a third.

Even as I write, I am on the way to [the commemoration of the nine who were martyred](#) in 2015 at Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina. The plague of gun violence in the United States affects us all, and now it has affected a congregation in The Episcopal Church.

We join together in prayer with Bishop Glenda Curry, Bishop Brian Prior, the clergy and people of St. Stephen's, and the whole [Episcopal Diocese of Alabama](#). I want to encourage us as a church to offer special prayers this Sunday for those affected by the shooting at St. Stephen's—and for all victims of gun violence.

I commend to you the website of [Bishops United Against Gun Violence](#), which has prayers, [liturgical resources](#), and many [other kinds of information](#).

As the prophet Isaiah wrote (41:10):

Do not fear, for I am with you,
do not be afraid, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

I invite you to join me in prayer:

Eternal God of love, we know that you do not willingly inflict pain upon or grieve your children, and your dream for all is life abundant.

We come to you now in sorrow and sadness at the death and violence inflicted on our siblings of St. Stephen's Church in Vestavia Hills, Alabama. Receive the souls of those who have died. Grant them peace in your arms of love. Be with those who are injured and suffer, those who are grieving, and those who are frightened and dispirited. Help us as a nation to find ways to bring an end to this scourge of violence, which hurts your children and our human family. Give us the strength we need, the courage we must have, and the faith in you that will see us through. All this we pray and ask in the name of the prince of peace—your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church



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Diocese of Bethlehem

A Special Prayer from the Bishop

*"Fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you, yes,
I will help you ..." Isaiah 41:10*

Dear People of Bethlehem,

Once again, gun violence has entered our communities, ravaging the lives of many. On Friday (June 16, 2022), a gunman opened fire during a potluck dinner at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Vestavia Hills, Alabama. Yesterday, we learned that three people were killed.

We weep, and we mourn while wondering what we can do to end this senseless violence. We may even feel helpless as we wonder what it will take for sensible gun legislation to be created and implemented.

Yet, we must persist in working for this important legislation, because God's arm is long and mighty. The journey may be arduous, but the Life-destination is always before us. And with God's help, we will move the needle and point it towards Life, Peace, Hope and Justice.

In confidence, let us pray.

Let us pray for our family at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Vestavia Hills, Alabama.

Let us pray for the departed souls of the three individuals who were killed.

Let us pray for the grieving families and friends.

Let us pray for The Rev. John Burrus, assisting clergy and lay leadership as God guides them in caring for the community.

Let us pray for the shooter and his family.

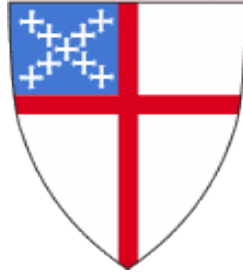
Let us pray for a nation being ravaged by gun violence.

Let us pray for courage and holy boldness to advocate for an end to gun violence and the institution of gun safety laws.

Lastly, let us pray for continued strength and continued hope in God's justice and God's deliverance.

Amen.

Know of my love,



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