

# SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 13)**  
**Saturday, July 30, 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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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 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 30, 2022

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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*

**A**LMIGHTY 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

BCP page 356

**G**LORY to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP page 232

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**L**ET your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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    Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes.

**V**ANITY of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me -- and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

### PSALM 49:1-11

BCP page 652

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

- 1 Hear this, all you peoples;  
    **hearken, all you who dwell in the world, \***  
    **you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.**
- 2 **My mouth shall speak of wisdom, \***  
    **and my heart shall meditate on understanding.**
- 3 **I will incline my ear to a proverb \***  
    **and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**
- 4 **Why should I be afraid in evil days, \***  
    **when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,**

- 5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, \*  
and boast of their great riches?
- 6 We can never ransom ourselves, \*  
or deliver to God the price of our life;
- 7 For the ransom of our life is so great, \*  
that we should never have enough to pay it,
- 8 In order to live for ever and ever, \*  
and never see the grave.
- 9 For we see that the wise die also;  
like the dull and stupid they perish \*  
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.
- 10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever,  
their dwelling places from generation to generation, \*  
though they call the lands after their own names.
- 11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; \*  
they are like the beasts that perish.

**THE SECOND READING          Colossians 3:1-11**

*Reader* A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Colossians.

**I**F YOU have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

**People**            Thanks be to God.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:13-21

*All stand*

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

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

**S**OMEONE in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.

"But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

*Reader*           The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

**Mother Barnes**

*All sit.*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.



## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Intercessor* Let us offer our prayers to God who knows the needs of every living creature, saying:  
*Holy One, hear our prayer.*

For the Church: especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin, our bishop, that we may rejoice in the gifts that God has given us, and be signs of God's abundant generosity in our ministries. ***Holy One, hear our prayer.***

For this parish family, that we who have been blessed, with the treasures of word and sacrament, may become rich, through words of faith, attitudes of hope, and deeds of love. ***Holy One, hear our prayer.***

For the Lambeth Conference of Anglican bishops, that they may be empowered by the Spirit, and in their diversity, find common witness to the treasure of God's reconciling love. ***Holy One, hear our prayer.***

For peace in all places of conflict, that God will inspire the leaders of nations and communities to promote dialogue and understanding among all people. ***Holy One, hear our prayer.***

For all who bear the burden of poverty, that God will sustain them each day, and help us to be generous with our gifts and possessions. ***Holy One, hear our prayer.***

For all who are traveling, for those who find life burdensome, and for the sick and the suffering remembering especially, Jordan, Beverly & Frank, Edna, Peter, Tim, Evan, Martin, Fr. Joe, Naomi, Elaine, Jennifer, Beatrice, Lynn, Rich, Melvin, Mary Jane, Carrie, Dawn, Bill+, Jim, Padraic and the Moran family, Robin, Riley, Gary, Diane, Leslie, and Heather, that God will touch their hearts with healing and hope. ***Holy One, hear our prayer.***

For all the departed, remembering especially, Jim, Peg, Linda, Mary Ann, and Chris, that they may be raised with Christ. ***Holy One, hear our prayer.***

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

*Celebrant* Holy God, giver of all gifts, what we are and what we have come from you, hear our prayers, and let us grow rich in only those things that are pleasing to you, for the sake of your Son, 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 Celebrant 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

BCP page 360

*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**

BCP page 364

*A period of silence is kept.*

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

**THE FRACTION ANTHEM**

BCP page 337

*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.*

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## SPECIAL MINISTERS

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

**Sunday, 10:00 am:** D. Kraus, A. Wrazien (Altar Guild); TBD (Ushers); A. Guthrie (Crucifer); R. Beal, C. Winn (Lectors); E. Rayburn (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, JULY 30 – WILLIAM WILBERFORCE & ANTHONY ASHLEY-COOPER

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

## SATURDAY, JULY 30 – THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 13)

### **The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 13 (Lectionary Readings)**

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

## SUNDAY, JULY 31 – THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 13)

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, AUGUST 1 – JOSEPH OF ARIMATHAEA (NO SCHEDULED SERVICES/EVENTS).

- [Monday Morning Prayer](#)



- [Monday Evening Prayer](#)

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 2 – SAMUEL DAVID FERGUSON**

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

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3 – JOANNA, MARY & SALOME**

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

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 4 – FERIA**

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

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 5 – ALBRECHT DÜRER, MATTHIAS GRÜNEWALD, & LUCAS CRANACH THE ELDER**

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

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 6 – FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION – HOLY DAY**

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

**In a Pastoral Emergency, please contact**—The Reverend Rebecca A. Barnes, Rector at 646-533-1836/e-mail at [mthrbarnes@gmail.com](mailto:mthrbarnes@gmail.com). If you, or a family member, are in the hospital, a health care facility, or are home bound and would like to have a visit from Mother Barnes or a member of our Pastoral Care Committee, please contact the parish office. Due to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, commonly known as HIPAA, hospitals no longer automatically provide churches with 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.

**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.**

## 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](mailto:mthrbarnes@gmail.com) or call the parish office.

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► **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.

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► **Lay ministers needed in worship and hospitality:** Readers, intercessors (prayers of the people), ushers, and coffee hour hosts are needed on a regular basis. Sign-up sheets are located in Israel lounge. Should you have any questions or concerns, please speak with Mother Barnes. Training and re-training will be offered beginning in September. Stay tuned for more information!

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Holy Hikes Northeast Pennsylvania is a chapter of a nationwide Episcopal organization and an official ministry of St. Luke’s, Scranton. We 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. **On August 27<sup>th</sup>\* at 10AM, we will hike in Montrose at Salt Springs State Park and be joined by friends from St. Paul’s, Montrose (\*Please note the date change!)** For more information contact David at [drwegner@epix.net](mailto:drwegner@epix.net) or check the parish Facebook page for updates.

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► **Safety Net Grocery Bags:** Once again the “pew bags” have found their way back to St. Luke’s Church for the scheduled summer collection for the months of June, July and August. Safety Net’s Director, Siemong Wang, provided us with a list of items to help fill the empty shelves for our neighbors in needs— non-perishables for Safety Net:

Canned fruit or meat—soups, tuna	Boxed pasta/Spaghetti	Baby wipes
Peanut Butter/Jelly	Rice	Shampoo and Deodorant
Juices (100% juice) orange, apple	Boxed Cereal	Diapers—3, 4, 5
Canned Chef Boyardee	Pasta sauces	Razors (Men’s & Women)
Macaroni & Cheese Dinner		

Please fill a bag and return it to St. Luke’s. We will deliver collected items to Safety Net. Thank you!

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► **Voce Angeli Concert:** Each year, Voce Angeli, a premier women’s choral ensemble in Northeastern Pennsylvania presents a summer concert with proceeds benefiting a local charity. This year’s concert is set for **Saturday, August 13, 2022 at 7:30PM at St. Luke’s** and the benefactor is the Catherine McAuley Center, an agency that provides temporary shelter for women with children in crisis. Mark your calendars for this wonderful summer event. There will be a free will offering for this concert; suggested donation is \$10.00.



July 31, 2022 – Pentecost 8 (C)

**Gifts to the Church by Episcopal Convents and Monasteries: The Order of Saint Helena**

*The Order of Saint Helena describes their commitment to inclusive and expansive language for worship.*

**What is inclusive/expansive language?**

Inclusive language attempts to represent all and to respect the dignity of all human beings created in the image of God. For example:

Book of Common Prayer: "He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High...."

Saint Helena Psalter: "They who dwell in the shelter of the Most High...." (Psa. 91:1)

Book of Common Prayer: "Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when brethren live together in unity!"

Saint Helena Psalter: "Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when kindred live together in unity!" (Psa. 133:1)

Expansive language utilizes the fullest possible expression of human language to represent the infinite being of the Divine. For example:

Book of Common Prayer: "He that planted the ear, does he not hear? He that formed the eye, does he not see?"

Saint Helena Psalter: "Does the one who planted the ear not hear; does the one who formed the eye not see?" (Psa. 94:9)

Book of Common Prayer: "The LORD is King; he has put on splendid apparel...."

Saint Helena Psalter: "God is sovereign, clothed in splendid apparel...." (Psa. 93:1a)



**Why use inclusive/expansive language in worship?**

Worship is a highly personal space in which we connect with God and learn of God's all-encompassing love.

Inclusive/expansive language attempts to bring human language as close as possible to describing the comprehensive presence of God and welcomes all into the community of faith.

**How is the Order of Saint Helena involved in inclusive/expansive liturgy?**

Since our founding in 1945, we have looked to empower women in our community and in the church. We were the first order to promote the ordination of sisters and have provided ongoing support and encouragement for women clergy in the church. Our Sr. Mary Michael was the first religious sister to be ordained.

In the 1990s, we began editing the psalter to replace male designations for God with neutral language. We attempt to stay as close as possible to the Book of Common Prayer translation and the Hebrew original, as well as to retain the beautiful cadence of the language. After editing the text, we prayed with the revised psalter for many months, and then adjusted the text over and over again. We continue to revise the Daily Office and Eucharistic prayers that we use in our chapel. We offer this work to the church in support of inclusive/expansive language for worship. For more information about *The Saint Helena Psalter* and *The Saint Helena Breviary* see [www.osb.org/breviary](http://www.osb.org/breviary).

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