

SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 14)
Saturday, August 6, 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.

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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

BCP page 355

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

BCP page 356

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 232

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

GRANT to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right,
that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your
will; 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 Genesis 15:1-6

Reader A reading from the Book of Genesis.

THE WORD of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 33:12-22

BCP page 626

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

- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! *
 happy the people he has chosen to be his own!
- 13 **The LORD looks down from heaven, ***
 and beholds all the people in the world.
- 14 **From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze ***
 on all who dwell on the earth.
- 15 **He fashions all the hearts of them ***
 and understands all their works.
- 16 **There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; ***
 a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.
- 17 **The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; ***
 for all its strength it cannot save.
- 18 **Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, ***
 on those who wait upon his love,

- 19 To pluck their lives from death, *
and to feed them in time of famine.
- 20 Our soul waits for the LORD; *
he is our help and our shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our trust.
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you.

THE SECOND READING Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Reader A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

NOW faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-40

All stand

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

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

JESUS said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

Let us offer our prayers to God who has been pleased to give us the kingdom, saying: *Holy One, hear our prayer.*

For the Church: especially Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, that God will renew and deepen our faith so that we may walk with God each step of our life's journey. *Holy One, hear our prayer.*

For this parish family, that we who have been given many gifts may be found faithful and bearing much fruit. *Holy One, hear our prayer.*

For the Bishops of the Anglican Communion as they return to their dioceses throughout the world, that fed and empowered by the Spirit they may bear witness to the Risen Christ who calls us to be people of reconciliation and love. *Holy One, hear our prayer.*

For those who suffer from the power of nature, especially those whose lives are affected by heat, drought, fire and floods. *Holy One, hear our prayer.*

For a better stewardship of the earth and its resources, that we may recognize the need to safeguard the integrity of God's creation. *Holy One, hear our prayer.*

For all who are traveling, for those whose faith is tested, and for those in need of our prayers, 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, Heather, Amy, and Francis, that God will sustain and strengthen them. *Holy One, hear our prayer.*

For all the departed, remembering especially, Jim, Peg, Linda, Mary Ann, and Chris, that they may rejoice to see all they believe in and hoped for. *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: God of Abraham, whose people are like the stars in the heavens, empower our faith and hear our prayers, that we may live in the blessed expectation of your promises and be alert for you when you come to us at an unexpected hour, 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 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

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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.*

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SPECIAL MINISTERS

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

Sunday, 10:00 am: D. Kraus, A. Wrazien (Altar Guild); TBD (Ushers); A. Guthrie (Crucifer); D. Durland, S. Sollami (Lectors); D. Kraus (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, AUGUST 6 – FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION – HOLY DAY

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6 – THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 14)

[The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 14 \(Lectionary Readings\)](#)

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

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7 – THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 14)

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 8 – DOMINIC (NO SCHEDULED SERVICES/EVENTS).

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9 – EDITH STEIN

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10 – LAWRENCE

- 9AM – Morning Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))
- 12:10 PM – Healing Eucharist
- 5PM – Evening Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))
- 6PM – Vestry Meeting

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11 – CLARE OF ASSISI

- 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*.
- 6:30PM – DOK

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12 – FLORENCE NIGHTENGALE

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13 – JEREMY TAYLOR

- 9AM – Morning Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))
- 10AM – Memorial Garden Committee – Monthly Gardening
- 7:30PM – Voce Angeli Concert

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Provide relief and help communities recover from flooding and fires

Deadly flooding and fires in southern and western parts of the US are displacing thousands and creating a financial burden on the most vulnerable. Episcopal Relief & Development is working with church and local partners to provide help where it's needed the most. Your swift response and compassionate gift to the Episcopal Relief & Development Disaster Fund will provide supplies to help communities in Kentucky, Virginia, Missouri, California and other places make a full and sustained recovery. Visit episcopalrelief.org to make a contribution today.



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.

► **Are you Safe Church compliant?** Maintaining your required trainings and clearances is vital because it helps us to keep all of the people in our congregations safe. Episcopal Church canons require all people who have contact with children in an Episcopal Church to take online trainings in order to learn best practices, appropriate boundaries, and who to contact if they need help or suspect child abuse. Both Episcopal Church canons and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania laws require everyone who has contact with children and those with any sort of leadership position in the church to obtain background checks. **If you are a clergy person, lay employee, vestry member, volunteer who works with children, or a keyholder in your church, there are steps you need to take in order to be in compliance with Pennsylvania law and the Episcopal Church Canons.**

The learning modules and Safe Church Training site have been recently updated. [Learn more](#) about what you need to do in order to be compliant and to keep your church safe. Contact Mother Barnes or Sharon Sollami if you have any questions or concerns about Safe Church compliancy.

► **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.

► **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.



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 27th* 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 or check the parish Facebook page for updates.

► **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!

► **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.

Our latest edition of the St. Luke's Newsletter is hot off the press. Click here to see the [AUGUST 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.



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Gifts to the Church by Episcopal Convents and Monasteries:
The Community of St. John Baptist

The Community of St. John Baptist describes their offerings of spiritual direction.

What is spiritual direction?

The majority of our Sisters are trained and certified Spiritual Directors. We work with individuals to improve their prayer life in order to deepen their connection with God. We also help directees with difficult theological questions and spiritual struggles.



Why is spiritual direction important?

Now, more than ever, people are seeking to find meaning in their lives. Working with a spiritual director can help people overcome religious trauma, learn new ways of engaging with scripture and ministry, and gain strength and comfort from a close relationship with the Divine.



How is the Community of St. John Baptist involved in spiritual direction?

Since the beginning of the pandemic, the number of people seeking our Sisters out for spiritual direction has nearly tripled. We have shifted from seeing people in person to meeting with directees on Zoom or by phone. Directees can also take walks outdoors with us on our peaceful, prayerful campus or they can stay overnight at our guest cottage for individual guided retreats.

How can someone find a spiritual director?

Those interested in spiritual direction can contact their priest or bishop or contact a local religious community. Most Sisters, Brothers, and Friars are trained in spiritual direction. To contact CSJB, just email srmc@csjb.org or call 973-543-4641 ext. 2. Our website is www.csjb.org.



Office of Public Affairs

Message from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry on Lambeth Call on human dignity

I'm in Canterbury, England, at the Lambeth Conference of bishops. It's August the second. I don't have a script in front of me, but I did want to talk with you—just briefly, especially for our LGBTQ family. I know that there is legitimately some anxiety and concern about the conversations and the direction that might emerge from this Lambeth Conference, specifically regarding same-sex marriage.

I want you to know, though, that at the end of this day, when we did discuss same-sex marriage and marriage in general, in the context of talking about human dignity, and the ministry of reconciliation in Christ, I left that conversation hopeful. I left it hopeful, not because we all came to agreement across all of our differences. No, no, we didn't even try to do that. I left hopeful not because I convinced anybody of where I stand, or that they convinced me of where they stand. I left hopeful because this group of bishops today seem to be able to recognize and affirm our love and respect for each other as brothers and sisters in Christ in the body of Jesus Christ. And that we could find a way to honor and respect our differences. If we love each other, and love our Lord. That, my friends, is a sign of hope. That is a sign of hope. That makes room and space for all of us to be in the course of our conversations.

There was a document that we reflected on—we didn't take any votes; we didn't try to do that—it was called a call on human dignity. And in this call on human dignity, the premise that was behind the document was that we have all been created in the image and likeness of God. And that that image of God confers a dignity and a worth on every human being. My daddy used to say nobody got any more of that image than anybody else. We all got it equally which means we are equal before God, and we should be equal before the law.

We began our discussions around human sexuality and around marriage. With that in mind, and in the document that we were reflecting on, that document said that we in the Anglican Communion live with a plurality of views on marriage. That there is what might be called a traditional view of marriage between a man and a woman, and that view is held probably by the majority, certainly, of Anglican churches around the world and probably Anglicans—but that there is another view equally to be respected: a view

that includes and embraces same-sex couples who seek the blessing of God on their loving relationships, their commitments and their families.

My friends, I've been a bishop 22 years. I've been a priest over 40 years. And I have to tell you that as far as I know that is the first time a document in the Anglican Communion has recognized that there is a plurality of view on marriage. And that these are perspectives that reflect deep theological and biblical work and reflection. That they reflect and respect the context in which we live and seek to address the pastoral needs of our people, of all the children of God—that's why I say today is a hopeful day.

There is work to do, but hope can help us run the race that is set before us. As the prophet Isaiah said, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up on wings like eagles. They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint."

This group of bishops today are finding a way to walk together as a church. And the words that have echoed in our ears over and over again have been the words of Jesus: "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples." Not that you agree. But that you love one another. And so we are still walking together. And in our church, we are making "plenty good room" for all of God's children.

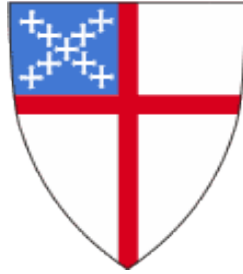
God love you. God bless you. And may God hold us all in those almighty hands of love.

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