



## SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Said Holy Eucharist, Rite I---5:00 O'clock PM

The Reverend Rebecca A. Barnes, Priest-in-Charge

Our Mission Statement

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

First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2022

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“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.*



OPENING ACCLAMATION

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Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever, Amen.

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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*The Celebrant may say*

**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.**

## THE TRISAGION

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Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
**Have mercy upon us.**

*(Repeat 3X)*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant*        Let us pray.

**A**Lmighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST READING    Isaiah 2:1-5

*All sit.*

*The Reader*        A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

**T**HE WORD that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.  
In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house

shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;

all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;

that he may teach us his ways  
 and that we may walk in his paths.'  
 For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
 and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.  
 He shall judge between the nations,  
 and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
 they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
 and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
 nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
 neither shall they learn war any more.  
  
 O house of Jacob,  
 come, let us walk  
 in the light of the LORD!

<i>The Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<b>The People</b>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

<b>THE PSALM</b>	<b>Psalm 122</b>	<b>BCP page 779</b>
<i>Read in unison, the leader beginning with the first phrase and the people joining in the bolded text.</i>		

**I** WAS GLAD when they said to me \*  
**"Let us go to the house of the LORD."**

**Now our feet are standing \***  
**within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

**Jerusalem is built as a city \***  
**that is at unity with itself;**

**To which the tribes go up,**  
**the tribes of the LORD, \***  
**the assembly of Israel,**  
**to praise the Name of the LORD.**

**For there are the thrones of judgment, \***  
**the thrones of the house of David.**

**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \***  
**"May they prosper who love you.**

**Peace be within your walls \***  
**and quietness within your towers.**

For my brethren and companions' sake, \*  
I pray for your prosperity.  
Because of the house of the LORD our God, \*  
I will seek to do you good."

**THE SECOND READING          Romans 13:11-14**

*The Reader*          A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

**Y**OU KNOW WHAT TIME it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*The Reader*          The Word of the Lord.

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

**THE HOLY GOSPEL          Matthew 24:36-44**

*All remain standing.*

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

**The People**          **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

**J**ESUS SAID to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

*The Celebrant*          The Gospel of the Lord.

**The People**          **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## THE SERMON

*All sit.*

Mother Barnes

## THE NICENE CREED

*All Stand*

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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* As salvation draws near, let us be awake, alert, and watchful for the One who has come and will come into our lives, saying: Holy God, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For the Church: especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, that while surrounded by the darkness of selfishness, jealousy and greed, we may live as children of light and show God's love to those around us. Holy God, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For this parish family, that in our worship and work we may live together in joyful hope. Holy God, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For peace in all troubled places, that God will teach the hearts of all the human family to turn swords into plows and resources for war into healing and development. Holy God, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For all who are burdened by the cares of life, that they may always be ready to welcome Christ wherever he reveals himself. Holy God, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For all who are busy and hurried, for refugees and travelers who are separated from homeland or family, for those who await God's healing and blessing, remembering especially, Jordan, Beverly & Frank, Edna, Martin, Naomi, Elaine, Jennifer, Lynn, Rich, Melvin, Mary Jane, Bill+, Jim, Robin, Francis, Vinnie, and Jamie, that they may find God's care and compassion as others reach out to them. Holy God, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For ourselves in this Advent time of waiting, that we may be thankful for all the blessings we enjoy and seek ways to share them with others. Holy God, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For all those who have died, remembering especially, Helen and Joel, that they may walk in the light of the Lord. Holy God, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

In the communion of blessed Mary the God-bearer, Andrew the Apostle and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, to Christ our God. *To you, O Lord our God.*

*Celebrant* O God of Jacob for whom we long, hear our prayers and keep us ever watchful, that when Christ our Savior comes we may welcome him with joy and gladness. This we ask in his most holy Name. *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

### 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.*

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offering and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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*The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

### SURSUM CORDA

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD *Sanctus*

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*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 people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to 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 before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command O Father,

## **MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

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*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours,  
Almighty Father, now and for ever. . **AMEN.**

*The Celebrant then continues*

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

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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*People and Celebrant*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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*Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,*

*People: Therefore let us keep the feast.*

*A period of silence is kept.*



## THE FRACTION ANTHEM

*People and Celebrant*

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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*

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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 here at Saint Luke's. If you do not wish to receive communion, we invite you to come forward to a blessing. To show that you wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest.*

*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

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

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*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

***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 greens on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of*  
**Barbara A. Koval by The Reverends Rebecca A. Barnes and Elizabeth Grohowski**

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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); S. Sollami, TBD (Ushers); A. Guthrie (Crucifer); D. Wegner, L. Fanelli (Lectors); M. Baccoli (Intercessor); M. Baccoli, TBD (Counters).

**\*Servers are needed at every service:** 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. If you are interested in serving, please contact Mother Barnes. **Training and re-training will be offered this month.** Stay tuned for more information.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

**Welcome to St. Luke's! We are happy to offer in-person services, and continue live streaming and zoom gatherings from St. Luke's.** Please join us on our **Facebook page** for the streaming of the services. Please note that for all in-person worship, Diocesan Covid-19 policies are still in effect.

**\*\***(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.)

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

► **For a full listing of our weekly offerings, please visit the [“This Week at St. Luke’s page”](#) on our website.**

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

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## 2022 CHRISTMAS SERVICES

December 21 – 7pm Blue Christmas/ Longest Night Service

A service designed especially for those who have experienced loss or find the holidays difficult.

CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24

4:00pm - Christmas Eve Family Service

10:30pm - Choral Prelude; 11:00pm - “Christ-Mass”

CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25

10:00am – Christmas Day Service

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME - NEW YEAR'S DAY, JANUARY 1

10:00am – Feast of the Holy Name Service

JANUARY 6

10:00am - Feast of the Epiphany

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## Christian Education and Formation

► **Intergenerational: Pilgrimage to the Palestine of Jesus:** On Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> following coffee hour (approx.. 12:45PM), Mother Barnes and Mother Liz will offer a presentation at St. Luke's on their recent study pilgrimage to Jerusalem and their course at St. George's College. The program will include photos and stories from their trip and insights into the landscapes and narratives of Jesus and the three Abrahamic faiths that share this common region. The presentation will also be offered at St. Paul's, Montrose on Sunday, December 11 at 1:00PM.

### ► Children and Youth

**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.

**Sunday School:** St. Luke's uses the **GODLY PLAY**, a Montessori-based curriculum with our younger children, ages five to ten years old. Sunday School is held at 9:30 AM every Sunday, except the first Sunday of the month.

**Youth Confirmation Class** – Our Youth Confirmation program is underway, with the launch of our yearlong confirmation program for our youth (ages 11-16) having been on Oct. 2 at 4PM in Kreidler Hall. We will be meeting monthly on the first Sunday of each month, October 2022 –May 2023. We are using the book, “My Faith, My Life”, a Teen's Guide to the Episcopal Church. This program will preparation our older youth for confirmation next June. In subsequent years, we will be launching a new youth program “J2A: Journey to Adulthood in order to offer ongoing spiritual formation which allows our youth to adequately meet the needs of young people in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. For more information, to enroll your child, or to learn more about serving in any of our Sunday school or youth programs, please see Mother Barnes or email her at [mthrbarnes@gmail.com](mailto:mthrbarnes@gmail.com) or Rick Ammenhauser at [imgold67@aol.com](mailto:imgold67@aol.com)

**Family Eucharist** is held on the first Sunday of the month. The children and youth play a direct role in the worship service by serving as ushers, acolytes and lectors.

### ► Adult

**Advent - “Journeying the Way of Love” The Way of Love:** On Wednesdays following the midweek Eucharist, Mother Barnes will offer a short lunchtime Bible study using the Way of Love Advent resources from the Episcopal Church. This 4-week study will explore the first two chapters of the Gospel of Luke as we await the coming of Christ and help us understanding how we can live the [Way of Love](#) as individuals, as families and friends, as a community, and out in the world. **Advent calendars:** Advent calendars are available in the rear of the church. This year's calendars accompany the “Journeying the Way of Love” curriculum and offer daily suggestions for engaging in the seven practices that encompass the Way of Love: turn, learn, pray, worship, bless, go, and rest. The calendar can also be used as a standalone resource—keep it at your desk or on your fridge and refer to it every day!

**Lenten Retreat at Holy Cross Monastery** - In March (March 21-24, 2023) a parish Lenten retreat is planned Holy Cross Monastery in the New York Hudson Valley. The suggested donation for the three days is \$330 per person which will cover all lodging, program costs, and meals including breakfast and dinner the day of departure. **Space is extremely limited and filling up fast!** Please

contact Mother Barnes ASAP to reserve a spot. Scholarship for those in need is available upon written request.



**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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► **Christmas 2022 Memorial Flowers and Greens:** All those who wish to give flowers and greens in memory or honor of a loved one and have their name included on St. Luke’s Christmas Memorial List for 2022 are asked to use the envelopes marked “Christmas Memorial Flowers and Greens.” For your convenience, envelopes have been included in the service leaflet. Additional copies are located on the table in the rear of the church. Please provide a list of names (written or typed) to the parish office, no later than Sunday, December 18, 2022.

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► **St. Luke’s Cleaning and Greening of the Church:** We will gather on Sunday, December 18, 2022 following the 10:00 Eucharist Coffee Hour (approximately 12 Noon) to decorate the church for Christmas. All are warmly welcome at this festive and fun event.

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► **Women of St. Luke's Christmas Gala Luncheon:** The Women of St. Luke's will host their Christmas Luncheon in the parish's Kreidler Hall on **Saturday December 10, 2022** from noon to 3:00PM. The luncheon will be catered by Cooper's with your choice of three entrees: Sautéed Chicken Strips, Roast Stuffed Pork, or Broiled Orange Haddock. The dinner will include soup (Crab Bisque or Potato) a garden salad, potato, vegetable, and dessert. The festivities begin with a cocktail hour at 12:00PM with lunch served at 1:00PM. There will be entertainment, favors, door prizes and a cookie table, too. The cost is \$25.00pp and reservations are due by December 4, 2022 to Kathy Selemba or Robin O'Hearn.

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► **Lackawanna County Prison Christmas Project** For more than 20 years Anna Young was a dedicated volunteer in the Lackawanna County Prison and every Christmas she spearheaded a project to ensure that each inmate and staff member received a goody bag. Ms. Young is now in a nursing home and the community would like to honor her by continuing her Christmas giving. St. Luke's is participating in the program by collecting items that will be included in the "goody bags" and we ask that you would consider donating some of the listed items, or if you would prefer, you can make a financial contribution and the items will be purchased on your behalf. For security reasons, only the listed items can be included in the goody bags; do not stray from the list. Acceptable items include individual sized chewy trail mix, rice krispy bars, cookies, pop tarts, goldfish, cheez-its, skittles, starburst, Hershey's miniatures, Cup-O-Soups, kind bars, and mini muffins. Our goal is to provide 800+ goody bags; the list will be updated if other items are added. During the week of December 19th, we will gather to pack the bags for delivery to the prison later in the month. To make a monetary gift, or if you have any questions, please see Mother Barnes or Sharon Sollami.

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► **Cookies Baking!** St. Luke's parishioners will gather once again to make their well-loved and much missed Welsh cookies. Volunteers are needed to mix, roll, cut, and package on **Saturday, December 3, 2022 at 9:00AM**. A special thank you to Richie Selemba and Rick Ammenhauser for teaching us the art of making these wonderful cookies to sell and to share with our homebound parishioners. A sign up sheet is available in Israel Lounge to sign up to volunteers and for orders!

**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

*All are welcome for a*  
**Scranton First Friday**  
*Open House!*



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**December 2**  
**5pm to 8 pm**  
**St. Luke's Episcopal Church**  
**232 Wyoming Ave (corner of Linden)**

*Featuring*

The **Artwork of Mark Loughney** – a Pennsylvania artist using his artistic talent to critique the US criminal justice system, mass incarceration, discrimination, and the very concept of justice – a critique formed firsthand from his life experience when imprisoned in 2012

Music by **The Lyric Consort** at 6 pm

Meet members of **Peer 2 Peer** - a mentor-based support group of formerly incarcerated individuals

**Tour** the space of our future bakery kitchen

Artwork shared from artists incarcerated in Lackawanna County Prison from **The Recovery Bank** of Scranton

We hope you can join us on Dec 2;  
but if you can't - help us today and be part of getting  
CYPRESS HOUSE BAKERY up and running.

*Scan the QR code to donate*      **thank you!**





## Upcoming Holiday Concerts at St. Luke's

### ► A Koliada Christmas from Eastern Europe, Arcadia Chorale Saturday Evening, December 3, 2022 at 7:30PM

Celebrate the season of Koliada, when friends and family come together to sing carols from Christmas to Epiphany. This joyous concert includes music from Eastern European countries including Russia, Poland, and Latvia, with a special focus on Ukrainian carols.

General admission: \$15, Seniors: \$12, Students free  
*Tickets available at the door or [purchase tickets online here](#).*

### ► A Lyric Consort Christmas Friday Evening, December 16, 2022, 8PM

An evening of music for the season ranging from jubilant to introspective, offered amid candlelight and the white marble of beautiful St. Luke's. After an opening half of music offering scenes from the Bethlehem story, we share favorite carol arrangements and art music. Works of Arvo Part, Hugo Distler, Francis Poulenc, Herbert Howells, John Rutter and more.

General Admission \$10.00, 18 and under free,  
*Tickets available at the door*





## AdventWord

Forward Movement has announced the 2022 reflection words for AdventWord, a global online advent calendar and community of disciples. For nearly a decade AdventWord has inspired followers of Jesus who wish to add an accessible prayer practice to their daily routine during this holy season.

Daily meditations and images—inspired by a prompt word selected from the daily lectionary readings—will be released at [adventword.org](https://adventword.org), beginning Sunday, November 27.



Participants can sign up to receive this daily message, in English and Spanish, by email or by following AdventWord on social media.

Many followers join the creativity each year by sharing their own personal reflections across social media using #AdventWord. Participants respond with photos, written responses, crafts, drawings, poems, found art, and other creative expressions inspired by the day's selected word.

"This year we enlisted volunteer community members to help with the selection of prompt words from the daily lectionary readings," said Richelle Thompson, managing editor at Forward Movement. "The online gathering of dozens of AdventWord community members was an inspiring way to kick off the planning for 2022 and a strong reminder that AdventWord is community-driven."

### The prompts for 2022 #AdventWord are:

November 27 - Walk	December 7 - Winnowing	December 17 - Majesty
November 28 - Together	December 8 - Breathe	December 18 - Purify
November 29 - Teach	December 9 - Fire	December 19 - Sign
November 30 - Mountains	December 10 - Flourish	December 20 - Hear
December 1 - Make	December 11 - Messenger	December 21 - Obedience
December 2 - Ready	December 12 - Wilderness	December 22 - Choose
December 3 - Unity	December 13 - Stranger	December 23 - Restore
December 4 - Delight	December 14 - Beloved	December 24 - Birth
December 5 - Rain	December 15 - Thirsty	December 25 - Emmanuel
December 6 - Welcome	December 16 - Traveler	

The #AdventWord Images and meditations can be experienced through [AdventWord.org](https://AdventWord.org), direct daily emails, as well as on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Meditations will also be available on [www.adventword.org](https://www.adventword.org).



**ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
"In the heart of things"

**The Rev'd Rebecca A. Barnes, Rector**

**Ms. Maria Zengion, Organist and Choirmaster**

**The Vestry**

Mickey Baccoli, (2025—Senior Warden),  
Rick Ammenhauser (2024 —Junior Warden),  
Jane Merolla (2023), Kathy Selemba (2025—Clerk),  
Francis McMullen (2024), Bernard Ott (2025),  
Vacancy (2024), Sharon Sollami (2023),  
and Amanda Wrazien (2023).

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