



SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

The Reverend Rebecca A. Barnes, Rector

Our Mission Statement

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

Fourth Sunday in Lent: *Laetare*

March 18, 2023

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PRAYER BEFORE THE SERVICE

O Almighty God, *who pourest* out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to *thee*, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship *thee* in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All stand as the procession enters the nave.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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The Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And with thy spirit.

The Celebrant

Let us pray.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING 1 Samuel 16:1-13

All sit.

Reader: A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

THE LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul, seeing I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” And Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me him whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” And he said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eli'ab and thought, “Surely the LORD’S anointed is before him.” But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abin'adab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen these.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and fetch him; for we will not sit down till he comes here.” And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. And the LORD said, “Arise, anoint him; for this is he.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

The Reader The Word of the Lord.

The People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND READING Ephesians 5:8-14

Reader: A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

FOR ONCE you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said,

“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,
and Christ shall give you light.”

The Reader The Word of the Lord.

The People **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 9:1-41

All remain standing.

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

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

AS JESUS passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man’s eyes with the clay, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Silo’am” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, “Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is he”; others said, “No, but he is like him.” He said, “I am the man.” They said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Silo’am and wash’; so I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” There was a division among them. So they again

said to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if any one should confess him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if any one is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that any one opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshiped him. Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this, and they said to him, "Are we also blind?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains.

The Reader

The Gospel of the Lord.

The People

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Mother Barnes

All sit.

THE NICENE CREED

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All stand, as able

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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COMFORTABLE WORDS

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THE PEACE

All stand.

The Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

The People *And with thy spirit.*

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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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 People remain standing

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer I*

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SURSUM CORDA

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

PREFACE OF LENT

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SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION *(all kneel, as able)*

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THE GREAT 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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Celebrant and People

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

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

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OLAMB OF GOD, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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(Celebrant and People; All kneel, as able)

WE DO NOT PRESUME to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer

ALmighty and Everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

These prayers over the people are an ancient form of blessing, said in Lent. When the Celebrant invites us to do so, we bow our heads, and pray in silence.

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.

LOOK DOWN in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE DISMISSAL *(all stand, as able)*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

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, M. Savinelli (Altar Guild); L. Savinelli, M. Savinelli (Ushers); D. Kraus (Acolyte & Crucifer); (Readers); (Intercessor).

Sunday, 10:00 am: TBD (Altar Guild); TBD (Ushers); A. Guthrie (Crucifer); D. Wegner, L. Fanelli (Lectors); M. Baccoli (Intercessor). **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.

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 services, programs, educational offerings and events at St. Luke's, visit our website www.stlukescranton.org**



Gather is the Diocese of Bethlehem's annual formation event and *Gather 23 – Piece by Piece* will be held on **May 20, 2023**, at Split Rock Resort in Lake Harmony. This year's keynote speakers are The Rev. Dr. Tricia Lyons and Dr. Lisa Kimball, both from Virginia Theological Seminary. The *Gather 23 – Piece*

by Piece website launched this week with an overview, schedule, keynote speaker information, and other details. The site will be updated in the future with session details and online registration. Be sure to bookmark this page and return to it for the latest information about *Gather 23 – Piece by Piece*: <https://diobeth.org/gather23>.

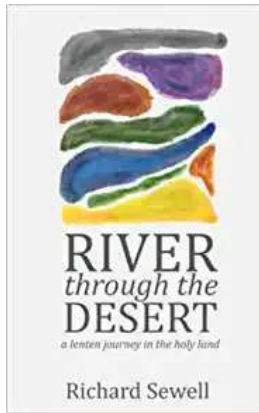
► Food Pantry - Volunteers Needed

St. Luke's will hold its client's choice style food pantry on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 from 1:00 - 3:00PM. Volunteers are needed to register guests, to assist guests as they shop, and to break down tables when the pantry closes at 3:00PM. For more information on how to volunteer or if you or someone you know is in need, please email Sharon Sollami at sharonsollami@gmail.com or Amanda Wrazien at manders018@gmail.com



► **CONFIRMATION CLASS SERVICE PROJECT:** Please help the Confirmation class with their service project! They will be collecting soda tabs from any cans for the Ronald McDonald House. The Ronald McDonald House takes the tabs to be recycled in exchange for funds for supplies needed for families staying at the house. The Confirmation class will be collecting tabs in the bucket located in the back of the church until June 4th. Thank you in advance for helping.

Fridays in Lent:



► **Lenten Loaves and Lessons:** This lay led time of fellowship and reflection on Friday evenings during Lent will begin at 5:30PM with a light (meatless) Lenten supper of soup, salad and bread. The hour together will focus on Lenten meditations from The Very Rev. Canon Richard Sewell's book, *River through the Desert: A Lenten Journey in the Holy Land*. In the weekly reflections, we will "travel" step by step through a landscape riven with the traces of God. As he stops at the Sea of Galilee and as he prays in the Garden of Gethsemane, Sewell reveals that the apparently arid landscape of our own lives can yield surprising nourishment when we take time for prayer, Scripture, and meditation. The six-week program will focus on the physical features of the Holy Land and will include short videos, scripture readings, and reflections. Mother Barnes will enrich the discussions with details of her

own pilgrimage to the Holy Land. As a lay lead offering, volunteers are needed to host and present. For more details, please see Mother Barnes.

► On Friday, February 24, 2023 at 7:00 PM (and continuing at this time on Friday evenings throughout Lent) we will pray the Stations of the Cross followed by Compline.

Christian Education and Formation

► Children

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

Episcopal Youth Event - EYE is a gathering of youth ages 15-19 from around the world who assemble on a college campus to learn, laugh, and worship together. 2023's theme is: *Regreso A Casa: A New Age of Faith*. **EYE for 2023**

will take place from July 3 - 8 at the [University of Maryland](#). EYE is the second largest event the Episcopal Church does, and since this event is held only once every three years. With close to 1,500 people in attendance (including youth, their adult mentors, clergy, and bishops from around the church), EYE programs focus on time spent in worship, large group presentations, small group discussions, workshops on a variety of topics and time to hang-out and meet Episcopalians from around the world. Please pray for our youth who will attend.



► Adult

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." For more information, contact Mother Barnes at mthrbarnes@gmail.com.

Wednesday Bible Study - Throughout the season of Lent we will shift to having a Lectionary based weekly study. Each week, we will explore the upcoming texts for Sunday's liturgy. The Wednesday Bible Study that meets at 1PM following the Healing Eucharist. To access the upcoming readings, go to www.lectionary.net

► **Lenten Pizza Fundraiser**

St. Luke's is partnering with Rosanna's Pizza for the second year for our Lenten Pizza Sale Fundraiser. Rosanna's is offering a coupon that can be redeemed for a plain tray of pizza at either of their locations at 998 Main Ave., Dickson City or 501 N. Hyde Park Ave. in west Scranton. The coupon cost is \$13.00 and it never expires. The coupons are available in the parish office and will be available to purchase throughout Lent. Two coupons will be mailed to parish members so that people can consider purchasing them in support of the fundraiser or they can be returned to the parish office. Please see Rick Ammenhauser for more details.



Easter Basket Giveaway

Easter is right around the corner! 🐰 Friends of the Poor are seeking Basket Donations, wrapped in clear cellophane and filled with candy, sweet snacks, or small toys & games, by March 31, 2023.

St. Luke's will be collecting baskets in Kreidler Hall and drop them off at Friends of the Poor on March 30, 2023.

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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HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

2023 Holy Week and Easter Schedule of Services

PALM SUNDAY VIGIL – April 1, Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist with reading of the Passion at 5:00 p.m.

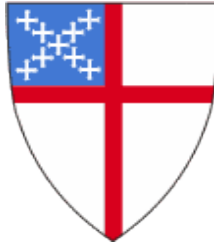
PALM SUNDAY – April 2, Liturgy of the Palms and Sung Holy Eucharist with reading of the Passion - 10:00 a.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY – April 6, Sung Holy Eucharist at 7:00 p.m. followed by Night Watch 'til Midnight.

GOOD FRIDAY – April 7, Good Friday Service, 12 Noon - 3 p.m.; Stations of the Cross -7 p.m.

EASTER VIGIL – April 8, The Great Vigil of Easter - 8:00 p.m.

EASTER DAY – April 9, The Day of the Resurrection with Sung Holy Eucharist - 10:00 a.m. followed by Easter Brunch and an Easter Egg Hunt for children.



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

HOLY EUCHARIST

Saturdays: 5:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist (Said)

(Followed by Coffee Hour in Kreitler Hall on the first week of the month.)

Sundays: 10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist (Sung)

(Please join us each week for Coffee Hour in Kreitler Hall
following the Sunday service)

The first Sunday of each month we offer a "Family Eucharist" with special participation by our youth. On all other Sundays, Sunday School is offered for younger children at 9:30 A.M.

**Wednesdays: 12:10 P.M. Holy Eucharist with prayers
and anointing for healing**

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),
Kathy Selemba (2025—Clerk), Francis McMullen (2024), Bernard Ott (2025),
Sharon Sollami (2026), and Thomas Zurla (2026 – Treasurer)

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