



# SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sung Holy Eucharist II---7:00 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.

**Ascension Day**

**May 18, 2023**

*(Please silence all cell-phones & digital devices until after the Service! Thank you.)*

### SUNG LITURGY OF THE DAY

Setting by William Matthias (1934 –1992)

*The Musicians of Saint Luke's*

*Ms. Meredith Huveneers (Soprano), Mr. Max Roche (Tenor)*

*Mr. Thomas Zurla (Guest Organist)*

Hymns, in numerical order, are in the 1982 Hymnal; service music is listed on the service leaflet and may be found in the front of the 1982 Hymnal, with "S" before the number. "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 printed in the service leaflet.

### 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.*

### PRELUDE

Voluntary

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN #214 "Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!"

*Llanfair*

*All stand as the procession enters the nave.*

### EASTER ACCLAMATION

S78

*Celebrant*

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

*People*

The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant*        Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

*All sit*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## THE FIRST READING    Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 47        *Sung by the Choir*

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**THE SECOND READING****Ephesians 1:15-23**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

**SEQUENCE HYMN #219 “The Lord ascendeth up on high”***Ach Herr, du allerhöchster Gott**All standing***THE HOLY GOSPEL****Luke 24:44-53***All remain standing**Celebrant*

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

*Celebrant*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

Mother Barnes

## THE NICENE CREED

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*All Stand*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Intervessor* As those chosen and appointed by God to bear fruit in love, let us offer prayers to our God who has given us the Holy Spirit saying: ***Alleluia! Hear our prayer.***

For the Church: especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, that in all our ministries we may be emboldened to live and love as Jesus did and so reveal God's love for the world. ***Alleluia! Hear our prayer.***

For this parish family, that we may be filled with hope and remain confident in God's love for us and always see the hand of God in the people and events in our daily life and in the created world around us. ***Alleluia! Hear our prayer.***

For all who experience injustice, that God will raise up and heal those who are disrespected or treated unfairly and bring forth the truth that will set them free. ***Alleluia! Hear our prayer.***

For all who are struggling economically, that God will calm their fears, guide them to resources that will sustain them, and enable them to be open to others who wish to help them. ***Alleluia! Hear our prayer.***

For an end to gun violence in our towns and cities, that the Spirit will awaken a new sense of the dignity of human life and open alternatives to violent confrontations. ***Alleluia! Hear our prayer.***

For troubled people and troubled places, remembering especially, Jordan, Beverly & Frank, Naomi, Elaine, Jennifer, Lynn, Rich, Melvin, Mary Jane, Bill+, Jim, Robin, Vinnie, Amanda, Chris, Heather, Chase, Francis, Carol, David, Althea, Stacy, Isabella, Will, Roger, Jodie, Cheryl, Zachary, Mandy, Gail, and Ian, that God's strong arm will lift them up, ease their suffering and restore them to wholeness. ***Alleluia! Hear our prayer.***

For those who have died, remembering especially, Joanne, Louis, Joe, and Jenny, that they may live forever with God in Christ. ***Alleluia! Hear our prayer.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Blessed Mary the God-bearer, Blessed Luke, and all the saints who have borne witness to the Risen and Ascended Christ, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. ***Alleluia! To you, O Lord, we give praise and glory.***

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, O God of love, you have taught us that your commandment is fulfilled in loving you and our neighbor. Hear our prayers and let your Holy Spirit abide with us, that we may live in you, and you may live in us, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

*All stand.*

*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.*

## **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.*

**OFFERTORY HYMN #544 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun** *Duke Street*

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## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**SURSUM CORDA** S120

**SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS** S128

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION** S133

**THE GREAT AMEN** S146

*The Celebrant then continues*

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

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**S119**

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*A period of silence is kept*

**THE FRACTION ANTHEM**

**S154**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*The Celebrant says*

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.*

*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>

**AT THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION HYMN #307 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor**

*Bryn Calfarina*

**THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

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*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

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 EASTER BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**THE FINAL HYMN #483 “The head that once was crowned with thorns** *St. Magnus*

**THE EASTER DISMISSAL** **S175**

**POSTLUDE** **Voluntary**

### 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 altar flowers are given the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Jean Oressey and Pearl Stanis by Dr. Rich and Gail Stanis.*

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## SPECIAL MINISTERS

**Thursday, 7:00 pm:** TBD (Altar Guild); TBD (Ushers); D. Kraus (Thurifer); A. Guthrie (Crucifer); TBD (Torch Bearers); D. Wegner, C. Winn (Lectors); M. Baccoli (Intercessor); S. Sollami (Chalice Bearer).

**\*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.

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## 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.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

### 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. **Please note that the final session of Sunday School for this season will be May 29, 2023.**



#### ► Youth

**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.

**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.



► **Intergenerational**

**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 & Dr. Lisa Kimball, both from Virginia Theological Seminary. You can now register, preview the sessions and schedule, and learn about discounted hotel rooms on the Gather 23 website: <https://diobeth.org/gather23>. This year there will also be a special offering for youth.

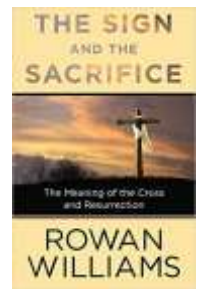
► **Adult**

**Episcopal 101 - An Adult Formation & Inquirers Class**

In preparation for Bishop Kevin’s visit on June 4<sup>th</sup>, Mother Barnes will be offering an abbreviated 7 week *Episcopal 101* class beginning on Sunday, April 16. The class is held following the 10AM Sunday Eucharist (approx. 11:45) in-person at St. Luke’s. (Zoom options will be considered for those who need this option.) This class is an opportunity to explore and learn more about the Episcopal Church and the Anglican tradition. Sessions are open to everyone, no matter where you may be in your journey of faith, but are being offered especially for those who wish to be confirmed or received on June 4, 2023. The text used for this class will be *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs & Practices* by Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson Shobe.

**Wednesday Bible Study** - Each week, following the 12:10 Healing Eucharist the Wednesday Bible Study meets at 1:15 PM. For Eastertide, we are going to be taking a look at scripture and the theology around the meaning of the Cross and Resurrection. We will be using Rowan Williams’ book entitled, *The Sign and the Sacrifice*.

**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](mailto:mthrbarnes@gmail.com).



► **Little Free Library:** With spring weather comes an increase in foot traffic in St. Luke's Memorial Garden and in the number of visitors to our own Little Free Library there. We are currently in need of books for both children and adults. Perhaps you have an extra on your bookshelf to donate or you might consider purchasing and donating some books from a summer yard sale or thrift store.

► **Holy Hikes Northeast Pennsylvania:** On Saturday, May 27, 2023, at 10AM members of St. Luke's Holy Hikes chapter will gather for their monthly hike and Eucharist. *(Please not the date change due to Gather 23!)* The location of the May hike will be on the **Frances Slocum Trail in**



**Frances Slocum State Park** <https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/pennsylvania/francis-slocum-lake-shore-trail?u=i&sh=m0w0ut>) has been rescheduled to May. 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. 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. See you on the trail!

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## Upcoming Concerts at St. Luke's

**Arcadia Chorale - *Opposites Attract with the Doug Smith Jazz Trio.***

**Friday Evening, May 19, 8 PM.** St. Luke's Kreitler Hall

Adults \$15, Seniors \$12, Student always free. <https://arcadiachorale.ticketleap.com>

The Chorale is joined by the Doug Smith jazz trio to present pops with a twist: Our program presents traditional standards in non-traditional voice parts. Enjoy this fun evening with the Chorale!

**Lyric Consort - *I Have Had Singing***

**Sunday Afternoon, May 21, 2023 at 3:00 PM**

General Admission \$10.00, 18 and under FREE

Songs to celebrate the gifts of music and poetry center a concluding program with as much variety as we can find and fit. Sacred, secular, happy, sad, fast, slow, and in-between. Major, minor, and modal, but not atonal; you gotta draw the line somewhere. And hopefully, a new premiere from our friend, Richard Wargo, and a big reception at the end

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### **It's All About Love: A Festival for the Jesus Movement**

Across the church and around the world, we are hungry for revival and renewal. Join us for “It’s All About Love,” a church wide festival of worship, learning, community, and action for the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement, to be held **Sunday, July 9 through Wednesday, July 12**, at the Baltimore Convention Center. Register by May 15 (extended) for Early Bird rate of \$185. “It’s All About Love” features three Jesus Movement festival “tents” – Evangelism, Creation Care, and Racial Reconciliation. Each tent will offer an evening revival worship service and major plenary speaker, plus dozens of daytime workshops, panels, practice opportunities and other ways to engage. Stick with one tent or explore across the tents, following the themes of: worship and liturgy, formation, justice and advocacy, leadership, preaching, stewardship, and youth and children. Featured speakers, preachers, and artists to include Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, President of the House of Deputies Julia Ayala Harris, Brian McClaren, Rev. Mariama White-Hammon, Dr. Kwok Pui-lan, Sarah Augustine, Lilly Lewin, Live Hymnal & Friends, and more! To learn more, visit <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/its-all-about-love/>

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**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.

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**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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