



# SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Holy Eucharist II - 10:00 O'clock AM  
The Reverend Rebecca A. Barnes, Rector

## Our Mission Statement

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

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 21)

October 1, 2023

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

## SUNG LITURGY OF THE DAY

Mass by Susan Calvin Fletcher (b. 1940)

*The Musicians of Saint Luke's*

*Ms. Martina Reid, Guest Soprano; Ms. Meredith Huveneers, Alto;*

*Mr. Max Roche, Tenor; Mr. Christopher Gallo, Bass;*

*Ms. Maria Zengion (Organist and Choirmaster)*

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.

## 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**      **Erbarm dich meine, o Herre Gott 2 vs**      **Joh. Nic. Hanff (1665-1711/12)**

*Based upon psalm 51*

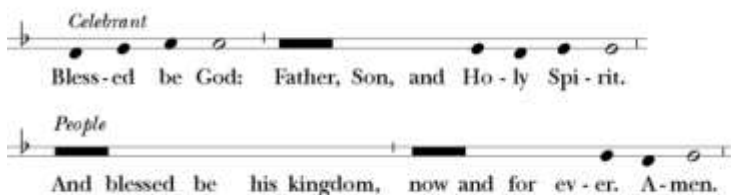
**PROCESSIONAL HYMN #492 Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness**

*Finnian*

*All stand as the procession enters the nave.*

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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## THE KYRIE ELEISON

Susan Calvin Fletcher (b. 1940)

Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer-cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy. \_\_\_\_

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## THE GLORIA

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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<i>The Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>The People</i>	And also with you.
<i>The Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*All sit.*

## THE FIRST READING Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

THE WORD of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

**THE PSALM    Psalm 25:1-8**

*Chanted by the choir*

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**THE SECOND READING      Philippians 2:1-13**

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

**I**F THEN there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death--  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

**SEQUENCE HYMN #435 At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow**

*King's Weston*

*All standing*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**Matthew 21:23-32**

*All stand, as able*

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

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

**W**HEN JESUS entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I

tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

*Reader*           The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

Mother Barnes

*All sit.*



*The Parable of the Father and His Two Sons in the Vineyard,*  
Engraving by Georg Pencz (1500-1550),  
Printed in 1534-35,

## THE NICENE CREED

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*All stand, as able.*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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*The Leader and People pray responsively*

*Interssessor* Let us offer our prayers for the church and for the world, as we pray to the God whose vineyard we tend and who has called us to walk in the Way of Jesus, saying: *Creator God, hear our prayer.*

For the Church: especially Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, that we may more and more put on the mind of Christ and empty ourselves into God's loving care and the service of others. ***Creator God, hear our prayer.***

For this parish family, that we may not only speak of God's way of love, but sincerely commit ourselves to living that way as faithful disciples. ***Creator God, hear our prayer.***

For peace in all places of conflict, that God will touch the hearts and minds of leaders at every level and guide them to serve others with justice and love. ***Creator God, hear our prayer.***

For the healing of the earth, that God will inspire us to act boldly in addressing climate change and other abuses of the earth, that generations to come may share in the bounty of God's creation. ***Creator God, hear our prayer.***

For migrants, refugees and all who have fled violence, starvation, or persecution, that they may find welcome and safe places to live. ***Creator God, hear our prayer.***

For those commended to our prayers, remembering especially, Jordan, Beverly & Frank, Elaine, Jennifer, Lynn, Rich, Mary Jane, Bill+, Robin, Heather, Chase, Jim, Francis, Carol, Althea, Stacy, Isabella, Will, Jodie, Naomi, Richard, Philomena, Kenneth, +Michael, Tyler+, Betty, Bobby, and Jesse, that they may know God's love, mercy, and compassion through the ministry of others. ***Creator God, hear our prayer.***

For all the departed, remembering especially, Mary Ellen, Roy, Donna, Virginia, Edward, Randolph, and Joyce, that they may be exalted with Christ in heaven and confess that he is Lord to the glory of God the Father. ***Creator God, hear our prayer.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer, Francis of Assisi and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. ***To you, Creator God.***

*Celebrant* God of grace, hear our prayers and be at work in us that we may do your will on earth with joyful and obedient hearts, and share in the consolation of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior. ***Amen.***

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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## 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.*

OFFERTORY HYMN #641 Lord Jesus, think on me

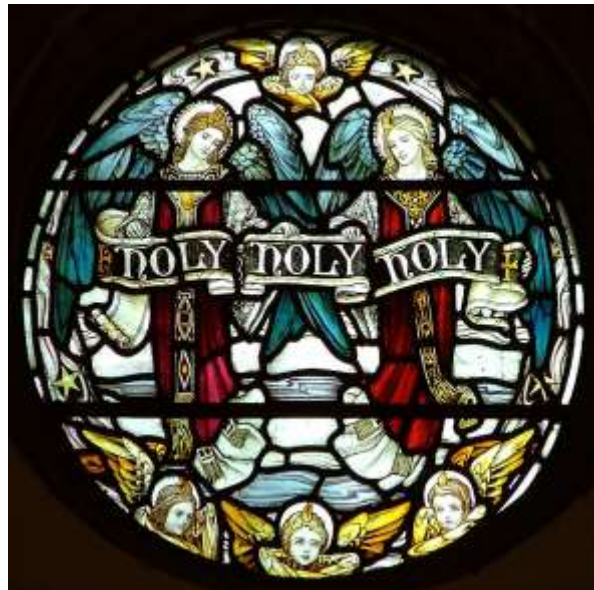
*Southwell*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer A*

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SURSUM CORDA

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## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Fletcher

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and earth are

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is the one

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Fletcher

*Celebrant*

There - fore we pro - claim the mys - ter - y of faith:

*All*

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

## THE GREAT AMEN

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*Celebrant*

*People*

A - men.

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*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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## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*A period of silence is kept*

## THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Fletcher

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of  
God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

## 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>

## COMMUNION ANTHEM Have mercy upon me (Ps 51.1) Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)

*Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness,  
and according to the multitude of thy mercies, do away all mine offences.*

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## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**THE FINAL HYMN #477** All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine

Engelberg

## S174

*Deacon*                      *People*

A musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter notes and half notes. A thick black bar covers the first two measures of the Deacon's part.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

## Voluntary in F

**David N. Johnson (1922-1987)**

## 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 flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by*  
**Grace and Leo Rakauskas by Mario and Lucetta Savinelli.**

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## SPECIAL MINISTERS

**Saturday, 5:00 pm:** L. Savinelli, M. Savinelli (Altar Guild); L. Savinelli, M. Savinelli (Ushers); TBD (Acolyte & Crucifer); S. Sollami (Lector); TBD (Intercessor); S. Sollami (Chalice Bearer).

**Sunday, 10:00 am:** TBD (Altar Guild); **TBD** (Ushers); A. Guthrie (Crucifer and Acolyte); D. Wegner, S. Sollami (Lectors); M. Baccoli (Intercessor); S. Sollami (Chalice Bearer); R. Ammenhauser, **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.

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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



### Fall Stewardship Campaign – Rooted in Abundance (September 17 – November 26)

This weekend, St. Luke's is formally launching its fall Stewardship Campaign. The Campaign will run from **September 17<sup>th</sup> – November 26<sup>th</sup>**. We ask that you pray about how God is calling you to give this year and keep your pledge cards until the ingathering and blessing of pledges on November 26<sup>th</sup>. In recent weeks, we have learned more about the campaign in the insert in the service leaflet. "Our generosity is

informed by the simple theological truth that God has blessed us infinitely with all of the gifts of Creation. Our lives, our labor, our love is devoted to the mission of the Church when we take stock and realize that our lives and our response to God's generosity are Rooted in Abundance. Mother Barnes; Senior Warden, Mickey Baccoli; Vestry Clerk, Kathy Selemba; Treasurer, Tom Zurla; and Sharon Sollami serve on the stewardship team and are happy to answer any questions you may have about stewardship and service.

## Christian Education and Formation

### ► Children

**Sunday School: Sunday School Returned on September 10!** 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 see Rick Ammenhauser or Mother Barnes to register your children for classes.



**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

### ► Youth

This fall we will continue in the momentum of our Youth Confirmation Program and offer *Journey to Adulthood* (J2A) a youth ministry program of spiritual formation for 6th-12th grades. Fully revised and updated, it is centered on inclusive, relational ministry and uses Bible study, prayer, rites of passage, and outreach ministries. Creative, developmentally appropriate lessons are arranged within three categories of Self, Society, and Spirituality. For the benefit of our youth who have just been confirmed, we will use the **4Ward** cohort of J2A which is an inclusive, engaging, relational youth ministry program in a two-year cohort for ages 15-18, concluding with the 4Ward ceremony. Stayed tuned for more information!



### ► Adult

**Wednesday Bible & Book Study** - Each week, following the 12:10 Healing Eucharist the Wednesday Bible/Book Study group meets at 1:15 PM. Beginning in September, the midweek Bible study will begin *The Path: A Journey Through the Bible*. *The Path* is the story of the Bible excerpted from the New Revised Standard Version so that it is clear and easy to read. Follow the path of God's love all the way from the beginning to the end from creation and John's revelation. With informative trail signs to help one see how each piece of the narrative fits together, *The Path* is an overview of the vast, sweeping story of God's love for ordinary people. The Path is available through Forward Movement (<https://www.forwardmovement.org/>); pdfs will be distributed for the weekly class.



**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).



**Daughters of the King**  
 Invite all Women of the Diocese of Bethlehem  
 to Fall Assembly at  
**Cathedral Church of the Nativity**  
**Bethlehem, PA**  
 October 28<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

**Developing a Rule of Life**  
**The Rev. Dr. Hillary Raining**

Drawing closer to Jesus takes both desire and commitment. That's where a Rule of Life can come in. For centuries, Christians have used this discipline to order their lives to more closely conform to that of Jesus Christ.

In this workshop, Hillary Raining will help the Daughters of the King strengthen their Rules of Life and bring deeper peace to their daily practices. All women of the Bethlehem Diocese are invited to join the members of Daughters of the King for this event.

Come for a day of refreshment, creation, and conversation.

Kindly register by October 24 to: [mfd.dok@gmail.com](mailto:mfd.dok@gmail.com)  
 Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.




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## ► Intergenerational



Special Holy Hike for the Season of Creation – On Sunday, October 1, 2023 at 3pm there will be a special Holy Hike in celebration of the Season of Creation. We will meet at the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Trailhead on Elm Street and walk towards Taylor. This section of the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail, is home to "Ohn Te Oak" ("Where they fish"), which was once a Native American fishing village and Haudenosaunee diplomacy trail from the Wyoming Valley through the Lackawanna Valley and north to Syracuse. This corridor is now a popular section of the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail that pays homage to the indigenous peoples who long ago recognized the site's natural beauty and potential as a travel route.

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► **Wear Your Evangelism:** Members of St. Luke's Fundraising Team will soon be taking orders for shirts and hats that feature two embroidered logos; one that incorporates the traditional winged ox with our motto, "*In the heart of things*"; and the other with the Episcopal shield with our parish name and location. The polos and baseball caps are available in more than a dozen colors and multiple sizes, including youth sizes. We are not limited in the ways to show our logos; we are also considering offering reusable bags, water bottles, knit hats, screen printed t-shirts, and sweatshirts as interest grows. Is our goal to raise money for the general fund? Yes. As important though is our desire to make St. Luke's folks easily recognizable to new comers at parish events, or as we serve in the community. Our logos are striking and will invite those who see them to ask about our parish and its ministries giving us all the opportunity to invite people to worship or to learn more about who we are and what we believe. Pricing information and order forms will be available soon. Check out the display in Kreitler Hall of available items. If you have questions, or would like to place an order, please see Mother Barnes, Mickey Baccoli, Rick Ammenhauser, Tom Zurla, and Sharon Sollami.





► **Friends Helping Friends** - St. Luke's is again participating in Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" fundraiser. You can purchase a 25% off shopping pass to be used in store on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at all Boscov's stores; the \$5.00 purchase price goes directly to St. Luke's general fund. The passes make a nice surprise gift for mom, daughter, grandma, aunt, or any special shopper in your life. With your purchase you'll be entered to win a \$100 Boscov's gift card, too. The passes are available from any vestry member or in the church office. If you have any questions, or would like to help in selling the passes, contact Rick Ammenhauser at (570) 347-8681.

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► **Senior Space Thank You:** On Sunday, September 24, following the 10:00AM Mass, St. Luke's resumed Senior Space, a long-standing ministry of our parish in which our downtown neighbors are invited to join us for a luncheon, conversation, entertainment, and fellowship. We had a wonderful turn out and many favorable responses from our guest. All enjoyed a delicious pasta and meatball dinner with salad and dessert. Thank you to all who served, provided food and donated door prizes, your kindness touched the hearts of all.

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**DOK Service Project** (*Submitted by Carol Winn*) St. Luke's St. Elizabeth of Hungary Chapter of the Daughters of the King will begin collecting items for the Women's Resource Center this September. The Women's Resource Center provides services including emergency shelter and safe housing for those affected by domestic violence in Lackawanna and Susquehanna Counties. A collection box will be available at the back of the nave. Donations of the following items would greatly assist those in need:

- Full-size personal hygiene items (deodorant, soap, shampoo, lotion)
- Combs, brushes, nail clippers, etc.
- Twin and queen bedding in good condition (blankets, sheets, pillowcases)
- Towels and washcloths
- Laundry detergent
- Size 6-7 toddler's diapers (no infant diapers please)
- Suitcases
- Fabric tote bags
- Non-perishable food items (canned meats, vegetables, peanut butter, noodles, pasta, spaghetti sauce, etc.)

The DOK greatly appreciate your participation in this ongoing service to our community.

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### **THIS FRIDAY!**

**St. Luke's Annual First Friday Blessing of the Animals,**  
October 6, 2023:

Doors open from 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm.

Pet Blessing will be at 6:30 P.M. All pets are welcome (leashed or in cages, please).

In addition to the blessing service, St. Cats and Dogs will be our special guests and will have cats available for adoption. Briar Ledge Jewelry will also be a guest vendor.





## Diocesan Convention - October 13 & 14

Diocesan Convention this year will be a two-day, in-person event on **October 13 and October 14, 2023**, at the Centennial Conference Center in Center Valley, PA.

Friday evening will include a diocesan worship service followed by dinner, featuring Bishop Clarence Bester, Bishop of Wangaratta from the Anglican Church of Australia. All are welcome to attend but we ask that you please register for this worship and dinner to guarantee your seat. We will begin gathering at 4:30 p.m., with worship beginning at 5:30 p.m. and dinner beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday will include the business portion of Diocesan Convention for canonical clergy, elected convention delegates, and alternates. Check-in will begin at 9:00 a.m. with the hope of convention being called to order at 10:00 a.m. and finishing before 3:00 p.m.

Further details about Diocesan Convention such as elections, hotel rooms, and resolutions will be published to the diocesan website as they become available. For more information visit: <https://diobeth.org/diocesan-convention/>.

**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.



## October 1, 2023 – Pentecost 18 (A) Evangelism Grants

Episcopal institutions are invited to apply for evangelism grants to support local and regional efforts to grow Episcopal ministries, resources, and gatherings. The application deadline is **Oct. 13**.

The grant application, criteria, requirements, budget information, and more are available online in English, Spanish, and French: <https://iam.ec/evangelismgrants>.

The grants committee will consider proposals for up to \$2,000 for individual faith communities and up to \$8,000 for multichurch, diocesan, provincial, and other regional collaborations. A total of \$125,000 is available for this funding cycle.

The 2023 grant focus is on evangelism initiatives that minister across barriers. Projects that would fit this theme include the following:

- Collaborative, lay-led ministries that are not clergy dependent.
- Ministries that explicitly support and include communities traditionally underrepresented in The Episcopal Church.
- Ministries that engage new ways of being the church in new spaces.

“Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has noted that evangelism is not about building bigger churches but rather about building a better world,” said Jerusalem Greer, manager of evangelism and discipleship. “The same is true for this evangelism grant cycle; we are looking for applicants and projects committed to sharing the Good News of God in Christ in ways that build relationships, heal brokenness, and invite people to create a better world together.”



The Episcopal Evangelism grants program began in 2017 in response to the 2015 General Convention’s increased investment in evangelism. The program is coordinated by the Executive Council Joint Standing Committee on Mission Within The Episcopal Church in collaboration with evangelism staff. During the 2018-2021 triennium, 12 Episcopal communities were awarded grants, out of 59 applicants.



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## Rooted in Abundance Conversation

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**DEAN JULIA** Trinity Cathedral has a long history of welcoming Latino worshippers, but I feel like we still have so much to learn about being stewards of our community's diversity.

**CANON FILEMÓN** Yes, being rooted in abundance means caring for the whole tree. Not just the visible parts, but also the roots. It's not enough to just see Latino people in church. We need to understand what's going on with them at a deeper level. In Latino ministry, caring for the roots comes through deep listening, and the abundance of our hospitality.

**CANON FILEMÓN** Abundance is a blessing. I can never give enough to God. Whatever I give, God gives more. The tree of life is a very powerful image for us. When God is present in our lives, our roots are deep, and we have more to give.

**DEAN JULIA** I hope that we can learn to recognize abundance and practice generosity even when we don't see or feel it. Trees have an extraordinary resiliency for bearing fruit in good times and in hard times.

**CANON FILEMÓN** Agreed, and—as a gardener—I also know that an abundance of fruit is subject to rot or pests if it's not shared.

**DEAN JULIA** We're in what we call stewardship season in most of our English-speaking churches. I like that term when we talk about our care for relationships or for the earth and its trees, but I'm not always convinced that stewardship is the best word for church fundraising.

**CANON FILEMÓN** It's actually a problematic term in Spanish because it means something like "power over others" rather than "care for others." I prefer to talk about making promises (*promesas*), which implies a mutuality of relationship.

**DEAN JULIA** Like the roots of trees, our promises to our each other, within diverse communities, allow us to share abundance with each other. | [ten.org](https://ten.org)



### Questions for Reflection:

Imagine you have a fruit tree in your garden or yard. Assuming you don't keep all the fruit for yourself, how would you handle an abundance of fruit? Within the metaphor of stewardship, would you give away the best fruit, picked fresh? The fruit that falls to the ground but is still good? Or the leftovers after you have picked what you wanted?




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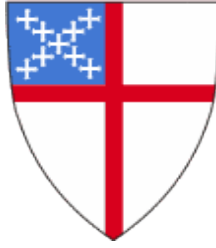
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