



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 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 19) September 17, 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. Meredith Huvneers, Soprano; Ms. Beatrice Chindemi, Guest Alto;

Dr. Alan Baker, Guest Tenor; Dr. Joshua Harper, Guest 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

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 #410 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Lauda anima

All stand as the procession enters the nave.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

S78

Celebrant

Bless-ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev-er. A-men.

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

S279

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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The Celebrant The Lord be with you.

The People **And also with you.**

The Celebrant Let us pray.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All sit.

THE FIRST READING Genesis 50:15-21

Reader A reading from the Book of Genesis.

REALIZING THAT their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers said, “What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?” So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, ‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said,

“We are here as your slaves.” But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM Psalm 103:1-13

Chanted by the choir

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THE SECOND READING Romans 14:1-12

Reader A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

WELCOME THOSE who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

 "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
 and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN #776 (WLP) No saint on earth lives life to self alone

Song 1

All standing

1. No saint on earth lives life to self a - lone
2. For to this end our Lord by death was slain,

or dies a - lone, for we with Christ are one.
that to new life he might a - rise a - gain.

So if we live, for Christ a - lone we live,
Through sor - row on to tri - umph Christ has led,

and if we die, to Christ our dy - ing give.
and reigns o'er all: the liv - ing and the dead.

In liv - ing and in dy - ing this con - fess:
 In liv - ing and in dy - ing, him we bless.

we are the Lord's, safe in God's faith - ful - ness.
 We are the Lord's, safe in God's faith - ful - ness.

Words: J. W. Schulte-Nordholt; tr. Norman J. Kansfield. Music: *Song 1*, melody and bass Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt. *From Hymns for Church and School* 1964.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

All stand, as able

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

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

PETER CAME and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all

that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord 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 Leader and People pray responsively

Intersessor Confident of the gracious and ever-widening mercy of God, let us pray for the Church and the world, saying, ***Creator God, hear our prayer.***

For the Church: especially Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, that as we proclaim the love of Christ in words and deeds, we may be signs of your peace and instruments of your reconciliation. ***Creator God, hear our prayer.***

For this parish family, that we may bear witness to God’s unconditional love by opening our hearts to a deeper relationship with Christ. ***Creator God, hear our prayer.***

For greater care of the earth, that we may be inspired to heal the damage done to the ecosystem, be freed from narrow vision, and work to change the ways that we misuse God’s gift of nature. ***Creator God, hear our prayer.***

For the people of Libya and Morocco, that God will hold them close, comfort the grieving, protect them from further harm and speed the assistance that they need. ***Creator God, hear our prayer.***

For all who have experienced terrorism, violence or war, that God will help them break the cycle of violence and help them choose paths of justice and peace. ***Creator God, hear our prayer.***

For communities in strife, that God’s Spirit will open opportunities for dialogue in places of violence, bring an end to injustice, and help all to respect the dignity and value of every person. ***Creator God, hear our prayer.***

For all who live with poverty, injustice, isolation, or sickness, remembering especially Jordan, Beverly & Frank, Elaine, Jennifer, Lynn, Rich, Mary Jane, Bill+, Jim, Robin, Heather, Chase, Francis, Carol, Althea, Stacy, Isabella, Will, Jodie, Naomi, Richard, Jonita, Philomena, Kenneth, +Michael, Tyler+, Betty, and Bobby, that God will comfort them, give them hope, and raise them up. ***Creator God, hear our prayer.***

For all the departed, remembering especially Ellen, Mary Ellen, Roy, Donna, and Virginia, that having died to the Lord, they may live with him forever. **Creator God, hear our prayer.**

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Blessed Mary the God-bearer, Blessed Luke, Blessed Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. **To you, O God of all creation.**

Celebrant God of infinite mercy, hear the prayers we offer this day, bring your merciful forgiveness into our lives, and free us from all division and pride, that we may become your instruments of pardon and peace, in the power of the Holy 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 ANTHEM

Christus factus est

Felice Anerio (1560-1614)

*Christus factus est pro nobis obediens
usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis.*

*Christ became obedient for us unto death,
even to the death, death on the cross*

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 HYMN #336 Come with us, O blessed Jesus

Werde munter

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

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THE FINAL HYMN #690 Guide me, O thou great Jehova

Cwm Rhondda

THE DISMISSAL

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

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 flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of deceased members of the
Kane-Sandrowicz family by Jim and Anne Cianfichi*

*The candle beside the Ambry, in which the Blessed Sacrament is reserved, has been given in loving memory of
James D. & John Guzzi by Carole Guzzi.*

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Rooted ^{IN} Abundance
Family

I am the daughter of the longtime stewardship chair of the church I grew up in. My home parish of St. James, Roanoke, is like a taproot for me. It's where I went to Sunday school, youth group, and served as an acolyte. People in invested in me and gave me leadership opportunities. As an Asian American queer from the south, I never thought of God as judging me. I have been watered by living waters of people who've nurtured me. I pledge every year to my church because I want to tend and water others.

The legacy of family roots me in abundance. I was raised on stories of woman in my (Japanese & Korean) family who were boundary crossers. My ancestors crossed oceans because they had to. My parents were married not long after the Loving v. The State of Virginia case, so that was a boundary crossing too. They taught me that love is more powerful than racism: they showed me that you do what you think is right even when it's hard.



Questions for Reflection:

How do your practices of generosity come from and through your family heritage? What habits were ingrained in you?

I'm so motivated by wanting to do right by my ancestors. Both my family, and also my chosen/queer ancestors, some of whom died just so that I could live. Right now I work for Showing Up for Racial Justice to mobilize white communities for racial and economic justice. We don't have to be divided by racism. Like tree roots, we can be a network of solidarity.

The prophet Jeremiah reminds me "blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream." (Jeremiah 17:7). I am rooted in God, and in the belief in an abundant creator. I would stake my life on that. | [esc.org](https://www.esc.org)



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THE EPISCOPAL NETWORK FOR STEWARDSHIP

SPECIAL MINISTERS

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

Sunday, 10:00 am: TBD (Altar Guild); **TBD** (Ushers); H. Asvazadourian (Crucifer and Acolyte); D. Kraus, M. Huveneers (Lectors); A. Wrazien (Intercessor); A. Wrazien (Chalice Bearer); **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.

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.

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 17th – November 26th**. 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 26th. 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 experience unlike any other: an amazing 360 degree 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.

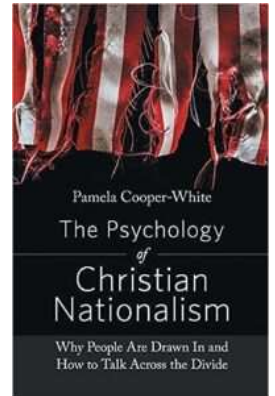
People of Faith Coming Together 2023 As in 2022, the Scranton Area Multifaith Ministerium is sponsoring “*People of Faith Coming Together*” in 2023. The full schedule will be announced soon. September opportunities to visit and learn about other faith traditions:


- **September 17, 2023 Covenant Presbyterian**, Corner of Olive and Madison Ave. *175th anniversary* at 1:00PM - 3:00PM

► ***The Psychology of Christian Nationalism: Why People Are Drawn In and How to Talk Across the Divide* by Pamela Cooper-White.**

On three Thursdays in September (Sept. 7, 14, and 28) at 7PM St. Luke's will conduct a study of Dr. Cooper-White's brilliant and courageous book. One chapter of the three chapter book will be covered each evening:

- Sept 7 - Unholy Alliances: Christian Nationalism, White Supremacy, and the Pursuit of Power
- Sept 14 - Why Are People Drawn In by Extremist Beliefs? Conscious Needs and Unconscious Lures
- Sept. 28 - How to Talk Across the Divide: Creating Human Ties across (Extreme) Difference





Daughters of the King
Invite all Women of the Diocese of Bethlehem
to Fall Assembly at
Cathedral Church of the Nativity
Bethlehem, PA
 October 28th - 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
 Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.



► **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.

Social Justice and Community Outreach Ministry

► Holy Hikes Northeast Pennsylvania, a ministry of our parish, is planning a very special September 16, 2023 walk in support of all those who have been diagnosed with brain cancer, specifically Glioblastoma.

We are joining forces with Stachestrong, a 501(c)3 non-profit built on the core values of strength and togetherness. Organized in 2017, StacheStrong has raised over \$3,000,000 for brain cancer research.



St. Luke's has registered its own team (St. Luke's Episcopal Church Scranton PA) to walk in a 5K at Vestal High School in Vestal, NY set for Saturday, September 16, 2023 at 3:00PM. You can support our team in three ways. You can participate in person; or join in virtually, or make a donation on behalf of our team.

Visit <https://www.stachestrong.org> and click on "Register for the 5K". From there you will have the option to join our team aptly named St. Luke's Episcopal Church - Scranton PA. Please note that even if you are not able to attend in person, you can help to raise funds by signing up for a virtual 5k. All participants (virtual or in person) will receive a StacheStrong t-shirt and will have a fundraising page created to help you solicit donations, all proceeds of which will be credited to our team and used to expand brain cancer research.

In the weeks to come, more information will be available about ways to support this effort. But in the meantime, please register for our team at <https://www.stachestrong.org> as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please speak with Maria Zengion or email Sharon Sollami at sharonsollami@gmail.com

► Hawa'i Fire Response

High winds from Hurricane Dora and drought conditions combined to accelerate the growth of brush fires that devastated the Lahaina community in Hawai'i. Episcopal Relief & Development is in contact with the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i in the wake of wildfires that have killed many people and displaced hundreds of families on Maui. They are calling on churches to help support the response. Please consider visiting episcopalrelief.org to make a donation today. Partner with Episcopal Relief & Development to provide support to people affected by the deadly fires in Hawai'i. [Visit episcopalrelief.org to make a contribution](http://episcopalrelief.org)



► **Senior Space Returns:** On Sunday, September 24, following the 10:00AM Mass, St. Luke's Vestry will host Senior Space, a long-standing ministry of our parish in which our downtown neighbors are invited to join us for a luncheon, entertainment, and kinship. The goal is to provide our guests, many of them seniors, with an opportunity for socialization to minimize the loneliness and isolation so many of them are experiencing. What better way to do that than around the table with conversation, fun, and a great meal? The vestry is looking for volunteers to assist on the day of the event and hopes that you will consider volunteering to serve. A sign-up sheet with specific responsibilities will be posted in Israel Lounge. We are looking for six people/families to bake one dozen brownies each (no nuts, please) for a homemade dessert, and six more parties to donate a dozen soft dinner rolls; that sign-up sheet will also be posted in Israel Lounge. The vestry is also looking for someone who would consider donating their musical talent to provide some entertainment for our guests. Perhaps you could provide a music background during lunch by playing the piano or leading in a few songs? If so, please see Mother Barnes to be considered.



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.

SAVE THE DAY!

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. 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.





September 17, 2023 – Pentecost 16 (A)

Episcopal Service Corps Program Spotlight: Plainsong Farm & Ministry

Plainsong Farm & Ministry is an Episcopal Service Corps program in Rockford, Michigan, dedicated to cultivating connections between people, places, and God. By making a place that nurtures belonging and the radical renewal of God's world, Plainsong Farm is a living laboratory where fellows can experiment with how to pray, belong, grow, rest, serve, and play.

Plainsong Farm is currently recruiting Corps members between the ages of 21 and 32 for its 2023-2024 program year. Over nine months, Plainsong Fellows will experience:



- A balanced life of prayer, feasts, play, rest, study, conversation, retreats, and work
- Immersion in regenerative agriculture and conservation practices for health and healing of all creation
- Weekly evening formation gatherings which include cooking farm-fresh meals, Christian scripture, hands-on activities, contextual analysis of power, possession, people, and place, both in history and today, and doing the dishes
- Conflict resolution coaching
- Monthly field trips
- Life in community with one another and the various intergenerational communities of Plainsong Farm
- Lots of cucumbers
- And embodied practice

Dates of service: January 14, 2024 to November 1, 2024

Weekly commitment: 32 work hours per week, 8 formation hours per week

Compensation: \$425 monthly stipend, housing on the farm, utilities, end-of-service award, health insurance, spiritual direction, and seasonal vegetables. This leads to a total estimated value of \$12,000.

About Episcopal Service Corps

Now in its 23rd year, Episcopal Service Corps (ESC) is built on the belief that change happens when we bring together diverse teams of committed and passionate young leaders ages 21-32 and support them as they tackle some of our nation's most difficult challenges. Find out more about Plainsong Farm at <https://www.plainsongfarm.com/>. Learn about Episcopal Service Corps at <https://episcopalservicecorps.org>, and apply today at <https://episcopalservicecorps.org/apply/>.



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FRIDAY
SEPT
22
7PM

St. Luke's
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Scranton

SATURDAY
SEPT
23
7PM

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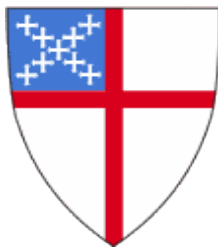
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HOLY EUCHARIST

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
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