



SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Said Holy Eucharist---5:00 O'clock PM (Vigil)

The Reverend Rebecca A. Barnes, Rector

Our Mission Statement

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

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2024

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

“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 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.*

All stand, as able, as the procession enters the nave.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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GLORIA

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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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Acts 8:26-40

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

AN ANGEL of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 22:24-30

Read in unison

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THE SECOND READING**1 John 4:7-21**

Reader A reading from the First Letter of John.

BELOVED, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL**John 15:1-8**

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

JESUS SAID to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask

for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Mother Barnes

THE NICENE CREED *(All stand, as able)*

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intersessor As branches of Jesus, the living Vine, we seek to abide in the Spirit of love and bring our prayers to God, saying: *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the Church, especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, that our faith may deepen, our hope be strengthened, and our love abound in deeds of loving service and justice. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For this parish family, that we may continually draw life from Christ and bear a rich harvest of love and service for God’s glory. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the grace of letting go, that God will help us to let go of those things which need to be pruned so that life and love may flow through us as signs of God’s tender care. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all who feel cut off from God, friends, themselves or life itself, that God will show them how they are connected and from whom they can draw life. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For an end to war and violence in all places, that God will turn hearts from destructive deeds, open pathways for dialogue, and protect the innocent from harm. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all who are in need of our prayers, remembering especially, Jordan, Frank, Elaine, Lynn, Rich, Mary Jane, Bill+, Robin, Heather, Chase, Francis, Carol, Althea, Stacy, Isabella, Will, Jodie, Naomi, Richard, Philomena, Ken, Jesse, Dave, Mike, Kyle, John, Tim, Debbie, Lilly, and Justin, that Christ will renew the gift of life within them and strengthen them in God’s love. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those who have died, remembering especially Daniel+, Frankie, and Mary that they may abide in the love of God forever. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer, the Apostles Philip & James and all the saints who have borne witness to the Risen 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 Lord our God, who abides in all who love you. Hear the prayers we offer this day and give us your Spirit of peace so that loving one another we may walk in the way that leads to eternal life. Glory to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. **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

THE 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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer A **BCP page 361**

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD **BCP page 362**

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION **BCP page 363**

GREAT AMEN **BCP page 363**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Traditional)* **BCP page 364**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD **BCP page 364**

A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM *Agnus Dei* **BCP page 337**

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. The Celebrant will place the consecrated host in the palm of your hand; a Eucharistic minister will then offer you the common cup. We ask that you do not instinct (dip the bread in the wine). If you wish, the Celebrant will instinct for you; you may indicate your desire to receive in this manner by keeping your hands folded. If you do not wish to receive communion, we invite you to come forward to receive 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>

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE EASTER BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

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Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ, alleluia, alleluia.

People *Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.*

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.*

This week's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Torrington R. and Ruth Davis Watkins on the occasion of their 100th Wedding Anniversary
by **Torrington D. and Judith Watkins.**

The candle beside the Aumbry, in which the Blessed Sacrament is reserved, has been given in loving memory of
Jeffrey Tilberry by Sharon Sollami.

SPECIAL MINISTERS

Saturday, 5:00 pm: TBD (Altar Guild); M. Savinelli, L. Savinelli, (Ushers); D. Kraus (Crucifer and Acolyte); TBD (Lector); D. Kraus (Intercessor); TBD (Chalice Bearer); **TBD** (Counters).

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

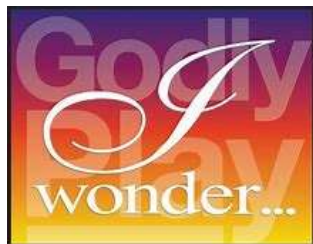
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

► **Pentecost Geranium Fundraiser:** May 19th is Pentecost Sunday and the color is red! To help St. Luke's celebrate, we invite you to purchase red geraniums in memory of a loved one to place on the altar for Pentecost and then to be taken home with you after the 10:00AM service on the 19th for use in your own garden or to be donated to the parish for the Warren Memorial Garden. All proceeds will benefit the parish general fund. The cost is \$7.00 each or 3 for \$20.00. To order, please complete the order form (found in the service leaflet or on the table in the Nave) and place it in an envelope with cash or your check made payable to St. Luke's Church and place the envelope in the offering plate during any services leading up to the May 12, 2024 deadline. You can also leave your order in the parish office or with an usher. Please contact Robin O'Hearn at 1.570.963.5407 with any questions.

► **Lenten Pizza Sale Extended** - Vouchers for Roseanna's Pizza are still available, however, the restaurant fell behind in getting tickets to us to sell so we will not be mailing tickets out to parishioners as planned. There are plenty of tickets available in the church office, from any Vestry member, or by seeing Mother Barnes. Voucher that can be redeemed for a plain tray of pizza at either of their location at 998 Main Ave., Dickson or 501 N. Hyde Park Ave. in west Scranton. Please consider buying a voucher or two to gift to a friend or neighbor. all proceeds will benefit the general fund of the parish. Thank you to Rick Ammenhauser for co-ordinating this fundraiser. Please contact Rick at imgold67@aol.com for more information

Christian Education and Formation

► Children



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. **To register your child please contact Mother Barnes at mthrbarnes@gmail.com or Rick Ammenhauser at imgold67@aol.com**

Family Eucharist is held on the first Sunday of the month. The children and youth play a direct role in the 10am worship service by serving as ushers, acolytes and lectors.

► Adult

Wednesday Bible & Book Study – Each week, following the 12:10 Healing Eucharist the Wednesday Bible/Book Study group meets at 1:15 PM.

Currently, the midweek Bible study is exploring ***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/>) or Amazon; 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." This form of prayer invites one to enter into a deeper relationship with God by being open and receptive to the presence and action of God in our lives. No prior experience is necessary. For more information, contact Mother Barnes at mthrbarnes@gmail.com or call the parish office.

► Register now for Gather 24

Registration for Gather 24 on May 4, 2024, is now open. There are 21 sessions to choose from at Gather 24, and the day includes lunch, hearing from Bishops, worship, and lots of other fun and fellowship opportunities. The \$25 registration fee helps offset the event site cost, meals and snacks, prizes, and other event costs (scholarships are available for those with need). We suggest you preview the session descriptions before registering: click here: <https://diobeth.org/gather24/gather24sessions/> Register now: click here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/.../gather-24-registration...> Gather is the Diocese of Bethlehem's annual formation event. Gather 24 is May 4, 2024, at PNC Field (just south of Scranton), home of the RailRiders, a Triple-A baseball team. The Gather 24 page on the diocesan website includes the day's schedule and links and will be updated with more information as available: diobeth.org/gather24



Community Outreach and Social Justice

► **Little Free Library** - Please consider donating books or magazines to our Little Free Library found in the Memorial Garden. With spring and summer comes an increase in foot traffic through the garden and of late we have found ourselves with few books to offer. Your donation can be left in the large tub found under the coat rack in Israel Lounge, or you can simply add your donation to the library as space allows.

► Safe Church classes are hitting the road and coming to YOU!

After hearing your feedback, we're thrilled to announce that in-person classes are back, alongside our trusted online option. Now you can choose what works best for you!

Registration is now open! Choose from these two sessions offered at Prince of Peace in Dallas ([420 Main St, Dallas PA 18612](#)).

Remember, you only need to attend one of the days.

- **Friday, May 10th, 1:00pm - 5:00pm**
- **Saturday, May 11th, 9:00am - 1:00pm**

Register online: [click here](#). If you have questions, please contact Tim Wagner (tim@diobeth.org). Let's continue the vital work of protecting everyone in our communities together.

Upcoming Concerts at St. Luke's

► **SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024 at 8:00 PM - Lyric Consort: Elizabethan Voices.** Music of Thomas Tallis, William Byrd, and selections from “The Triumphs of Oriana.” Admission \$10. Reception to follow. lyricconsort.com

The Lyric Consort presents
Elizabethan Voices
Works by Thomas Tallis, William Byrd &
Selections from *The Triumphs of Oriana*
Saturday, May 11, 2024, 8:00 pm
St. Luke's Episcopal Church of Scranton
Reception to Follow
\$10.00 General Admission




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.



April 28, 2024 – Easter 5 (B)
General Convention Young Adult Festival

Registration is open online for The Episcopal Church Young Adult Festival, scheduled to run during six days of the 81st General Convention this summer in Louisville, Kentucky. The deadline for participants needing housing is **May 6**; commuter registration deadline is **May 31**. Apply here: iam.ec/yaf2024.

The Young Adult Festival is designed for those ages 18-30 to meet peers from across the globe, pray and learn together, engage in the church's legislative process, and help discern God's call for The Episcopal Church.

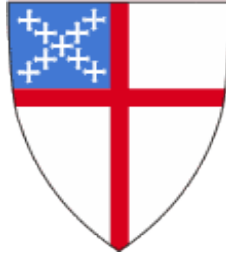
"This is a wonderful way for young adults to get to know more about General Convention, to understand more how our church creates priorities and budgets, to meet other young adults, to learn more about ministries across the church, to meet the presiding bishop and the president of the House of Deputies, to worship together, and to explore together," said the Rev. Shannon Kelly, staff officer for Young Adult and Campus Ministries. "We look forward to welcoming everyone to Louisville."

General Convention will be held June 23-28 at the Kentucky International Convention Center. The Young Adult Festival will run from June 21-26, with programming events at the Galt House Hotel.

The cost for the event ranges between \$135 and \$595, depending on housing choices. Registration for those traveling to Louisville includes five nights of housing at the Galt House Hotel, dinner on June 22, General Convention registration, and all Young Adult Festival programming and activities. Space is limited for housing. Registration for commuters includes dinner, convention registration, and all festival programming and activities.



For more information, contact the Rev. Shannon Kelly: skelby@episcopalchurch.org.



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 (2027 —Junior Warden),
Kathy Selemba (2025—Clerk), Kimberly DeSanto (2027), Bernard Ott (2025),
Sharon Sollami (2026), and Thomas Zurla (2026 – Treasurer)

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