



SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

Our Mission Statement

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

The Sundays after Pentecost: September 10 - November 24

(Propers 18 through Christ the King Sunday)

(Broadcast Link: <https://www.facebook.com/St-Lukes-Episcopal-Church-Scranton-PA-215512459865/>)

(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 found 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

BCP page 356

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP page 225

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING *(See service leaflet insert)*

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

PSALM *(See service leaflet insert)*

THE SECOND READING *(See service leaflet insert)*

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ...
People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED *(All stand, as able)* BCP page 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Form VI BCP page 392

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION BCP page 360

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

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In this prayer, the lines in italics are spoken by the People.

SURSUM CORDA

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SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

THE GREAT AMEN

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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

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LAMB OF GOD

BCP page 337

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy 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. 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 BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

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Celebrant Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People *Thanks be to God.*

PRAYER AFTER THE SERVICE

Grant, we beseech *thee*, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through *thy* grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of *thy* Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Christian Education and Formation

► Children



Sunday School: St. Luke's uses **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. Fall classes resumed on September 8, 2024.

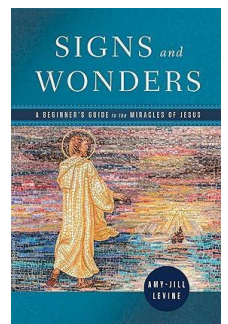
To enroll your child for fall classes, please contact Rick Ammenhauser at imgold67@aol.com

Family Eucharist is held on the first Sunday of the month. The children and youth play a direct role in the 10:00am worship service by serving as ushers, acolytes and lectors.

► Adult

Book Study: St. Luke's is offering a six-week lay lead book study.. We are reading and discussing Amy-Jill Levine's book entitled *Signs and Wonders: A Beginner's Guide to the Miracles of Jesus*.

In it, Levine "explores selected miracles of Jesus in historical and theological context. For each miracle, she discusses not only how past witnesses would have understood the events, but also how today's readers can draw meaning from Jesus's words and actions." We will be taking a closer look at Jesus' miracles in healing the paralyzed man, the stilling of the storm from Mark, the feeding of the five thousand, the woman hemorrhaging, restoring sight to a blind man, and the raising of Lazarus.



We meet on Friday evenings at 5:30PM for ninety minutes. Everyone is encouraged to read the assigned chapter in advance; this is a hybrid offering via Zoom. Here's the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88967420817?pwd=zq2nufSi92qYRvohKV9Ce4ROL2naP.1#success>.

Each session is a stand alone, so feel free to join the group for one or all sessions. Consider bringing your own brown bag supper/snack to enjoy! There is a sign up sheet in Israel Lounge. Levine's book *Signs and Wonders: A Beginner's Guide to the Miracles of Jesus* is available from several online sources and participants should order their own copy.

Please see any Vestry member for more information.

Holy Hikes of Northeast Pennsylvania: St. Luke's has resumed its monthly Holy Hikes and will be hiking/walking on the third Saturday of each month. David Wegner will announce the location and time for each walk on the parish Facebook page.

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 the parish office.

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends - St. Luke's is again participating in the Boscov's *Friends Helping Friends* program. The passes are available for \$5.00 each and you will save 25% on all your purchases on Tuesday, October 22, 2024. It's not too early to buy your pass. Please consider taking a few extra to sell to friends and neighbors. All proceeds will benefit the parish general fund. The passes are available in the parish office or from any Vestry member.



Blessing of the Animals

St. Luke's will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi in conjunction with Scranton's First Friday celebration on Friday, October 4. Doors open at 6:00PM and the blessing service by Fr. Nick Lorenzetti begins at 6:30. All pets are welcome (leashed or in carriers, please.) In addition to the blessing service, St. Cats and Dogs will be joining us to introduce us to some of their cats up for adoption; come and learn more about the adoption process. We will also be joined by folks from PAWsitively for the Animals and their president, Kevin Young, will offer a 15 minute presentation of pet aid! PAWsitively for the animals is a non-profit organization focused on pet adoption and rescue, low-cost spay/neuter programs, and offers "a four-legged" food bank. There will be animal themed fun for the kids and Briar Ledge Craftswomen will be our guest vendor offering suncatchers, dreamcatchers, and wire wrapped jewelry.



Community Outreach

► Friends of the Poor Food Pantry

St. Luke's will host its final food pantry for 2024 on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 from 1:00PM - 2:30PM. Volunteers are needed to welcome guests and to serve as shopper's assistants. Help is also needed to set up and tear down. If you are available to help, please see Amanda Wrazien or Sharon Sollami.

► DOK Service Project

St. Luke's St. Elizabeth of Hungary Chapter of the Daughters of the King will continue to collect donations of goods for We Respect and Care of NEPA (formerly known as The Women's Resource Center). The list of needed items is available at the collection tote in the rear of the nave.

In a Pastoral Emergency, please contact—If you, or a family member, are in the hospital, a healthcare facility, or are home bound and would like to have a visit from a priest or a member of our Pastoral Care Committee, please contact the parish office at 570-342-7654. 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 healthcare 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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"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, (September - May) Sunday School is offered for younger children at 9:30 A.M.

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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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