

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

The Rev. Dr. Tyler J. Parry, Priest-in-Charge

Our Mission Statement:

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



THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST October 4-5, 2025

Said Holy Eucharist, Rite II 5:00pm Saturday

Sung Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11:00am Sunday

SATURDAY SAID LITURGY OF THE DAY

Headings marked with an asterisk (*) Sunday only; Hymns are omitted and those portions of the liturgy designated to be sung are said. "BCP" with a page number refers to The Book of Common Prayer.

SUNDAY SUNG LITURGY OF THE DAY

Mass Setting: Community Mass Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

The Musicians of St. Luke's

Max Roche, Tenor

Christopher Gallo, Bass

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 Voluntary

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #551 Rise up, ye saints of God!

Festal Song

All stand, as able.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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ALMIGHTY GOD, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

*THE GLORIA Proulx

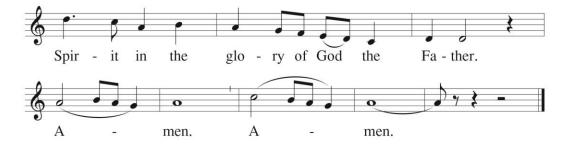
GLORY to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.





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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All sit.

THE FIRST READING Lamentations 1:1-6

Reader A reading from Lamentations.

HOW LONELY sits the city
that once was full of people!
How like a widow she has become,
she that was great among the nations!
She that was a princess among the provinces
has become a vassal.
She weeps bitterly in the night,
with tears on her cheeks;
among all her lovers
she has no one to comfort her;
all her friends have dealt treacherously with her,

they have become her enemies. Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting-place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress. The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve,* and her lot is bitter. Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper, because the LORD has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe. From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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PSALM 137*Sung by the choir

Super flumina

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Plainsong Chant

BY THE WATERS OF BABYLON we sat down and wept, *

when we remembered you, O Zion.

2 As for our harps, we hung them up * on the trees in the midst of that land.

3 For those who led us away captive asked us for a song,

and our oppressors called for mirth: *

"Sing us one of the songs of Zion."

- 4 How shall we sing the LORD'S song * upon an alien soil.
- 5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, *

let my right hand forget its skill.

- 6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, *
 if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.
- 7 Remember the day of Jerusalem, O LORD, against the people of Edom, * who said, "Down with it! down with it! even to the ground!"
- 8 O Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction, *
 happy the one who pays you back
 for what you have done to us!
- 9 Happy shall he be who takes your little ones, * and dashes them against the rock!

THE SECOND READING 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Reader A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

PAUL, AN APOSTLE OF CHRIST JESUS, by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed

through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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

*SEQUENCE HYMN #609 From deepest woe I cry to thee

Aus tiefer Not

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 17:5-10

All standing, as able.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON Father Parry

All sit.

All stand, as able.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form II

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In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Kevin our bishop and Audrey, bishop of Central Pennsylvania, for our companion diocese of Kajo Keji in South Sudan, for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison, and for those commended to our care, especially Jordan, Frank, Elaine, Lynn, Mary Jane, Robin, Heather, Chase, Philomena, Jeanette, Mario, Canon Bill+, Scott, Rylee, Ricky, Margaret, Marty, William, Brendan, Albert, Bessie, Christine, Tim, Morgan and his children, Colleen, Melissa, and John.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially Donald, Jorie, Anees, and Ciara.

Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Priest offers the comfortable words.

*THE SERVICE OF COMMISSIONING OF A VERGER

THE PRESENTATION

The People sit.

The Preist addresses the congregation:

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good and the edification of the Church. We are here to commission Diane in the Name of God and of this congregation to a special ministry to which she has been called.

Since the early days of the church, laypersons have been commissioned to assist the clergy in the conduct of liturgy. The position of verger developed in Medieval England where they served as the "escort and protector of the procession." They walked before clergy, deans or bishops as they

processed within the precincts of the church or cathedral. They carried a large mace or virge, used to dissuade animals or unruly people from disrupting the procession. Today the verger typically assists the clergy in liturgy planning and helps in overseeing the preparations and execution worship services.

The candidate may now be presented.

Presenters We present to you Diane to be commissioned as a verger in this congregation.

THE EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Priest Do you believe her manner of life to be suitable to the exercise of this ministry?

Presenters We believe her to be well qualified for this ministry.

Priest Has the person you present been prepared for her office by a commitment to Christ

our Lord, by regular attendance at worship, by the knowledge of her duties, all to execute the office of Verger to the honor of God and the welfare of God's Church?

Presenters We believe her to be so.

Priest Diane, you have been called to the ministry of verger. Will you, as long as you are

engaged in this work in this congregation, perform it with diligence?

Candidate I will.

Priest Will you strive to maintain the dignity of this office and to be a witness of God's

call to love and serve?

Candidate I will.

Priest Will you respect and be guided by the pastoral direction and leadership of your

clergy?

Candidate I will.

Priest Will those present do all in your power to support and uphold this person in the

ministry of verger?

People We will.

Priest Let us pray.

Everlasting God, bless the ministry of Diane, give her understanding and patience to persevere in the fulfillment of her duties; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world, and the service of others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COMMISSIONING

Priest:

Almighty God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, bless and sanctify these symbols of the office of verger. May they signify to us the holiness of worship, and our calling to serve you faithfully and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presenters:

Diane, accept this vestment and let it be worn with humility in the service of Christ in his church.

Diane, accept these emblems of your ministry in this place and let them be signs of your commitment shared with other vergers in this Communion.

Priest:

In the Name of God and of this Congregation, I commission you to serve as verger in this parish. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 #704 O thou who camest from above

Hereford

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer B

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*SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

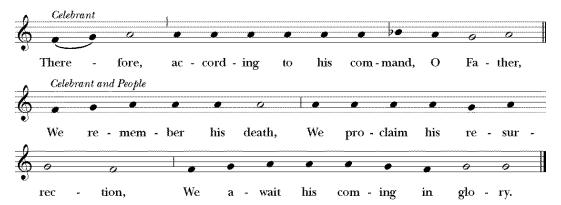
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*THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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*THE GREAT AMEN

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

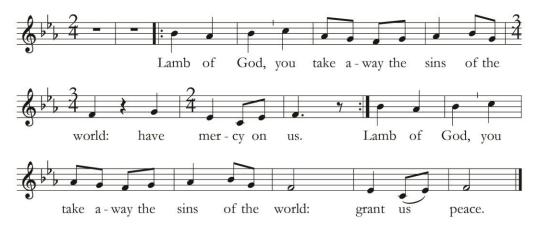
Then may be sung or said

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*THE FRACTION ANTHEM

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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 your hand; a Eucharistic minister will then offer you the common cup. You may receive the wine, intinct (dip the bread in the wine), or the Eucharistic minister can intinct for you. 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.

*ANTHEM DURING COMMUNION Be Thou My Vision

arr. Richard Shephard

Tune: Slane

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me save that thou art. Thou my best thought by day and by night; Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord. Thou and thou only, first in my heart; Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'ns Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from receiving Holy Communion.

MY JESUS, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. *Amen*.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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ALMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen*.

THE BLESSING

*THE FINAL HYMN #213 Strengthen for service

Malahar

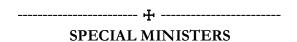
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*POSTLUDE Voluntary

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*.

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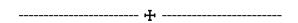


Saturday, 5:00pm

Altar Guild – L. Savinelli, M. Savinelli; Ushers – L. Savinelli, M. Savinelli; Crucifer and Acolyte – D. Kraus; Lectors – K. DeSanto, TBD; Intercessor – K. DeSanto; Chalice Bearer – D. Kraus

Sunday, 11:00am

Altar Guild – D. Lewis, D. Kraus; Ushers – R. Ammenhauser, TBD; Crucifer and Acolyte – A. Guthrie; Lectors – D. Wegner; R. Beal; Intercessor – S. Sollami; Chalice Bearer – M. Baccoli



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday Book Study: On Wednesday, October 15, we will begin a book study following our Healing Eucharist, exploring together *Bible Stories for Grown-Ups* by author Josh Scott. Please read the Introduction ahead of time to join in; some copies of the book are available at the church.

Welsh Cookie Sale: A signup sheet has been posted in Israel Lounge for our next round of Welsh cookies! Cookies are \$8 per dozen. Please place your orders by October 19th

Sung Compline – Friday, October 17, 8:00pm: To close the first day of the Diocesan Convention taking place this year in Scranton, St. Luke's is hosting a special sung Compline service. Join us for this quiet time of candlelight and beautiful music, with prayers towards a "peaceful night and perfect end."

All Saints Day Historic Commemoration Service – Saturday, November 1, 10:00am: Come together at St. Luke's as we dedicate our plaque designating the church and parish house as listed on the National Registry of Historic Places while honoring all the saints of St. Luke's with a special Sung Holy Eucharist.

Saturday and Wednesday Lectors and Intercessors: If you would feel comfortable being asked to do a reading or lead the prayers before our Wednesday or Saturday services, please leave your name on the new sign-up sheet in Isreal Lounge, or speak to Diane Kraus. Your service is greatly appreciated!

Ronald McDonald House Soda-and-Soup Tabs Collection: The St. Elizabeth Princess of Hungary Chapter of the Order of the Daughters of the King is collecting pull-tabs from soda, soup, and other cans to benefit the Ronald McDonald House through their recycling program. Please bring in your tabs and drop them in the container at the back of the nave.

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends: St. Luke's is once again participating in Boscov's Friends Helping Friends scheduled for Wednesday, October 22, 2025. You can purchase a 25% off shopping pass for Boscov's one-day sale in advance for \$5.00. All proceeds benefit St. Luke's and are available in the basket at the back of the nave. Please see Lucetta Savinelli with any questions.

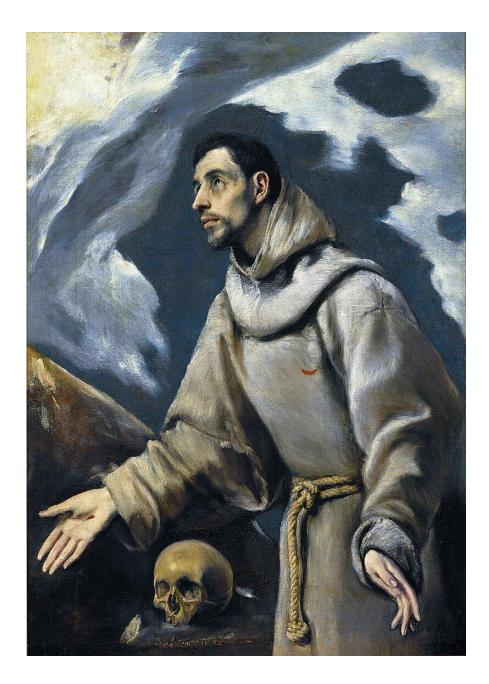
Sunday School Volunteer Opportunity: As we express our gratitude to Rick Ammenhauser for 15 years of service in our Sunday School, we are now also seeking a Sunday School volunteer to assist Ken Wrazien with our young parishioners. Please see Father Parry or Rick if you feel called to this ministry. Safe Church requirements must be fulfilled.



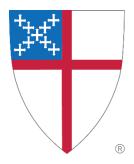
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The Ecstasy of St. Francis of Assisi Attributed to El Greco c. 1580



Said Holy Eucharist Saturdays 5:00pm

Followed by Coffee Hour in Kreitler Hall the first Saturday of the month.

Sung Holy Eucharist Sundays 11:00am

Followed by Coffee Hour in Kreitler Hall every Sunday.

The First Sunday of each month we offer a "Family Eucharist" with special participation by our youth. All other Sundays, Sunday School is offered for younger children at 9:30am.

Said Holy Eucharist Wednesdays 12:10pm

with prayers and anointing for healing

The Reverend Doctor Tyler J. Parry, Priest-in-Charge

Maria Zengion, Organist and Choirmaster

The Vestry

Mickey Baccoli, (Senior Warden), Rick Ammenhauser (Junior Warden), Thomas Hoppel (Treasurer), Diane Kraus (Clerk), Kim DeSanto, Anne Cianfichi and Laura Craig

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