



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 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 27-28, 2025

Said Holy Eucharist, Rite II

5:00pm Saturday

Sung Holy Eucharist, Rite II

11:00am Sunday

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

SATURDAY SAID LITURGY OF THE DAY

The Rev. Dr. Tyler J. Parry, Celebrant

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

The Rev. Dr. Tyler J. Parry, Celebrant

Setting:

Deutsche Mass

Franz Schubert (1797–1828)

The Musicians of St. Luke's:

Max Roche, Tenor

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** **Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern BuxWV 223**

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #497** **How bright appears the Morning Star** *Wie schön leuchtet*
All stand, in body or in spirit.

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 HYMN #96 **Angels we have heard on high**

Gloria

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 GOD, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this
light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives
and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All sit.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Reader A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

I WILL greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



WORSHIP the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;
14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.
15 He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
16 He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.
17 He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?
19 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
20 He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
21 He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!

THE SECOND READING

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Reader A reading from the letter of of Paul to the Galatians.

NOW BEFORE faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:1-18

All standing, in body or in spirit.

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

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

IN THE BEGINNING was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Father Parry

All sit.

THE NICENE CREED

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All stand, in body or in spirit.

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

Intervessor As we join the angels and shepherds and celebrate with joy the birth of Jesus Christ, let us offer prayers to God who shines the light of Christ on all creation, saying: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the Church in all places, remembering especially Sean our Presiding Bishop, Kevin our bishop, and Audrey bishop of Central Pennsylvania, that our worship and praise may give glory to God, and our witness and ministry promote peace on earth. *Glory and praise to you, O living God.*

For the people of our companion diocese of Kajo Keji in South Sudan, that God may strengthen, comfort, and hold them in safekeeping during this time of trial. *Glory and praise to you, O living God.*

For this Parish Family, that by the grace of Christ's coming among us we may live upright and godly lives, and bear witness to God's love. *Glory and praise to you, O living God.*

For all who live in Bethlehem and the hill country of Judah, for Christians, Jews and Muslims everywhere, that God's spirit will open new pathways of peace and bring forth new hope to all who live in danger and fear. *Glory and praise to you, O living God.*

For those who live and work in places of trouble and violence, especially for the people of Israel, Gaza, South Sudan, and Ukraine. that the Prince of Peace will guide all hearts to strive for peace and justice. *Glory and praise to you, O living God.*

For all who find Christmas difficult, for those whose lives are touched by fear, anxiety or depression, and for the sick and the suffering, remembering especially Jordan, Frank, Elaine, Lynn, Mary Jane, Robin, Heather, Chase, Philomena, Jeanette, Mario, Canon Bill+, Scott, Margaret, Brendan, Albert, Bessie, Christine, Colleen, Melissa, John, Anne, and Josie, that Christ will bring healing and light to their hearts. *Glory and praise to you, O living God.*

For all the blessings God has given us, that we may receive them thankfully and rejoice that Christ is born again in our hearts and lives. *Glory and praise to you, O living God.*

For those who have died, remembering especially Ricky, John, Linda, Janina, Mary Ann, and Bob, and all those in whose memory the Christmas flowers and decorations are given, that they may rejoice in the light of God's incarnate Word. *Glory and praise to you, O living God.*

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

Celebrant Source of light and gladness, accept the prayers we offer on this joyful feast. May the Rising Sun of Christ spread across the world and brighten all humanity. Glory to you forever and ever. *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 in body or in spirit while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

***OFFERTORY HYMN #82 Of the Father's love begotten** *Divinum mysterium*

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

***SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS** *Sung by the choir*

***THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION** **S133**

***THE GREAT AMEN** **S142**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Traditional)* **S119**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God who takes away the sin 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. 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 Rise up, Shepherd, and Follow**

Negro Spiritual

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| <i>There's a star in the East on Christmas morn;</i> | <i>Leave your sheep, leave your sheep, and leave your lambs;</i> |
| <i>Rise up, shepherd, and follow;</i> | <i>Rise up, shepherd, and follow;</i> |
| <i>It will lead to the place where the Christ was born;</i> | <i>Leave your ewes and your rams, leave your ewes and rams;</i> |
| <i>Rise up, shepherd, and follow. [Refrain]</i> | <i>Rise up, shepherd, and follow. [Refrain]</i> |

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| <i>Refrain:</i> | <i>If you take good heed to the angel's words;</i> |
| <i>Follow, follow;</i> | <i>Rise up, shepherd, and follow;</i> |
| <i>Rise up, shepherd, and follow.</i> | <i>You'll forget your flocks, you'll forget your herds;</i> |
| <i>Follow the Star of Bethlehem;</i> | <i>Rise up, shepherd, and follow. [Refrain]</i> |
| <i>Rise up, shepherd, and follow.</i> | |

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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ETERNAL GOD, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING

***THE FINAL HYMN #87 Hark! the herald angels sing**

Mendelssohn

DISMISSAL

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***POSTLUDE**

Organ 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 candle beside the aumbry in which the Blessed Sacrament is reserved is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Grace Raskauskas by Mario and Lucetta Savinelli.

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SPECIAL MINISTERS

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

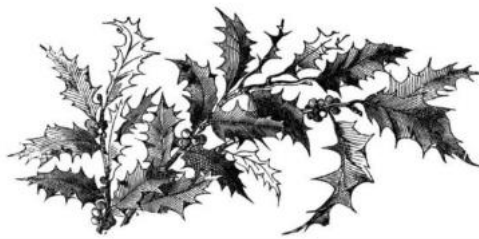
Altar Guild: D. Lewis, D. Kraus
Ushers: R. Ammenhauser; B. Ott
Crucifer and Acolyte: TBD
Lectors: E. Rayburn, B. Ott
Intercessor: D. Kraus
Chalice Bearer: D. Kraus

Diane Kraus, Verger

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Upcoming Holiday Services

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| Family Christmas Eve at St. Mark's, Moscow | 4:00pm | December 24 |
| Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist with Choral Prelude | 8:30pm | December 24 |
| Christmas Day Holy Eucharist | 10:00am | December 25 |
| The Feast of the Holy Name | 11:00am | January 1 |
| The Feast of the Epiphany | 7:00pm | January 6 |



2025 Christmas Memorial Flowers and Greens

Given in loving memory of:

Grace and Leo Rakauskas by Lucetta and Mario Savinelli

Carol Ann Bonacci and Roger Emil Rogalewicz by the Rogalewicz Family

Carol Ann Bonacci and Kenneth Saar by Bob and Vernee Bonacci-Saar

James and Jean Hurst by Linda Mastus

Ray Listanski by Mary Kay Puza

Our dearly departed family and friends by the O'Hearn Family

Mr. & Mrs. Donald J. Beemer and Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Norton by Diane Lewis and family

The Rayburn and Cook families by Ella Rayburn

Members of the Trygar and Shorten families by Fr. Earl and Helen Trygar

Herbert G. Wegner, John P. Baccoli and Carol Fleck Baccoli by David Wegner and Mickey Baccoli

Fran and Mom by Carol McMullen

Edward J. & Jean Oressey and William & Ann Elliott by Gail Ann Stanis

Mr. & Mrs. Martin F. Monahan, Mrs. Claire DeSanto & Mrs. Elaine Smith by the Desantos

Deceased members of the Karam family by Al and Marie Karam

Mary Ann Johnson by David R. Johnson

Lost loved ones by the Snyder Family

Billie, Charlie, & Chuck Kraus and Marie Kaub, by Diane Kraus

Rich Selemba by Kathy Selemba

Daniel C. & Joan V. Peil, Daniel P. & Rose N. Peil, William C. & Dorothy W. Vanner, Anne S. Vanner, Joseph A. & Jean M. DeFalco, Margaret M. Murry, Philip & Michelina DeFalco, Philip DeFalco, Jack D. & Susan K. Ruland, Francis & Ethel V. Kane, and Glen & Mercy Ruland by Carolyn & Joe DeFalco

Bernard George Ott, Louise Trainor Ott & Ellen T. Condon by Bernard M. Ott

Given in thanksgiving for:

St. Luke's Episcopal Church by Carol Winn

The Gift of Love by Donna Durland

The Memories by Gail Ann Stanis

Many blessings in their lives by Canon Bill and Fran Warne

Good Health by Bernard M. Ott

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

"Tell Out My Soul" Stewardship Campaign: Please find in today's leaflet a Christmas reflection for our stewardship campaign. Stewardship pledge cards will be collected on January 11, 2026, the First Sunday after the Epiphany. Pledge cards are available in the back of the nave

Epiphany Chalk and House Blessings – During our Tuesday, January 6, 7:00pm Feast of the Epiphany Holy Eucharist, chalk will be blessed that you can take home to chalk the door of your home. Father Parry will also be doing house blessings and chalking doors during the season of Epiphany – stay tuned for more information!

Molly's Food Pantry Update - St. Luke's is continuing to collect shelf stable food for Molly's Pantry located in Nay Aug Park. We are asking for cold weather, comfort foods (soups, stews, grains, rice, pasta, and pasta sauces). Proteins like canned meats/tuna and peanut butter are essential, as are hot drink mixes and bottled water. A shopping cart is available in Kreidler Hall for your donations, or if you're in the neighborhood, you can drop off your gift directly in the pantry located near the helipad in Nay Aug Park.

The Anna Young Project Update: - Looking for an impactful volunteer opportunity in the new year? Here it is.

Consider volunteering with The Anna Young Project. Over the course of two days, we will work to continue Anna's legacy. Your support will be invaluable in helping us sort, pack, and prepare 700 gift bags for incarcerated people, bringing a touch of hope and humanity to those who need it most. Volunteer opportunities are available on Monday, January 5th and Tuesday, January, 6th for as little as two hour intervals from 10:00AM to 6:00PM both days. (Opportunities might also be available on Wednesday.) We will be doing this meaningful work at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 232 Wyoming Ave. in Scranton.

Please use the QR code to add your name to our volunteer list. Or you can contact Fr. Parry or Sharon Sollami (sharonsollami@gmail.com) to add your name to the list of volunteers. Our endeavor helps remind incarcerated men & women that they are not forgotten and are indeed valued members of our shared community. Thank you for your consideration and support. We look forward to collaborating with you on this impactful project.



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St. Luke's Livestream



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Tell Out My Soul

Go Tell it on the Mountain: A Christmas Reflection

Mountaintops are amazing places. Certainly they are remote and difficult to access, but once there, great things happen. Perhaps it is a moment to take in the wonder of Creation as one looks across great vistas. Maybe it is seeing how small the buildings and people down on the ground are, and recognizing our humility and place in the world order. It might just be a feeling of achievement or arrival at having made it to the top. It is no wonder that so many important moments in the Bible take place on mountains.

They are a place of direct communication with God, access. They are a place of mystery and transfiguration. They are a place to receive instructions. They are a place to be tempted and to win. The thing in common with mountains is that no one is the same when they return. Something has changed. In the Christmas Carol Go Tell it on the Mountain, the singer tells us that the news of the birth of Jesus is so good that we must ascend the heights to shout it out. It is as if the song bursts forth from our souls, needing to be shared with a world in need. What could it be that is so important that it needs to be communicated so urgently?

I have many versions of this famous carol in my Christmas playlist, but it wasn't until I listened to Mahalia Jackson's slow, almost bluesy version, that I understood what the real message was. This is not about kingship or messiahship or miracles - the infant born in a manger came to do more than claim his spot of authority. He came to save us from oppression, to begin the change within us that transforms God's breath of love into an act of redemption in the world. That's the news that must be shared with a world full of longing. tens.org



Questions for Reflection:

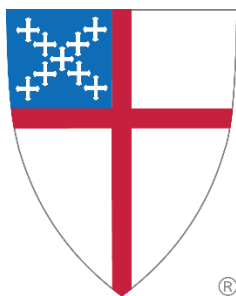
What Christmas carol describes your understanding of the Good News?



Cn. J. Davey Gerhard
serves as Executive Director of TENS: The Episcopal Network for Stewardship and has more than 2,400 songs in his Christmas playlist.



THE EPISCOPAL
NETWORK FOR
STEWARDSHIP



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.

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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