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The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2026 8 and 10:30 a.m.

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***Prelude** Prelude (from *Greensboro Suite*, Op. 56) Rachel Laurin (1961-2023)

***Processional Hymn 493** O for a thousand tongues to sing *Azmon*

A Penitential Order

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Decalogue (*please kneel or stand as you are able*) Hymnal S 354

<i>Celebrant, Deacon, or Cantor</i>	<i>People</i>
<i>(Each commandment monotoned)</i>	A - men. Lord, have mer - cy.

Setting: Howard E. Galley (1929–1993).
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Celebrant Hear the commandments of God to his people:
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.
You shall have no other gods but me.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not make for yourself any idol.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant Honor your father and your mother.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not commit murder.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not commit adultery.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not steal.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not be a false witness.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

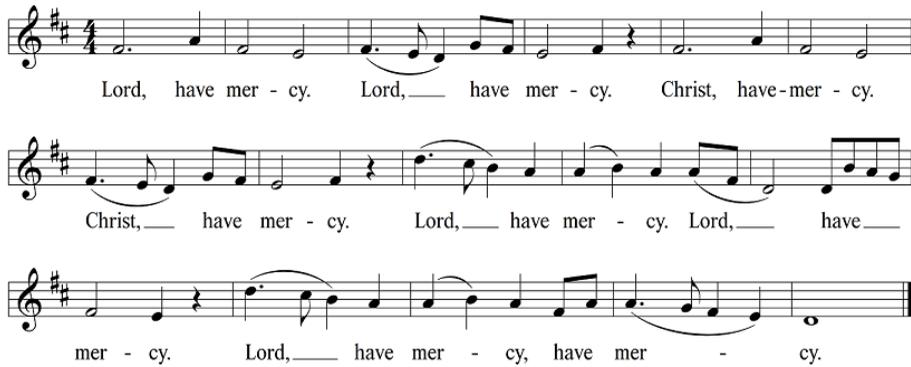
Celebrant
Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.”
Mark 12:29-31

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People
**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.**

Celebrant
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.



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, ___ have mer - cy. Christ, have - mer - cy.

Christ, ___ have mer - cy. Lord, ___ have mer - cy. Lord, ___ have ___

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Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

The Old Testament Lesson *(please be seated)*

Reader A Reading from the First Book of Samuel.

16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

(The congregation remains seated for the psalm.)

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

**2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.**

3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

**4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

**6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

The Epistle

Reader A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

***Sequence Hymn 664** My shepherd will supply my need *Resignation*
(stanzas 1 & 2 before the reading of the Gospel; stanza 3 following the reading)

The Gospel *(Please stand as you are able.)*

John 9:1-41

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

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

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

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

***Hymn 664, stanza 3**

Sermon

The Rev. Greg Farrand

The Nicene Creed *(Please stand as you are able.)*

BCP 358

**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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 III
(Please stand or kneel as you are able.)

BCP 387

Intercessor:

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Sam and Jennifer, our Bishops; for Greg, our Rector; for Father Medina, Vicar of Iglesia El Buen Pastor; for Monnie, our Deacon; and for all bishops and other ministers;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Concluding Collect

BCP 395

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

(Please be seated.)

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

The Holy Communion

BCP 361

***Offertory Anthem:** The Lord is My Shepherd

Howard Goodall

***Presentation Hymn** *(sung by the congregation)*



1. We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be: — all
2. May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive, and



that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first fruits give.

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897

Music: SCHUMANN, *Canticus Laudis*, 1850

(8 a.m. only)

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here the celebrant adds a proper preface.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

(8 a.m.) Celebrant and People

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

* Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymnal S 130

Celebrant and People

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might. ____

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of power and might. ____

Hea - ven and earth are full, ____ full ____ of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes ____ in the name of the Lord. ____ Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: from *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828; adapt. Richard Proulx (1937- 2010)

The congregation may stand or kneel throughout the Eucharistic prayer.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

People **We remember his death.**
 We proclaim his resurrection.
 We await his coming in glory.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

People and Celebrant

BCP 364

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread *The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.*

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Be known to us, Lord Jesus,
People **in the breaking of the Bread.**

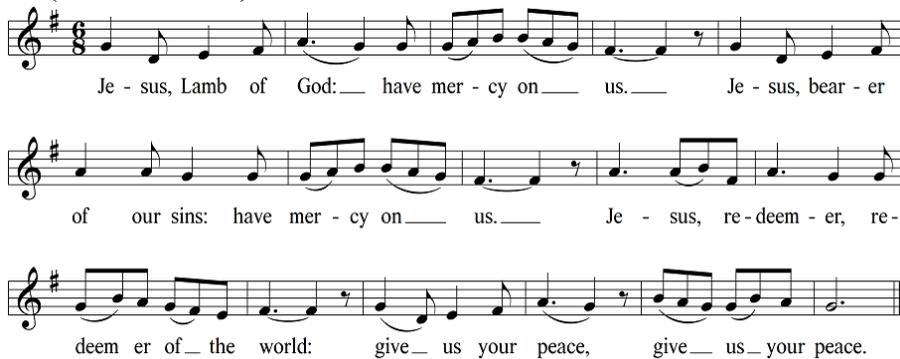
(8 a.m.)

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

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

Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
People **grant us thy peace.**

*Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - er
of our sins: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er, re -
deem er of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); adapt. Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Sharing of the Bread and Wine

Please make your way forward for communion. If you are unable to come forward, signal to the clergy, or let another worshipper know, and communion will be brought to you. Most Sundays at the 10:30 service, a minister is available at the railing of the side (candle) chapel to offer prayers for healing.

If you would like these personal prayers offered for you, please go to the chapel after receiving communion. You may choose to share the reason you are requesting these prayers, or not, as you prefer.

***Communion Anthem** I am the Living Bread/Psalm 23

Charles Thatcher

Prayer for Eucharistic Visitors

(If there is a commissioning of a eucharistic visitor, the following will be said)

Celebrant

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

Congregation

May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence.

Prayer for Those Worshipping at Home

Loving God, we also pray for those joining us in worship from home. Though they cannot share this bread and wine in person, we thank you that your Spirit joins us as one body in Christ. Bless them with your grace and presence, that they also may be strengthened to serve you in love. **Amen.**

Postcommunion Prayer *(Please stand as you are able.)*

BCP 365

**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.**

Blessing

***Closing Hymn 390** Guide me, o thou great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

Dismissal

People **Thanks be to God!**

***Postlude** Capriccio (from *Greensboro Suite*)

Laurin

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This Morning's Worship Leaders

Presider and Preacher: The Rev. Greg Farrand
The Rev. Monnie Riggin, Deacon
8:00 Crucifer-acolyte: John Willard
8:00 Reader/Intercessor: Bonnie Moore
8:00 LEM Chalice: Jan Freeman
10:30 Crucifer-acolyte: Neil O'Toole
10:30 Torch Bearers: Samantha Medina, Samyra Medina
10:30 Reader: Samantha Medina
10:30 Intercessor: Carol Freund
10:30 Chalice: Dale Games, Hetty Kaiserlik
Organist and Choir Director: David Arcus
Healing: Bob Buchanan
Livestream: Bill Gutknecht
Ushers: Bill Charping, Bill Mahony

Adult Forum Today for Women's History Month

One Woman's Crusade: The Historical Influence of Dorothea Dix

9:00 a.m. | Johnson Hall

Most of us know Dix Park as a beautiful place to walk, see the sunflowers, or enjoy art installations.. But many people don't realize that from 1856 to 2012, a large mental health hospital stood on that hill overlooking Raleigh.

The park is named for Dorothea Dix, a remarkable reformer who dedicated her life to improving the treatment of people living with mental illness and advocating for humane conditions in prisons and hospitals. At a time when women held very little political power, Dix's persistence helped shape legislation that transformed how vulnerable people were treated across North Carolina and the country.

This Sunday's Adult Forum will explore the story of Dorothea Dix and the lasting impact of her work. As Episcopalians, we understand that faith calls us not only to prayer and worship, but also to advocate for human dignity and justice in the wider world.

Join the St. Luke's Pride & Diversity Team for a Women's History Month conversation about faith, advocacy, and the ongoing work of building a more just and compassionate society.

We hope you'll come be part of the conversation.

Music Notes

During March, some of the choral and organ music was composed by composers in honor of Women in Church Music Month, designated by the American Guild of Organists. Last Sunday featured an organ postlude (Toccata) by Vanderbilt University Professor Marianne Ploger, commissioned by David Arcus and Duke Divinity School on the occasion of the installation of the new organ for Goodson Chapel. It is based on Psalm 114, which makes several references to water. Today's prelude and postlude are by the late Canadian composer Rachel Laurin, written for the Greensboro (NC) Collection project in 2011. Most of the plaintive Prelude makes use of triads (three notes stacked in thirds), likely referencing this area of the state commonly referred to as The Triad. The Postlude continues the triadic language in a brisk, light-hearted final movement to Laurin's *Greensboro Suite*.

This Afternoon! Arts at St. Luke's Presents Storyteller and Folklorist Liz Z Pardue

Join us for "A humor-filled hour of Carolina folklore and personal stories of growin' up Southern" with North Carolina award-winning storyteller, writer, and director Liz Z Pardue on Sunday, March 15, at 4 p.m. Liz is the founder of Sisterhood of Spirits and author of *FV Ghosts, Legends, and Lore Vol. 1*.

In the past year, Liz has performed at the NC Storytelling Festival Banquet, the Bynum Front Porch Series, The Monti, and the Stone Soup Storytelling Festival, where she won both the Linda Goodman New Voices and People's Choice Awards. Through honest storytelling, she preserves and shares Southern history, folklore, and paranormal legends that connect folks across generations and cultures. Find more at LizZPardue.com, or find Liz on social media, where she has quite a following!

Plan on joining us today for this special presentation. Admission is free, but donations to benefit St. Luke's Music and Arts fund will be welcomed and appreciated. There are still plenty of seats available, so registration is no longer required. Come and enjoy this fun event!

Labyrinth Walk

Join us on March 21 at 1:00 p.m. for a group Labyrinth Walk to celebrate the arrival of spring. This walking meditation offers an opportunity to reflect on leaving behind the cold and darkness of winter while embracing growth, renewal, optimism, and bright possibilities. Hope to see you there!

Looking ahead to Holy Week

Palm Sunday, Mar 29: 8 a.m. Service, 10:30 a.m. St. Luke's/IBP Combined Service

Maundy Thursday, Apr 2: 7 p.m. Service

Good Friday, Apr. 3: 12 p.m. Service, 6 p.m. *The Women of the Cross*

Easter Sunday, 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services, Easter Brunch at 9:15 a.m.

The Women of the Cross

Good Friday, April 3, 6 p.m. at St. Luke's

Join us for this powerful version of the Stations of the Cross—each station describing a Biblical woman's perspective about Jesus. This quiet, moving liturgy brings to life the man we call Jesus and the women who knew him. This is not an event for just women; it is a stirring worship service for all who want to deepen their relationship with Jesus.

Easter Lilies

If you would like to donate toward the Easter lilies that will adorn the nave on Easter, please make your check payable to St. Luke's and mark it "Easter lilies," along with a note indicating in whose honor or memory the gift is given. Gifts may be placed in the offering plate or sent directly to the parish office. You may also donate through St. Luke's PayPal, noting "Easter lilies." **The deadline is March 25.**

Newcomers Lunch Next Sunday

If you are new (or not so new) to St. Luke's, please be our guest at a Newcomers' Lunch to be held on Sunday, March 22, at 11:45 in Johnson Hall. This will be a great opportunity to meet others new to St. Luke's, to meet some of the leaders of our church, and to learn about St. Luke's history. You will also have an opportunity to have your photo taken for St. Luke's photo directory. Please inform Parish Coordinator Kaye Saunders by March 18 if you will attend.

A Note from Beth Bonner about the Annual Easter Sunday Brunch!

Easter is fast approaching, just around the corner: April 5th. Let's celebrate with an Easter covered-dish breakfast between services at 9:15 am. Sharing delicious food and warm hospitality Easter morning with all of our St. Luke's family is the greatest!!

I am always asked what to bring so below are a few suggestions:

- breakfast casseroles dishes (meat or vegetarian)--deviled eggs-biscuits-assorted bagels-cream cheese-jam/jellies-breakfast muffins-scones-sweet breads-breakfast cupcakes-any kind of sweets-any breakfast food that is easy to serve (cold/hot, we can reheat). **Please Note: bacon, sausage patties, grits (plain & cheese), orange juice, water, and coffee will be provided.**

Please bring your donation to Johnson Hall that Saturday before 5 p.m. if possible or Sunday before 8:45 a.m. as we will need to plate and arrange food on tables.

****Volunteers are needed for table and chair set-up Saturday (starting at 10 a.m.) and for cleanup following brunch. Please let me know if you can help.**

Thanks, Beth Bonner (919)383-3265 land line, (919)724-8001 cell

Spring Fling

It's almost time! The 2026 Spring Fling, St. Luke's largest annual fundraiser, will be held on Saturday, April 18 from 7 a.m.-12 p.m. in Johnson Hall.

The Spring Fling is a giant yard sale, so please start collecting your donations and bring them to Johnson Hall starting **Sunday, April 12, through noon on Thursday, April 16.** The more donations we have, the more we can sell, and then the more we can donate to Durham nonprofits! We cannot make this a success without your donations!! We will also need help sorting and pricing 4/12 through 4/17!! Questions? See Joan Hodges (jjhodges@me.com) or Debbie Carter (klink509@gmail.com).

St. Luke's Pantry—please remember to donate

We are grateful to be able to offer non-perishable groceries to our neighbors who are often in need of food for their families. Any of the following are helpful.

Foods: breakfast cereal and oatmeal, spaghetti, noodles, rice, spaghetti sauce, macaroni and cheese, canned vegetables and fruit, canned and dried beans, pop-top containers (ravioli, etc.), snack items. **We are currently low on spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, canned soups, jelly, and sandwich crackers. **No glass containers, please.***

Personal and household items: laundry or dish detergent, shampoo and conditioner, feminine products, toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, cleaning supplies, body lotion

Thank you for helping to feed our hungry neighbors.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, March 15

8 and 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Presider and Preacher: The Rev. Greg Farrand

9-10 a.m. Adult Forum: **One Woman's Crusade:**

The Historical Influence of Dorothea Dix

12:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist, *Nave*

4 p.m. Arts at St. Luke's presents Storyteller and Folklorist Liz Z Pardue, *Nave*

Monday, March 16

3-4:30 p.m. St. Luke's Choir sectional rehearsals, *Music Room*

6:30-8:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

7-10 p.m. Church Campus Cleaning

Tuesday, March 17

9 a.m. Centering Prayer, *Nave*

10-11:15 a.m. Weekly Staff Meeting, *parish office closed*

12-1:30 p.m. St. Luke's Men's Lunch Meeting, *Kramer Room*

6-8 p.m. Nave reserved for organ rehearsal

Wednesday, March 18

11:30 a.m. Noonday Prayer, *Zoom*

1:30-3:30 p.m. St. Luke's Stitchers, *Kramer Room*

2-3:30 p.m. Pastoral Care Ministry meeting, *Johnson Hall*

6-9 p.m. Nave reserved for 7 p.m. St. Luke's Choir rehearsal

Thursday, March 19

8 a.m.-12 p.m. Johnson Hall reserved for LEAP

12:45-2:45 p.m. Nave reserved for 1:15pm Handbell Choir rehearsal

6-8 p.m. Music Room reserved for rehearsal

7-8:30 p.m. Evangelism/Communications Ministry meeting, *Zoom*

7-9 p.m. Nave reserved for service

7-10 p.m. Church Campus Cleaning

Friday, March 20

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11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Connections and Support, *Zoom*

12-4 p.m. Johnson Hall reserved for Duke Flour Power

6-8 p.m. Kramer Room reserved for class

7:30-9 p.m. Nave reserved for service

Saturday, March 21

8-10 a.m. Garden Work Day

9:30-10:30 a.m. Altar Guild setup, *Nave*

1-2 p.m. St. Luke's Labyrinth Walk, *behind Gray Building*

Upcoming at St. Luke's

St. Luke's Men's Lunch Meeting

Tuesday, Mar 17, 12-1:30 p.m., Kramer Room

St. Luke's Stitchers

Wednesday, Mar 18, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Kramer Room

Garden Ministry Work Day

Saturday, Mar 21, 8-10 a.m.

Labyrinth Walk

Saturday, Mar 21, 1 p.m.

Newcomer's Lunch

Sunday, Mar 22, 11:45 a.m., Johnson Hall

Palm Sunday

8 a.m. Service

10:30 a.m. Combined St. Luke's/IBP

Procession and Service

Sunday, Mar 29

Maundy Thursday Service

Apr 2, 7 p.m.

Good Friday

12 p.m. Eucharist

6 p.m. The Women of the Cross

Easter Sunday

8 and 10:30 services

Brunch in Johnson Hall between services

Spring Fling

Saturday, Apr 18, Johnson Hall

Arts at St. Luke's Presents:

An afternoon with Jay Sidebotham

Sunday, Apr 26, 4 p.m., Nave

More About St. Luke's

Newcomers

If you are a newcomer, welcome! We are glad you are with us today. Please join us to say hello! Stop by the Newcomers table in the Sprague Room where you can learn more about St. Luke's, request a nametag, and maybe make a new friend.

St. Luke's Email- What's in it for you?

Our email list lets you stay up to date on parish news and fellowship events (weekly announcements email), stay aware of difficult times facing your fellow parishioners (weekly e-prayers email), and know when the latest issue of our monthly newsletter, Acts of Faith, is published. But, to paraphrase a saying, you have to be on it to get it! Make sure the parish coordinator has your email address, or subscribe automatically by going to our homepage at stlukesdurham.org, "Connect with us."

St. Luke's Calendar

Our parish calendar is up to date on our website at stlukesdurham.org. Weddings, baptisms, funerals, and other special services are scheduled by the clergy. The parish coordinator can help you arrange meetings or other events. Contact her at the church office at 919-286-2273.

Online Church Directory

St. Luke's parish directory is now exclusively online. To view and update your contact information or photo, or look up contact information for other parishioners, you must activate your account using the email address you placed on file with the parish office. If you are unsure what email you used, or need instructions for activating your account, please contact directory@stlukesdurham.org.

Ways To Give:

- Check (drop it in the plate or mail to our Parish Coordinator)
- Use PayPal with a debit/credit card via St. Luke's website (no need for a PayPal account)
- Push payments from your bank or credit union to the Church, just like bill-pay payments for your regular bills
- Initiate a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA if you are 70 1/2 or older

Stewardship At St. Luke's

In the Episcopal Church, we ask our members to make a pledge, which is an estimate of giving in the coming year. It represents your commitment to God's work in this place. To make a pledge, please email our Parish Coordinator, Kaye Saunders, at parish-coord@stlukesdurham.org.

Submission of Materials for the Newsletter

The deadline for submitting materials for the monthly newsletter is the 20th of each month. Please email your materials to Babs Wise: babswise@gmail.com

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Mondays-Thursdays 9-3

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Mondays-Wednesdays 9-5

Thursdays available by phone

Other times by appointment