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Holy Eucharist Rite II
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2026 8 and 10:30 a.m.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

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***Prelude** Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us *Bradbury/He Leadeth Me*
William B. Bradbury, arr. Susan E. Geschke

***Processional Hymn 495** Hail, thou once-despised Jesus *In Babilone*

The Word of God

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Collect for Purity

BCP 355

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.

(8 a.m.) **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.**

*Gloria S278

William Mathias

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-
might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,
on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;
5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of
God the Fa-ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

The Lessons

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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 first letter of Peter.

2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

***Sequence Hymn 645 The King of love my shepherd is**

St. Columba

(Stanzas 1-3 before the Gospel; stanzas 4-6 after the Gospel)

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

John 10:1-10

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

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

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his

voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

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

Hymn 645, stanzas 4-6

Sermon

The Rev. Greg Farrand

Affirmation of Faith *(Please stand as you are able.)*

**We believe in God
who is older than eternity
and younger than our next breath;
who is beyond describing
yet knows us all by name;
who inspires faith,
yet cannot be contained by religion.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone;
he came in the body to give worth to every human life.
He touched the untouchable,
loved the unlovable,
and endured slander, persecution and death.
But the third day he rose again,
to continue his work through us,
until the end of time.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit of God,
who longs within our souls for wholeness and peace,
who weeps with the broken and weary,
and empowers us for healing, reconciliation and hope.**

**We believe that God is with us,
before us, behind us, above us and within us.
We rejoice that nothing can ever separate us from the love of God,
made known in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.**

(from the Iona Community)

The Prayers of the People, Form III
(Please stand or kneel as you are able.)

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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.

Bring your peace to a world marked by conflict. End war, heal the broken, and turn hearts toward compassion. Shape us into people of reconciliation and hope.
Lord, hear our prayer.

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.

(8 a.m.)

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

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

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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.

*(10:30 a.m.) S128 Sanctus

William Mathias

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

The congregation may stand or kneel throughout the Eucharistic prayer.

The Celebrant continues

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.

The Celebrant continues

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

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.**

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, a minister is available at the Maginnes (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 Music** Simple Gifts

Shaker melody, arr. Susan E. Geschke

Prayer for Eucharistic Visitors

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

Celebrant

In the name of this community, we send you out with these holy gifts—so that those you visit may be gathered into this same communion, sharing with us in the life, love, and presence of Christ. And as you go, know that Christ is already ahead of you, walking beside you, and alive within you.

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.**

**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 Hymns 708 & 344** Savior, like a shepherd lead us
Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

Sicilian Mariners

Dismissal

People: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!**

***Postlude** Carillon-Toccata on *Gelobt sei Gott* (conclusion) David Arcus (b. 1959)

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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: Tom Barber
8:00 LEM Chalice: Cherie Wilson
10:30 Crucifer-acolyte: Neil O'Toole
10:30 Reader: Martha Engelke
10:30 Intercessor: Bob King
10:30 Chalice: Terrie Blalock, Dale Games
Healing: Mark Karengin
Organist and Choir Director: David Arcus
Handbell Choir Director: Kaye Saunders
Livestream: Mike Henry
Ushers: LaRue Dedrick, Bill Mahony

Adult Forum: Innocence Lost
June Elizabeth Williams
Today, 9:00-10:00 in Johnson Hall

This morning, we're honored to welcome back June Elizabeth Williams, who will be sharing excerpts from her award-winning solo show *Innocence Lost*, recently accepted into the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

Through storytelling and reflection, June will explore the realities of childhood sexual abuse (CSA) with honesty and care. She will also offer practical, empathetic strategies for how we can better support and walk alongside survivors.

This will be a meaningful and sensitive conversation. Please come as you are, with openness and compassion.

More about June: Her bachelor's degree is in Psychology and she has facilitated improvisational workshops in urban schools, shelters, and correctional facilities on Violence Prevention, Conflict Resolution, and HIV/AIDS Awareness and Prevention. She also holds a master's degree from The Actors Studio Drama School. Her award-winning one woman show *Notes from a Narcissistic Negro & Other N Words* has been featured in Off-Broadway and Los Angeles theatre festivals as well as excerpts performed in the Raleigh Fringe Festival and Poetry Slam at Hayti Heritage Center in Durham. June and her husband Jason S. Williams are indie filmmakers and co-founders of SilverLox Films.

Children's Chapel in Johnson Hall

Families are invited to drop their children off before the 10:30 service begins. They will gather for Children's Chapel and then be led back into the church in time to join the community for the celebration of the Eucharist.

During Children's Chapel, our children experience Godly Play—a Montessori-based approach to spiritual formation that invites them into the stories of our faith through wonder, imagination, and reflection.

It's a gift to watch our children grow in faith in ways that are both grounded and imaginative, and then return to the table with the whole community.

We offer nursery care from 9-11:45 in our nursery in Johnson Hall, just across the breezeway from the church.

World Labyrinth Day – May 2, 12:45 to 1:30

On May 2, St. Luke's will join walkers around the world in celebrating the 18th annual World Labyrinth Day (WLD). Join thousands of people walking as one at 1:00 p.m. in their local time, creating a unified rolling wave of peaceful energy passing from one time zone to the next around the globe. Whether you are a regular walker or interested in learning more, this walk is an opportunity to step onto the path with fellow parishioners and community members and feel part of a global community.

For more information about the labyrinth ministry at St. Luke's, visit our labyrinth page on stlukesdurham.org or contact Annette Medlin, annette@annettedmedlin.com.

Arts at St. Luke's presents *May Musicale*

Our final event of the 2025-26 season, *May Musicale*, will take place on Sunday, May 17 at 4:00 p.m in the nave. This "mixed bouquet" of music will feature Kaye Saunders, David Arcus, and other St. Luke's musicians, offering a variety of music old and new. Highlights include Bach's *Trio Musical Offering* featuring Ehsan Samei, Cathy Rimer-Surles, and Rachel Evans; and David Arcus's award-winning *Song of Ruth and Naomi* for soprano and organ. You will hear beloved selections such as "The Swan" from *Carnival of the Animals*, Schubert's *Ave Maria*, familiar hymn arrangements, and portions of Vivaldi's *Gloria*. This is a free event but donations are welcome. All are invited to a reception after the performance.

A Note about the Rector's Discretionary Fund

We have had an increase in requests for assistance with both gas and rent. Please consider buying \$25 or \$50 gift cards to be shared with those needing help. You may drop them off at the parish office. Or, if you prefer, designate a check to the RDF or give through the QR code below and note "RDF" on your contribution. Thanks!

St. Luke's Durham Bulls Outing - Sunday, June 7, 5:05 p.m.

Durham Bulls vs. Charlotte Knights, June 7 at 5:05 p.m. Tickets are \$16 each. There's a sign-up sheet in the Sprague Room or you can sign up online through the link in the parish ENews. The deadline to sign up and pay for tickets (cash, check, or Venmo to Mike or Cindy Henry) is Sunday, May 31. Please contact Mike & Cindy Henry for information, Clnh248@gmail.com.

Give to St. Luke's



This Week's Calendar

Sunday, April 26

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

Presider and Preacher: The Rev. Greg Farrand

9-10 a.m. Adult Forum: Innocence Lost, June Elizabeth Williams

10 a.m.-6 p.m. Johnson Hall reserved for event

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

Monday, April 27

11 a.m. Calendar Team meeting, *Kramer Room*

3-4:30 p.m. Choir sectional rehearsals, *Music Room*

6:30-8:30 p.m. Vestry meeting

7-10 p.m. Church Campus Cleaning

Tuesday, April 28

9 a.m. Centering Prayer, *Nave*

10 a.m. Staff Meeting, *parish office closed*

11 a.m. Croasdaile Eucharist

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

Wednesday, April 29

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

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

Thursday, April 30

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

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

7-10 p.m. Church Campus Cleaning

Friday, May 1

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

Saturday, May 2

8-10 a.m. Parking Lot activity

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

10 a.m.-12 p.m. Nave reserved for rehearsal

12:45 p.m. World Labyrinth Day walk, *St. Luke's Labyrinth (behind Gray Bldg)*

Upcoming at St. Luke's

World Labyrinth Day Walk

Saturday, May 3, 12:45-1:30 p.m.
St. Luke's Labyrinth (behind Gray Building)

Chrismon Workshop

Wednesday, May 6, 1-4 p.m.
Kramer Room

Garden Ministry Work Day

Saturday, May 16, 8-10 a.m.

Arts at St. Luke's presents

May Musicale

Sunday, May 17, 4 p.m., Nave
Reception to follow

St. Luke's Men's Lunch Meeting

Tuesday, May 19, 12-1:30, Kramer Room

St. Luke's Stitchers

Wednesday, May 20, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Kramer Room

Day of Pentecost

Sunday, May 24
Combined 10:30 service with IBP
Lunch following in Johnson Hall

Memorial Day

Monday, May 25
Parish Office closed

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

(closed Tuesdays from 10-11:15)

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Mondays-Wednesdays 9-5

Thursdays available by phone

Other times by appointment