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Holy Eucharist Rite II
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 2026 8 and 10:30 a.m.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

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Welcome to St. Luke's.
We are glad you are joining us in worship today.
Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here.

***Prelude** Improvisation on *Lauda Anima* and *St. Thomas (Williams)*

***Processional Hymn 410** Praise, my soul, the King of heaven *Lauda Anima*

The Word of God

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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**

Hymnal S 280

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

Old Testament Lesson

Reader: A reading from the Book of Exodus

16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.”

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

(The congregation remains seated for the psalm)

Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45 *Confitemini Domino*

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 **Sing to him, sing praises to him, ***
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- 4 **Search for the LORD and his strength; ***
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 **O offspring of Abraham his servant, ***
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 37 He led out his people with silver and gold; *
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
- 38 **Egypt was glad of their going, ***
because they were afraid of them.
- 39 He spread out a cloud for a covering *
and a fire to give light in the night season.
- 40 **They asked, and quails appeared, ***
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.
- 41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, *
so the river ran in the dry places.

**42 For God remembered his holy word *
and Abraham his servant.**

43 So he led forth his people with gladness, *
his chosen with shouts of joy.

**44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, *
and they took the fruit of others' toil,**

45 That they might keep his statutes *
and observe his laws.
Hallelujah!

The Epistle

Reader: A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians

1:21-30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

***Sequence Hymn 411** O bless the Lord, my soul St. Thomas (Williams)
(Stanzas 1-3 before the Gospel reading; stanzas 4-6 following the Gospel)

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

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 20:1-16

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

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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

***Hymn 411, stanzas 4-6**

Sermon

The Rev. Greg Farrand

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

from The Iona Community

**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.**

The Prayers of the People

(Please stand or kneel as you are able.)

Intercessor Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People **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.

In a world so fractured by fear and division, help your Church become a living witness to compassion, humility, justice, and hope. We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Sam and Jennifer, our bishops; Greg, Monnie, Chris, Susan, Vicar of Iglesia El Buen Pastor, and all bishops, priests, deacons, and spiritual leaders.

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

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 wisdom and courage to all leaders. Soften hearts hardened by power, fear, greed, or indifference. Teach us again that every human being bears your image and dignity.
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Inspire us not merely to seek comfort or certainty, but transformation. Help us become people of mercy, courage, generosity, and reconciliation in our homes, workplaces,

communities, and relationships. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake.

That our works may find favor in your sight.

We pray for all who are sick, anxious, grieving, lonely, or overwhelmed. We remember especially those struggling with depression, addiction, financial hardship, violence, displacement, or fear. We pray for immigrants, refugees, and all who long for safety and belonging. Silence our impulse toward judgment, and deepen within us the heart of Christ. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Remembering especially Trent Wall, in whose memory today's flowers are given, 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.

Confession and Absolution

BCP 360

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister 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.

(Please stand as you are able)

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

(Please be seated)

Announcements

***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.**

Offertory Sentence

The Holy Communion

***Offertory** With Hearts and Voices (from *The Morn of Song*) David Arcus (b. 1959)

With hearts and voices our mortal praises, Lord God, we offer through Christ our Savior: your wonders telling, your gospel preaching, your power singing, your mercy sharing, to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to house the homeless, to love the outcast, to work for justice, to pray for solace, in prayers unceasing, in faith abiding; in birth and naming, in confirmation, in vow and promise, in life vocation, in time of trial, in sin and sickness, in loss and sorrow, in desolation, in resurrection to life eternal, in heaven joining the feast celestial.

*Doxology:

As the Crucifer approaches the front top of the dais, please stand and join in the following.

Our faith re - viv - ing, our hope re - new - ing, our love sus - tain - ing,
our lives trans - form - ing, our voic - es rais - ing, our eyes up -
lift - ing, our hearts re - joic - ing with loud thanks - giv - ing:
Slightly slower
to God al - might - y a - lone be glo - ry in high - est heav - en
now and for ev - er more.

(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

BCP p. 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** (*sung twice; in Spanish then in English*)

The musical score is written for a two-part setting in 4/4 time. The first system consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My. The second system also consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff continues the melody with the lyrics: cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor. heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Text: Variation on a traditional liturgical text. Music: Composer of melody unknown; arr. based on a two-part version as taught by Pablo D. Sosa (b. 1933)

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

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 railing of the Maginnes 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 Hymn 309** O food to pilgrims given *O Welt, ich muss dich lassen*

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.

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 690** Guide me, o thou great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

Dismissal

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***Postlude** Hymne au soleil (from Pièces de Fantaisie) Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

**10:30 service only. All music is reprinted/streamed under OneLicense #A-711257.*

Today's flowers are given by Bill and Sherry Wall
in memory of their son, Trent Wall.

This Morning's Worship Leaders

Presider and preacher: The Rev. Greg Farrand

The Rev. Monnie Riggin, Deacon

The Rev. Chris Redmon, Deacon in Residence

8:00 Crucifer-acolyte: John Willard

8:00 Reader/Intercessor: Chris Reed

8:00 LEM Chalice: Debbie Stonehouse

10:30 Crucifer-acolyte: Randy Griffin

Torches: Naomi Tisdale, Chris Reed

10:30 Reader: Jim Wise

10:30 Intercessor: Bob Buchanan

10:30 Chalice: Kelley Lawton, E. June Santa

Healing: Wendy Cook

Organist: David Arcus

Livestream: Mike Henry

Ushers: Bill Gutknecht, Babs Wise

Breakfast Casseroles are due back today! Please be sure they are in the kitchen refrigerator ready for transport right after the 10:30 a.m. service. Thank you so much for participating in this ministry to feed those who are less fortunate than we are. Please reach out to Steve Engelke (engelkes@ecu.edu) if you have questions.

Stillpoint and Wednesday Night Suppers begin this Wednesday!

Beginning this Wednesday, join us for Stillpoint, a quiet Eucharist with healing prayer and contemplative music in the Nave from 5:30–6:00 p.m. on September 23, October 21, November 18, and December 16. In the middle of a busy week, Stillpoint offers space for prayer, stillness, communion, and rest.

At 6:00 p.m., stay for Wednesday Night Supper. Dinner will be catered and costs \$10 for adults and is free for children. Come simply for food and conversation, or join one of our optional table groups: Spanish conversation with Bob Buchanan or theological exploration and Bible study with the Rev. Chris Redmon.

Come for Stillpoint, supper, or both—and find a little space for prayer, community, and grace in the middle of the week.



Register here for dinner!

Our Parish Administrator, Kaye Saunders, is on vacation and will be returning Monday, September 28. In her absence, there are volunteers assisting but there are no regular office hours. Greg may be reached on his cell at 336-508-6595.

Durham Savoyards Next Sunday, September 27 at 4 p.m.

We are thrilled to open our 2026-27 Arts at St. Luke's series with the Durham Savoyards! Join us September 27 at 4 p.m. for "Tripping Hither, Tripping Thither," which features fun and familiar Gilbert & Sullivan selections and highlights from next year's production of *Iolanthe*. Come enjoy the timeless joy, clever humor, and lively music of Gilbert and Sullivan. The concert is free, with \$10-20 suggested donations warmly welcomed. Enjoy an afternoon of classic G & S joy!

New to St. Luke's? Then Please Attend the Newcomers Lunch Next Sunday!

If you started attending St. Luke's in the last year or so but haven't yet attended a Newcomers Lunch, then please join us on Sun, Sept 27 at 11:45 for a delicious lunch and

an opportunity to learn more about St. Luke's: our history, ministries, communications, a vision for our future from Greg, and a tour of the campus. This will be a great opportunity for you to get to know other newcomers, to meet some of the leaders of St. Luke's, and perhaps identify a ministry close to your heart that offers you the opportunity to serve your fellow parishioners and the greater world.

Please let Bill Gutknecht (billfg42@outlook.com) know your decision about the lunch by September 23. If you plan to attend, please let us know if you have any food restrictions. We hope to see you at the Newcomers Lunch.

Looking Forward Together EMC Dinners

October 6 or 27 • Johnson Hall • 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

As part of our Every Member Canvass program this year, we will be having two potluck dinners to discuss how we would like to look to the future together, both financially and spiritually. How do you want St. Luke's to invest in the future? Where do you want St. Luke's to invest in the future?

While, ultimately, the Vestry makes all final financial decisions, they would love to hear your thoughts. Sign up for one of two potluck dinners in Johnson Hall. Bring something delicious to eat or just come!!

Sign up in the Sprague Room or sign up online by using these QR codes:



October 6



October 27

St. Joseph's, Durham, will host the annual Durham Convocation Pride Eucharist: A Service of Worship, Communion, and Queer Joy on Saturday, October 3, at 10 a.m., in the upstairs chapel in the parish house. The offertory will go to the LGBTQ Center of Durham. The Durham Pride Parade will begin from adjacent Duke East Campus starting at 12 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to march together in the Pride Parade with The Beloved Community.

St. Luke's: Celebrating 70 years!

Mark your calendars for St. Luke's Sunday, Oct 18, the Feast Day of St. Luke and the celebration of the 70th anniversary of our parish!

As part of the festivities that day, we want to honor and bless any longtime St. Lukers who have been attending for fifty years or more. If you haven't yet let us know, please tell us how long you've been here and, if you know it, the year that you started attending St. Luke's!

There will be one service at 10:30 that day so we can all worship together. A delicious and festive lunch will follow in Johnson Hall.

More details to come, but please do put this on your calendar. It will be a very special day!

St. Luke's Pantry

Our pantry is ready to be replenished. Please consider donating the following: canned tuna and chicken, spaghetti sauce and canned tomatoes, pasta and noodles, jelly or jam, canned soups, pop-top containers (ravioli, etc.), small bags of rice, breakfast cereal and instant or regular oatmeal, granola or protein bars, packages of sandwich crackers. Leave donations in the baskets in the narthex.

Personal and household items are often needed as well: laundry or dish detergent, shampoo and conditioner, feminine products, toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, cleaning supplies, and body lotion.

No glass containers of any kind, please.

Church Center is coming!

We are in the early stages of rolling out new technology to improve connectivity and information sharing within the parish. Imagine if you had something in the palm of your hand that could tell you how much you had donated this year, or help you sign up for events and keep track of what you had signed up for? All without calling the parish office. The plan is for this to become a reality in the next few months.

Church Center is a fun, easy-to-use app and web portal built just for you—our church family! It puts everything you need to stay connected right at your fingertips: sign up for an upcoming event, find a small group, or send a quick message to a fellow member, all in one place.

If tech makes you a little nervous, take a deep breath: Church Center is safe, secure, and hassle-free. Navigating it feels as simple as scrolling through your favorite photo app—clear buttons, friendly layouts, and no complicated menus to get lost in.

You don't need to be a computer whiz to use it. Just open the app or website, tap what you need, and you're set. At its core, Church Center isn't about staring at another screen—it's a simple, helpful tool designed to make keeping up with our church community easier and more joyful than ever.

Outreach Grants

The Outreach Grants Committee makes an annual recommendation to the Vestry regarding grant awards to non-profit organizations in the local community. Proceeds from the Spring Fling, Christmas Sale and a percentage of the Pumpkin Patch sales comprise the balance of the Outreach Fund.

The current balance in the fund is over \$12,000. The Outreach Grants committee will be soliciting suggestions for organizations to be considered for grant funds until October 15, 2026. If you have an organization you would like to suggest for funding, please contact Debbie Stonehouse (debrastonehouse7@gmail.com) with the name of the organization and the reason for consideration. The committee will make recommendations to the Vestry for final approval later this year.

Children's Chapel and Nursery

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

Please sign-up to help with our Annual Pumpkin Patch!

Many hands are needed on Saturday, October 3 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. to unload pumpkins.
Refreshments provided!

Volunteers needed for daily sales.

Scan the code below to sign up or use the signup sheets in the Sprague Room.



This Week's Calendar

(Please check parish calendar at stlukesdurham.org for possible updates.)

Sunday, September 20

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

Presider and preacher: The Rev. Greg Farrand

9-10 a.m. Adult Forum

10:15-11:30 a.m. Children's Chapel

12-1:30 p.m. Faith Team

12:30 p.m. Iglesia El Buen Pastor Holy Eucharist, *Nave*

Monday, September 21

10 a.m. Calendar Team, *Kramer Room*

2-3:30 p.m. Pastoral Care Ministry mtg, *Kramer Room*

6:30-8:30 p.m. Finance Committee mtg, *Zoom*

7-10 p.m. Church Campus Cleaning

Tuesday, September 22

9 a.m. Centering Prayer, *Nave*

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

11 a.m. Croasdaile Eucharist

6:30-8:30 p.m. Iglesia El Buen Pastor meeting, *Kramer Room*

Wednesday, September 23

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

5:30 p.m. Stillpoint Eucharist and Healing, *Nave*

6 p.m. Wed Night Dinner & Discussion, *Johnson Hall*

6:15 p.m. Nave reserved for choir setup

7-8:30 p.m. St. Luke's Choir rehearsal, *Nave*

Thursday, September 24

9 a.m. Morning Prayer, *Nave*

12:45 p.m. Nave reserved for handbells setup

1:15-2:30 p.m. Handbell Choir rehearsal, *Nave*

6-8 p.m. Iglesia El Buen Pastor choir rehearsal, *Music Room*

7-9 p.m. Nave reserved for Durham Savoyard rehearsal

7-10 p.m. Church Campus Cleaning

Friday, September 25

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

1-4 p.m. Duke Flour Power, *Johnson Hall*

Saturday, September 26

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild setup, *Nave*

9 a.m.-4 p.m. Johnson Hall reserved for choir retreat

9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. St. Luke's Choir Retreat, *Nave and Johnson Hall*

Upcoming at St. Luke's

Stillpoint (Eucharist w/healing) and Wednesday Night Dinner

Sept 23, 5:30 p.m. service, 6:00 p.m. dinner, Nave and Johnson Hall
(registration required for dinner, occurs monthly)

St. Luke's Choir Retreat • Sat, Sept 26, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Stewardship Campaign begins • Sun, Sept 27

Newcomers Lunch • Sun, Sept 27, 11:30 a.m., Johnson Hall

Arts at St. Luke's presents The Durham Savoyards • Sun, Sept 27, 4 p.m., Nave

Pumpkin Patch Opens • Sat, Oct 3

8 a.m. Pumpkin Delivery and Unloading, 1 p.m. Pumpkin Patch opens

St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals • Sat, Oct 3, 1 p.m.

***Looking Forward Dinner* • Tues, Oct 6, 5:30 p.m. Johnson Hall**

Chrismons Workshop • Wed Oct 7, 1-4 p.m., Kramer Room

St. Luke's Sunday • Oct 18, one service only at 10:30 a.m.

Lunch and festivities following in Johnson Hall

***Looking Forward Dinner* • Tues, Oct 27, 5:30 p.m. Johnson Hall**

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. Subscribe by going to our homepage at <https://stlukesdurham.org/>, scroll down to "Connect with us" (about 2/3 of the way down), click in the "enter your email" box and type your address, and click on the yellow "Join our email list" button.

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

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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Other times by appointment

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