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Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 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** Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho Spiritual, arr. Susan E. Geschke

***Processional Hymn 8** Morning has broken *Bunessan*

The Word of God
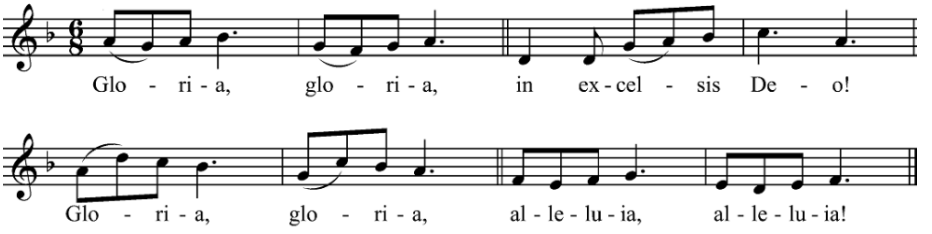
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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 God's 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.

(10:30 a.m.)* **Gloria (*sung three times)*



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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you**.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

The Old Testament Lesson

Reader: A reading from the Book of Judges 4:1-17

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe

of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

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

(The congregation remains seated for the psalm)

Psalm 123 ***Ad te levavi oculos meos***

1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.

**2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**

3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *
until he show us his mercy.

**4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,**

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

The Epistle

Reader: A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

***Sequence Hymn 704** O thou who camest from above *Hereford*
(Stanzas 1 and 2 before the Gospel reading; stanzas 3 and 4 following the Gospel)

The Gospel

(Please stand as you are able)

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 25:14-30
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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

***Hymn 704, stanzas 3 & 4**

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 Episcopal 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.

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.

(Please kneel or stand as you are able)

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** Jesus, Lead the Way — Adame Drese (1620-1701), arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Jesus, lead the way through our life's long day, and with faithful footsteps steady we will follow ever ready, guide us by your hand to the promised land.

Jesus, still lead on 'til our rest be won; and, although the way is cheerless, we will follow, calm and fearless; guide us by your hand to the promised land.

Jesus, be our light in the midst of night. Let not faithless fear o'ertake us, let not faith and hope forsake us; may we feel you near as we worship here.

When in deepest grief, strengthen our belief. When temptations come alluring, make us patient and enduring; Lord, we seek your grace in this holy place.

Jesus, still lead on 'til our rest be won; if you lead us through rough places, grant us your redeeming graces. When our course is o'er, open heaven's door.

(8 a.m.)
Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

***Doxology** Hymn 380, stanza 3

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.
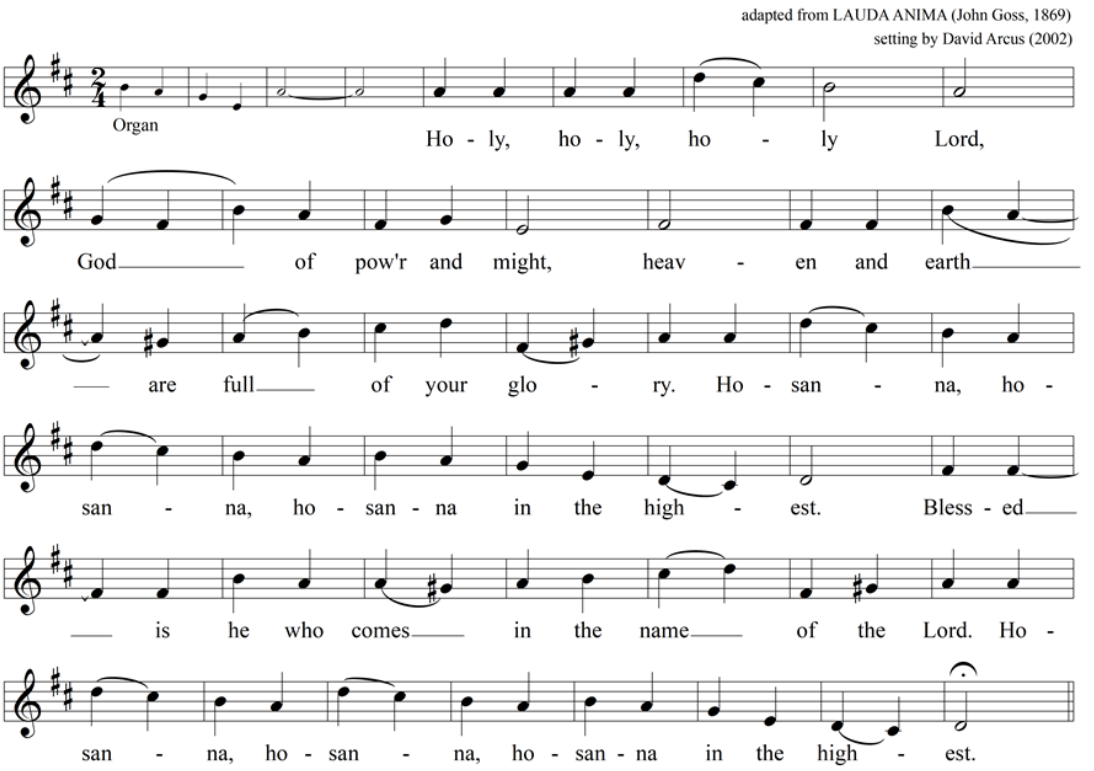
Here the celebrant adds a proper preface.

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.

(10:30 Sanctus is on following page.)

***Sanctus**



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.

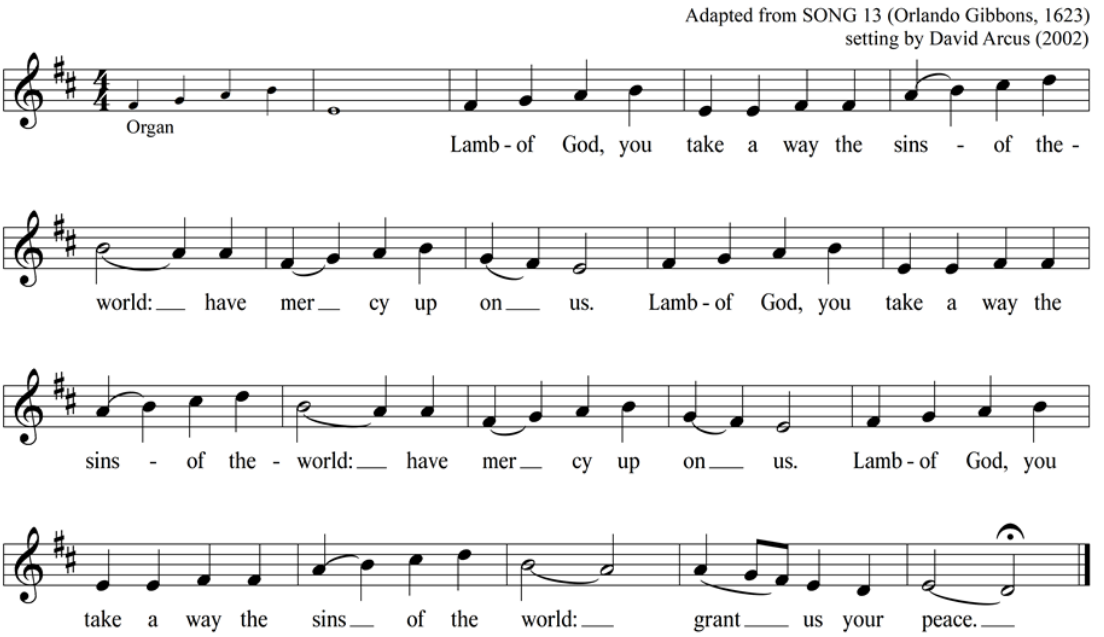
The Breaking of the Bread

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.**

*Agnus Dei



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 Anthem** Thine Is the Glory from *Judas Maccabeus*, G.F. Handel
arr. 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.

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 541** Come, labor on *Ora labora*

Dismissal
People: **Thanks be to God.**

***Postlude** Veloce e sinistro (excerpt, from Symphony in G) Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

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This morning's flowers are given by Lera Williams for God's richest love and blessings on her birthday.

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: Chris Reed
8:00 Reader/Intercessor: John Hodges-Copple
8:00 LEM Chalice: Debbie Stonehouse
10:30 Crucifer-acolyte: Randy Griffin
Torches: Samantha Medina, Samyra Medina
10:30 Reader: Jim Wise
10:30 Intercessor: Carol Freund
10:30 Chalice: Angel Gray, Nancy Laney
Healing: Bob Buchanan
Organist and Choir Director: David Arcus
Handbell Choir Director: Kaye Saunders
Eucharistic Visitor: Kathryn Daily
Pastoral Care Minister: Bill Mahony
Livestream: Mike Henry
Ushers: Beth Bonner, Bill Charping
Greeter: Denise DeCarlo

Adult Forum Today: When Jesus Broke Open Hell
The Harrowing of Hell and the Surprising Hope of Early Christianity
9:00–10:00 a.m. in Johnson Hall.

What happened between Good Friday and Easter morning? According to an ancient Christian tradition known as the Harrowing of Hell, Christ descended into the realm of the dead, shattered its gates, and liberated those held captive.

Join us for Adult Forum as we explore the biblical roots, fascinating history, and theology behind this largely forgotten tradition. Along the way, we'll consider how early Christians understood salvation not primarily as rescue from God's punishment, but as liberation from sin and death.

What might this ancient story reveal about the nature of God, the meaning of resurrection, and the reach of divine love?

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

Holy Eucharist and Healing
Wednesdays at 5:30, Supper at 6

Come to this month's Stillpoint service (Holy Eucharist and Healing) in the nave this Wednesday, November 18 at 5:30 followed by supper at 6 in Johnson Hall. $10 adults, children eat free. You can come just for the service, or supper, or both!

So that we will know how much food to order, signup for supper is required, deadline is 5 p.m. tomorrow, either by signup in the Sprague Room or on Church Center. You may also call the office to make your reservation.

Time to Donate to our Pantry
We are grateful to be able to offer non-perishable groceries to our neighbors who are often in need of food for their families. Our St. Luke's Pantry needs to be replenished from time to time with many of the following items: canned tuna and chicken, spaghetti sauce, pasta and noodles, jelly or jam, canned soups, pop-top containers (ravioli, etc.), canned dinners, small bags of rice, breakfast cereal, instant oatmeal, granola or protein bars, packages of sandwich crackers, small snack items. Please consider donating some of these items.

Helping with EBP Food Distribution
We have expanded St. Luke's pantry outreach to include Iglesia El Buen Pastor's bi-monthly Saturday morning food distribution. Twice each month IBP provides fresh food to about 100 families. We'd like to contribute by providing non-perishable foodstuffs. Please consider contributing canned goods or boxed food (no glass, please). Please bring these gifts on Sundays and leave them on the red wagon in the narthex near the front door. Volunteer helpers are also quite welcome at the scheduled Saturday 7-9 AM food distributions in the St. Luke's parking lot! See Brian Gullett if you have any questions.



Together in Faith, Joy, and Service

Have you made your 2027 pledge to St. Luke's yet? This year we are celebrating the many ways St. Luke's continues to be a community of faith, joy, and service. Our pledges make possible the shared life of this parish—from worship, music, clergy, and staff to outreach, pastoral care, our buildings, and the everyday work of welcoming and serving our neighbors. As we look toward 2027, we invite you to continue your pledge, make one for the first time, or, if you are able, consider increasing your support as we continue to care for one another, deepen our faith, and follow where God is calling St. Luke's next.

Let us know if you need a pledge card. You may fill it out and drop it by the parish office, use the link in the Friday ENews, or email or call the parish office.

Leftover Dishes
Did you bring food to a recent reception or meal? Thank you! And—please check to see if you may have left a dish by mistake. There are a number of serving dishes that need to be picked up; they will be on the long table at the end of the Sprague Room this Sunday.

Weekly Opportunities to Gather for Prayer
Did you know that there are three opportunities each week to gather with others for prayer and fellowship? St. Luke's offers Centering Prayer each Tuesday at 9 a.m. in the nave, Noon Prayer each Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. on Zoom, and Morning Prayer each Thursday at 9 a.m. in the nave. You may wish to consider taking part in one or more of these gatherings.

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, the children participate in a Liturgy of the Word through bible stories, song, and prayer. We are also working on memorizing the Lord's Prayer through recitation.

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

You can still commemorate St. Luke's 70th anniversary with our new T-shirt and sweatshirt! Order in the Sprague Room or in recent Friday ENews or monthly newsletter. The prices are low for great-quality products. See a shirt example in the Sprague Room.

This Week's Calendar

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

Sunday, November 15
8 and 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
Presider and Preacher: The Rev. Greg Farrand
9-10 a.m. Adult Forum: **When Jesus Broke Open Hell**
10:15-11:30 a.m. Children's Chapel
11:30 a.m. Connection Group mtg, *Kramer Room*
12:30 p.m. EBP Holy Eucharist
2-4 p.m. EBP Listening Session with NC Diocese, *Nave*

Monday, November 16
10 a.m. Calendar Team mtg, *Kramer Room*
2-3:30 p.m. Pastoral Care Ministry mtg, *Kramer Room*
3-4:30 p.m. Choir sectional rehearsals, *Music Room*
5 p.m. Wed Night Supper signup deadline (Sprague Room or on Church Center)
6:30-8:30 p.m. Finance Committee mtg, *Kramer Room*
7-10 p.m. Campus Cleaning

Tuesday, November 17
9 a.m. Centering Prayer, *Nave*
10-11:15 a.m. Staff Meeting, *parish office closed*
12-1:30 p.m. St. Luke's Men's Lunch mtg, *Kramer Room*

Wednesday, November 18
11:30 a.m. Noonday Prayer*, Zoom*
1:30-3:30 p.m. St. Luke's Stitchers, *Kramer Room*
5:30 p.m. Stillpoint Eucharist and Healing, *Nave*
6 p.m. Wed Night Dinner and Discussion, *Johnson Hall*
6:15 p.m. Nave reserved for choir setup
7-8:30 p.m. St. Luke's Choir rehearsal, *Nave*

Thursday, November 19
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. EBP choir rehearsal, *Music Room*
7-8:30 p.m. Evangelism/Communications mtg *on Zoom*
7-10 p.m. Campus Cleaning

Friday, November 20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Connections and Support, *Zoom*

Saturday, November 21
8-10 a.m. Garden Work Day
9:30 a.m. Altar Guild setup, *Nave*
4-9 p.m. Johnson Hall reserved for private event

Upcoming at St. Luke's:

Stillpoint and Wed Night Supper • Wed, Nov 18 • 5:30 service, 6:00 supper
supper signup deadline Nov 16 ***(signup in Sprague Room or on Church Center)***

Garden Work Day • Sat, Nov 21, 8 a.m.

Thanksgiving Holiday • Parish Office Closed
Wed-Thurs, Nov 25-26

First Sunday of Advent • Nov 29

Blue Christmas Service • Wed, Dec 9, 5:30 p.m.

EBP Rosary for the Virgin of Guadalupe
Dec 3-11, 7 p.m. in the Nave

EBP Evening Posaudas
Dec 15-23, Johnson Hall (check parish calendar for times)

Stillpoint and Wed Night Supper • Wed, Dec 16 • 5:30 service, 6:00 supper
supper signup deadline Dec 14 ***(signup in Sprague Room or on Church Center)***

Decoration of Church for Christmas
Sun, Dec 20, 2 p.m. following EBP Eucharist
Supper afterwards prepared by Susan Keedy
(Supper is free but please sign up on Church Center or in Sprague Room)

Christmas Eve Service with Nativity Pageant • Thurs, Dec 24
4:30 p.m. Musical Prelude, 5 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Christmas Day Morning Prayer • Fri, Dec 25
9 a.m. in the Nave

Parish Office Closed for Holidays • Dec 28-31

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)
- Via a debit or credit card or debit to your bank 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 70½ 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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(closed Tuesdays from 10-11:15)

Rector Office Hours:
Mondays-Wednesdays 9-5
Thursdays available by phone
Other times by appointment

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