



**ST. LUKE'S ON THE LAKE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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## *A COMMUNITY IN CHRIST AND CHRIST TO THE WORLD*

### *Welcome to St. Luke's!*

*Whether you are joining us for the first time or have been here for years, we pray that today you will connect with God in a new and powerful way. Let us open our hearts to a deeper relationship with God and with one another.*

## New to St. Luke's or the Episcopal Church?



We're so glad you are here! Tell us about yourself...

- Fill out a *Connection Card* in the pew rack in front of you or use your phone and the QR code to the right. Then place the card in the collection plate. We will follow up with you however you prefer.
- Drop by the welcome table for a special gift.

**About our worship**

- Our worship style is liturgical and interactive. We use the *Episcopal Book of Common Prayer [BCP]* as our guide, but everything you need is printed in your bulletin. We respond during the service as prompted. Please participate as you are comfortable.
- We use the *New Revised Standard Version [NRSV]* translation of the Bible and the "Revised Common Lectionary" as a guide for the Scriptures we hear each week.

**Receiving Communion...**

- All who have been baptized in any denomination are welcome to receive Holy Communion.
- If you do not wish to receive communion, we invite you to come forward for a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest as you approach the rail-alternatively, you may also remain in your pew.

**Facilities...**

- **Elevator & Restroom** are on your right as you exit the main sanctuary near the "Cry Room."
- **Fellowship Hall, Kid's Church, Restrooms, Classrooms & Nursery** are downstairs to the left as you exit.
- Ask anyone for directions.

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## Especially For Children

Children of all ages are always welcome in our service.

For this service, **all children age 3 through 5th grade are invited to participate in the pageant.** It comprises the first part of our service. Costumes are provided downstairs in the Fellowship Hall and are collected in the foyer at the church exit, following the service. Children will return to the pews to sit with parents following the homily. In the narthex (foyer/entry), you will also find a worship 'busy bag' for children; these may be used in the pew and/or taken home.

Families with **Infant to age 5 children** that are not participating in the pageant may avail themselves of our professionally staffed childcare area in the lower level of our complex during the service. A cry room is also available just outside the sanctuary, if needed.

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## Connect with Us

If you are interested in learning more about our community, please contact our Minister for Parish Life, Barbara Frazell by calling the office at 512.266.2455 or E-mail [connection@stlukesonthelake.org](mailto:connection@stlukesonthelake.org).

*\*Please consider taking your bulletin home for easy reference\**

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PAGEANT & HOLY COMMUNION

*Please stand as you are able.*

PROCESSIONAL *O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL V 1, 3*

*H 830*

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
come, and behold him, born the King of angels;*

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
glory to God, glory in the highest;*

*O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord.*

*O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord.*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

**Celebrant** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People** *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

**Celebrant**

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH V 1-2*

*H 96*

*Angels we have heard on high,  
singing sweetly through the night,  
and the mountains in reply  
echoing their brave delight.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

*Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why these songs of happy cheer?  
What great brightness did you see?  
What glad tidings did you hear?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

THE CHRISTMAS COLLECT

*Please remain standing or kneel as you are able.*

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** *And also with you.*

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the Christmas Pageant.*

# THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

*Please remain seated through the Pageant.*

*All are invited to join in singing.*

*Parents will be invited to take photographs before the Homily.*

*Children will return to their parents after the Homily.*

## THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 9:2-7

Rukiya Mohamedali, Lector

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

*ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH V 3*

*H 96*

*Come to Bethlehem and see  
him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee  
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

## THE SECOND LESSON: Luke 2:1-7

Kelle Sosa, Lector

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

*WHAT CHILD IS THIS V 1*

*H 115*

*What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
while shepherds watch are keeping?*

*Refrain: This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary.*

THE THIRD LESSON: Luke 2:8-14

Rukiya Mohamedali, Lector

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

*HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING V 1, 2*

*H 87*

*Hark! the herald angels sing  
glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem!  
Hark! the herald angels sing  
glory to the newborn King!*

*Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth,  
born to give us second birth.  
Risen with healing in his wings,  
light and life to all he brings,  
hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hark! the herald angels sing  
glory to the newborn King!*

THE FOURTH LESSON: Luke 2:15-20

Kelle Sosa, Lector

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

*AWAY IN A MANGER V 1, 2*

*H 101*

*Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

*The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,  
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.*

*Parents are now invited to take photographs.*

HOMILY

LORIANN LAVALLEE, Children & Family Ministries

*Children may now re-join their parents.*

## THE KIDS' CHURCH CREED

*Please stand as you are able.*

Rukiya Mohamedali, Lector

**Leader** Please join me in affirming our faith in the words of our Kids' Church Creed.

*All say together*

*I believe God, the Father, is the Creator.*

*Jesus is God, my Savior.*

*The Holy Spirit is God, my Guide and Comforter.*

*I believe all three are equal and each play a part.*

*They help me to love and give me a brand-new start.*

## Prayers of the People [Kids' Church Version]

*Please remain standing or kneel as you are able.*

*The Reader leads the prayer; the People respond as indicated in bold italics.*

Rukiya Mohamedali, Lector

God of love, gather all people as one human family.

Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Guide our community, our country, and the world.

Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Help us to be kind to all people, creatures, and the earth.

Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Be with all people who are sad, in need, or any trouble.

Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

May all who have died rest in peace.

Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

## Celebrant

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of Him who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

## THE PEACE

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

**People** ***And also with you.***

*Greet your neighbors in the name of the Lord.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## THE HOLY COMMUNION

- † All people of any age who are baptized as Christians are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.
- † If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please signal the Priest by crossing your arms over your chest.
- † The consecrated host [blessed wafer] represents full Communion if you prefer not to take wine.
- † Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.
- † You may take consecrated wine by sipping from the chalice, or by intinction [dipping] of your wafer.
- † Communion will be distributed via “Standing Stations;” the congregation will form two lines traveling up the center aisle to the altar to receive a host from the Priest/Paten Bearer, then continue to the nearest Chalice Bearer to receive wine if desired. Ushers will help direct you.

### OFFERTORY

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

BCP 376

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM *THE FIRST NOWELL V.1- V.2*

*H 107*

*The first Nowell, the angel did say,  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay.  
In fields, as they, lay keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.*

*Refrain: No-well, No-well, No-well, No-well. Born is the King of Israel...*

*They looked up, and saw a star,  
Shining in the east beyond them far.  
And to the earth, it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night.*

*Refrain: No-well, No-well, No-well, No-well. Born is the King of Israel...*

### DOXOLOGY

*Hymnal 400*

Please stand as you are able as the gifts are presented and placed on the altar.

Celebrant and People sing together

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise him all creatures here below;  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*



*Please remain standing as you are able.*

**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 him thanks and praise.*

**Celebrant**

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 a Proper Preface is said.*

BCP 377

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:

THE SANCTUS

BCP 367

*Celebrant and People say or sing together*

*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.*

**Celebrant**

*Please kneel or sit as you are able.*

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,

*Celebrant and People say together*

*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 St. Luke and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; 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.*

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*Celebrant and People say together*

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

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

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*COMMUNION HYMNS [FOUND IN RED HYMNAL] 79, 99, 89, 81*

#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People say together*

*Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.*

*Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON BLESSING

Celebrant

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

*Amen.*

RECESSIONAL *JOY TO THE WORLD V 1, 2, & 4*

*H 100*

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Joy to the world! the Lord is come:  
let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.*

*Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;  
let us our songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.*

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant

Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

*Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*



*The Christmas Poinsettias on the altar are given to the glory of God by:*

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KATHY AKIN	Thanksgiving for our vestry and their hard work leading this Parish forward Thanksgiving for our search committee and the work they did to find the next Pastor to shepherd St Luke's forward. Thanksgiving for the Leadership of Darren Grissom and dedication of Brad Powell, our treasurer.
LAURA BEINKE	Marygrace Grey Beinke In memory of Robert D Spiczka, father of Laura Beinke and grandfather of Grey Beinke.
JOAN BROWN	In loving memory of Bill Brown
PHIL BROWNFIELD	In memory of Al Brownfield & Caroline Atkinson
JUDY BURNS	In memory of Pat Beachy, beloved church member and dear friend.
LOU ANN CARLSON	Leroy and Janette Carlson. In loving memory of the wonderful Christmases spent with our parents. Paula and Martha Sahs. In loving memory of the wonderful Christmases spent with our parents.
MARIA CAVINS	In memory of Richard Goulet, Joseph, Mary, Jackie and Joe Steady
MARSHA COCHRAN	Joyce Nosworthy. For mom, in honor of your love for Christmas poinsettias.
KATIE & AUSTIN COLLINS	In thanksgiving for our families
BONNIE CONNER	Forever in our hearts John Conner
PEGGIE & JON KLEMA	Thanksgiving and blessings for our family and our wonderful friends
LORIANN LAVALLEE	In memory of Jesse Nelle Hahn, an artist, VBS warrior, and the best Momma in the universe.
MIKE MAHAFFEY	With thanksgiving to God for all His blessings.
SHERRY MARTIN	Grateful for the lives of our parents, son Wynn and our dear friend Tom Hillin
SARAH MCILHERAN	In loving memory of Tom and Elizabeth McIlheran
CASEY MILLAR	In honor of the beautiful life of Sandy Millar. Blessed beyond measure to have had her in our lives.
DAVID MORLEY	In Memory of John C. Morley, Sally S. Morley, and John C. Morley, Jr.
PAGE AND JAMES MOTES	In honor of our family and in memory of those we have lost.
BETTY PAUL	In memory of Pete Paul and thanksgiving for family and friends
FRANCES PEARCE	In honor of Anne Reed
CARLISLE PEARSON	In loving memory of my family, C J and Annabel and Buck Allen
PHIL & KATHY PFISTER	In celebration of the people of St. Luke's on the Lake. In remembrance of Fran McKendree
BRADLEY C. & BELINDA POWELL	In memory of Bill & Carol Powell and with thanksgiving for our family.
CHRIS RHOADS	In honor of Paula, Glad, and Elise.
DAVID ROLLINS	Jan Taylor Rollins With warm memories of all our Christmases
AMY LOUISE SCHWARZ	In remembrance of Pat Beachy.
DEBORAH & JIM SMITH	With thanksgiving and praise to God for all His mercies.
ROBIN THOMAS	In memory of Wiley and Mary Ann Thomas, and Bob and Edie Odom
AMY & AVERY YATES	Suzanne Searle- You are missed daily mom! Avery and I imagine you surrounded by God , Rar Rar, Topper, Finn, etc.... We love you and enjoy so many of the traditions you started. You're always in our hearts!
MARILYN ZWICKER	Thanksgiving for friends and family

## VESTRY OF ST. LUKE'S ON THE LAKE

The Vestry serves as our Board of Directors. They are here to help with questions/comments about St. Luke's.

### *2021-2023*

Darren Grissom  
Peggie Klema  
Lenee Willsey

### *2022-2024*

Jane Ellen Carter  
Austin Collins  
Jim Smith  
Anne Steichen

### *2023-2025*

Chris Perkins  
Peggy Point  
Karla Tabor  
Ann Thompson

### OFFICERS OF THE VESTRY

The Rev. Kathy Rock Pfister  
Darren Grissom  
Austin Collins  
Peggy Point  
Brad Powell

Rector [Ex-Officio]  
Senior Warden  
Junior Warden  
Clerk  
Treasurer [Ex-Officio]

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### WORSHIP MINISTERS

**Preacher and Celebrant** *The Reverend Kathy Rock Pfister*  
**Lector** *Kelle Sosa, Rukiya Mohamedali*  
**Chalice Bearer** *Bleckley Dobbs, Sue DeVos*  
**Paten Bearer** *Jim Smith*  
  
**Lay Eucharistic Visitor** *[none]*  
**Acolytes** *Jackson Diver*  
**Acolyte Master** *Kym Hall*  
**Altar Guild** *All Teams*  
**Floral Guild** *All Teams*

**Ushers** *Frazell, Diver(s), Lavallee, Bonner*  
**Greeter** *Chris Rhoads*  
**Choir Director** *Donald J. Grantham*  
**Organist** *Stephen McElroy*  
**Vestry** *Jim Smith*  
**Music Leader** *Andrea Horner Semels*  
**Youth A/V Team** *Grey Beinke, Noah Caldwell, Jackson Diver, Grant Williams*  
  
**Staff Worship Support** *Michael Balli, Barbara Frazell, LoriAnn Lavallee, Robin Miner*

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### REGULAR SERVICE TIMES

*Join on Sundays to Meet God, Love God, and Love & Serve one another at St. Luke's on the Lake!*

- **Holy Eucharist Rite I:** Sundays at 8:00 AM
- **Fellowship/Study for all ages:** Sundays at 9:00 AM (Nursery Available)
- **Holy Eucharist Rite II:** Sundays at 10:15 AM (Kid's Church and Nursery Available)

*For up-to-date information about St. Luke's, register to receive our e-news or visit [www.stlukesonthelake.org](http://www.stlukesonthelake.org).  
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