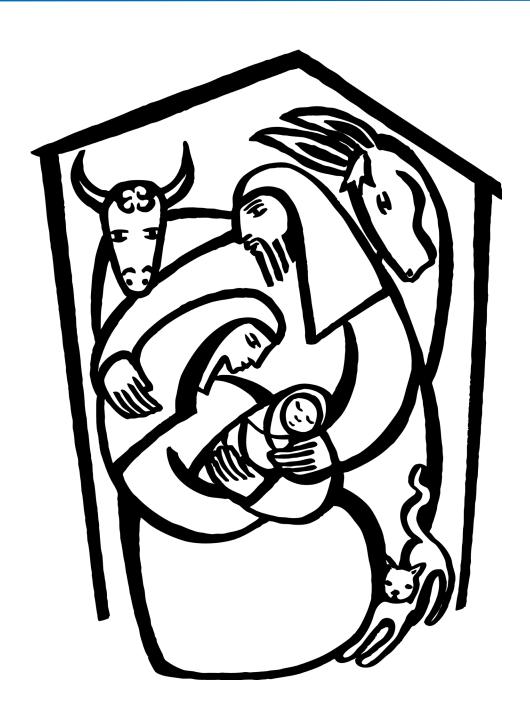


CHRISTMAS EVE ST. LUKE'S ON THE LAKE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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ST. LUKE'S ON THE LAKE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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...

- o 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.
- O 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...

- o All who have been baptized in any denomination are welcome to receive Holy Communion.
- o 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...

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

Especially For Children

Children of all ages are always welcome in our service.

At this service we do not have childcare. In the narthex you will find a worship 'busy bag' for children. A cry room is also available just outside the sanctuary if needed.

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.

Please consider taking your bulletin home for easy reference



PROCESSIONAL O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL (ADESTE FIDELES) V 1-3, 6



Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

Please remain standing.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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*.

THE CHRISTMAS COLLECT

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.

THE LESSONS

The Old Testament Reading

Reader A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

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 with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For 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.

⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For 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.

⁷His 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. (Isaiah 9:2-7)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Reader Please join me in reading today's Psalm responsively by whole verse.

The Reader leads the Psalm; the People respond as indicated by bold italics.

Psalm 96

¹Sing to the LORD a new song; *

sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

²Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *

proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

³Declare his glory among the nations * and his wonders among all peoples.

⁴For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *

he is more to be feared than all gods.

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; * but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

⁶Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; * ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

⁸Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; * bring offerings and come into his courts.

⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; * let the whole earth tremble before him.

10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! *

He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;

he will judge the peoples with equity."

¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;

let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *

let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

¹²Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy

before the LORD when he comes, *

when he comes to judge the earth.

¹³He will judge the world with righteousness * and the peoples with his truth.

The New Testament Reading

Reader A Reading from the Letter to Titus.

¹¹The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds. (*Titus* 2:11-14)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING



THE GOSPEL

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph 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. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And 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.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

¹⁵When 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." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. (**Luke 2:1-20**)

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Please be seated.

THE SERMON

THE REVEREND KATHY ROCK PFISTER, RECTOR

Please stand as you are able.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 355

Please join me in affirming our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed. Celebrant

All say together

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God. begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead. and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please remain standing or kneel as you are able.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

On this holy night in which God joins heaven and earth, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Let us pray for the Church around the world as it celebrates the birth of Christ. Bless all those who are entrusted with Christian ministry that your Word might be proclaimed with truth and courage across our world.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bestow your wisdom on all who govern, that in honoring the earth and respecting the dignity of every human being, we may celebrate the light of this holy night.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Grant reconciliation to those surrounded with conflict and violence, that they may live in the peace of this holy night.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all who are cold, hungry, or alone this night. Embrace with your tender care all who wander alone or have no place to lay their head, they may experience the hope of this holy night.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all who are anxious, depressed, or ill. Draw near to those who find this season a source of pain or grief, and to all who are suffering or sick, especially those we remember in our own hearts... that they may feel the comfort of this holy night.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for parents, families, and newborn infants. Strengthen families in the bonds of love and commitment, that they may delight in the joy of this holy night.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for ourselves and for the blessings of Christmas. Open our hearts to your presence, that we may be transformed by the new birth of this holy night.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Let us give thanks for all the faithful departed who have been bearers of the Word made flesh. Give us grace to follow your holy ones in lives of faith and commitment, that we may join with the hosts of heaven in singing the praises of this holy night.

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 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen*.

(The confession is omitted as is customary for the season of Christmas)

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 DOST THOU IN A MANGER LIE from Piae Cantiones

DOXOLOGY HYMNAL 380, V.3

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

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

Please remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also 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 S129

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,

BCP 364

Celebrant and People say together

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



Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord; that hath made heaven and earth of nought, and with his blood our life hath bought.

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.

Candlelight for the Kneeling Hymn will be started by ushers and worship ministers and passed through the congregation. To light your candle, turn it horizontally to light the flame from another candle.

Once your candle is lit, please hold it upright.

Please kneel as you are able.

KNEELING HYMN SILENT NIGHT

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Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

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.*

Please extinguish your candle and, after the dismissal, return them to the designated baskets as you exit the Sanctuary.

RECESSIONAL JOY TO THE WORLD V. 1, 2, AND 4



THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant 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:

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 2022-2024 2023-2025

Jane Ellen Carter Chris Perkins

Darren GrissomAustin CollinsPeggy PointPeggie KlemaJim SmithKarla TaborLenee WillseyAnne SteichenAnn Thompson

OFFICERS OF THE VESTRY

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Darren Grissom Senior Warden
Austin Collins Junior Warden

Peggy Point Clerk

Brad Powell Treasurer [Ex-Officio]

WORSHIP MINISTERS

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Paten Bearer Leslie Benitez Organist Stephen McElroy
Trumpet Nate Mayfield

Lay Eucharistic Visitor [none] Vestry Grissom

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Altar Guild All Teams

Floral Guild All Teams Staff Worship Support Michael Balli, Barbara Frazell,

LoriAnn Lavallee, Robin Miner

REGULAR SERVICE TIMES

Join us 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)

O 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 <u>www.stlukesonthelake.org</u>.

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