St. Luke's ON THE LAKE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CHRISTMAS DAY

ST. LUKE'S ON THE LAKE EPISCOPAL CHURCH Holy Eucharist Rite I Monday, December 25th, 2023 | 10:15 AM



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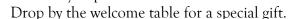
Welcome to St. Luke's!

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 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.
- 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.

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 <u>connection@stlukesonthelake.org</u>.

*Please consider taking your bulletin home for easy reference

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THE WORD OF GOD

Liturgy is from the 1979 Book of Common Prayer [BCP] of the Episcopal Church [blue book] Hymns are from the 1982 Hymnal [H] [red book]

Please stand as you are comfortable. PROCESSIONAL HYMNAL # O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL (ADESTE FIDELES) V 1-3, 6 H83 1 Ocome, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O 2 Light e - ter - nal, God from. God,_ Light from 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, ex - ul - ta - tion,___ sing in *4 shep-herds, See how the sum - moned to his cra-dle,___ *5 Child, for sin - ners poor and in the man-ger,_ us 1 come ye, 0 come. ye to Beth le hem; -2 lo! the Vir he ab hors_ not gin's womb; <u>3</u> sing, all ci - ti - zens of bove; heaven ye a -4 leav ing their flocks,_ draw_ nigh to gaze; $\mathbf{5}$ thee, with we would em brace_ love and awe; **):**‡ · · · · · · · · · 1 come, and be hold him, born the King of gels; an Fa 2 of the on ly be _ got ten Son. ther; 3 glo God, glo - ry the high - est; ry to in foot - steps; 4 will thith - er bend our ful we too joy lov - ing $\mathbf{5}$ who would love thee, dear - ly? not us so 4 າ: 6 0 ł 0 0 come, let him, come, us а dore let us а 0 0 σ D dore him, O dore him, Christ the Lord. come, let us а -6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given;

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

OPENING ACCLAMATION

CelebrantBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Please remain standing or kneel as you are comfortable.

Celebrant

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

THE CHRISTMAS COLLECT

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd with thy Spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly festival of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so may we with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen*.

THE LESSONS

Please be seated.

Reader A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

- 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.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.SEQUENCE HYMNHYMNAL #87 HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

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. (*Isaiah 9:2-7*)

Please stand as you are comfortable.



THE GOSPEL

GospelerThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.PeopleGlory be to thee, O Lord.

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.

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!"

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. (*Luke 2:1-20*)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



SERMON Please be seated. THE REVEREND KATHY ROCK PFISTER, RECTOR

Celebrant Please join me in affirming our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed. *All say together*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,	On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven
of all that is, seen and unseen.	and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
	He will come again in glory to judge the living and
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,	the dead,
the only Son of God,	and his kingdom will have no end.
eternally begotten of the Father,	
God from God, Light from Light,	We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of
true God from true God,	life,
begotten, not made,	who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
of one Being with the Father.	With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and
Through him all things were made.	glorified.
	He has spoken through the Prophets.
For us and for our salvation	We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
he came down from heaven:	We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of
by the power of the Holy Spirit	sins.
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,	We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and was made man.	and the life of the world to come. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

he suffered death and was buried.

Please remain standing or kneel as you are comfortable. The Intercessor reads the prayers; the People respond as indicated in bold italics.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

On this Christmas Day 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 Christmas.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Grant reconciliation to those surrounded with conflict and violence, that they may enter the peace of this Christmas.

Lord in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

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

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 ...(please add your prayers silently on aloud)

Lord, may they feel the comfort of this Christmas.

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 Christmas.

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 Christmas.

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 Christmas.

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 PEACECelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

We are grateful for your tax-deductible contributions, which enable us to continue our work. You may place your gift in the collection plate or text a dollar amount followed by the word "pledge" to 833-948-2161 or mail a check to: St. Luke's on the Lake Episcopal Church|5600 RR 620 N| Austin, TX 78732

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *(Instrumental) Silent Night, Holy Night* arr. Uehlein *Please stand as you are comfortable while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

CelebrantAll things come of thee Oh Lord,PeopleAnd of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I

Please remain standing as you are comfortable.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy Spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Here a Proper Preface is said.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

THE SANCTUS Celebrant and People say together

> Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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Celebrant

Please sit or kneel as you are comfortable.

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to

make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable

benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution,

in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our

sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son

Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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 Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and may add Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

- **†** To receive communion or a blessing, please follow the direction of the ushers, you may kneel or stand at the altar rail.
- + All people of any age who are baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.
- + The consecrated host [blessed wafer] represents full Communion if you do not wish to take wine.
- **†** You may receive consecrated wine by sipping from the chalice, or by intinction [dipping] of your wafer.
- **†** Gluten-free wafers are available upon request; signal the Priest by cupping your hands together.
- **†** If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please signal the Priest by crossing your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION HYMN

HYMNAL #109 The First Nowell V. 1, 2, 5, 6



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People say together

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. 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 HYMNAL #100 JOY TO THE WORLD V. 1, 2, AND 4 Please stand as you are comfortable.



THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant *People*

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

Darren Grissom Peggie Klema Lenee Willsey 2022-2024

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2023-2025

Chris Perkins Peggy Point Karla Tabor Ann Thompson

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	Jackson Diver, Grant Williams,
	Brad Powell

Facilities Michael Balli

Participating in a worship ministry is an important and fulfilling way in which we serve God and the community of St. Luke's. If you'd like to join any of the worship ministries listed above or would like to learn more about them, please contact the Rev. Kathy Pfister.

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:
- Fellowship/Study for all ages:Holy Eucharist Rite II:
- Sundays at 8:00 AM Sundays at 9:00 AM (Nursery Available) 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>. Need help? Contact the office at <u>512.266.2455/office@stlukesonthelake.org</u>