



# HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> 2024 | 10:15 AM

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The Third Sunday of Advent

## For families worshipping with children in the pews:

We see the presence of children in worship as a gift and we welcome them to join us in our praise of God. Our aim is to help young people grow in faith and to nurture the spiritual capacities fostered through worship: reverence, contemplation, awe, joy, connection, and a renewed awareness of God's love for us and our neighbor.

Our 10:15 service is designed to support families so that they may participate in a way that is spiritually and developmentally attuned to our youngest members. Some families may choose to worship together for the entire service and some families may choose for their children to participate in our Little Liturgy or Kids' Church offerings. Most families engage in a bit of trial and error before they settle on what works best for them.

For infants to 5 years, we offer professional childcare and an age-appropriate, interactive worship service known as Little Liturgy. Drop-off is downstairs in our nursery/preschool area. Parents are always welcome to participate with their child.

Elementary-aged children begin in church with their families and then at the reading of the Gospel they are invited forward to listen. Parents are encouraged to come forward with their child if they are feeling shy. Following the reading of the gospel, the children may return to the pew with their family or follow the cross downstairs for Kids' church where we offer an interactive continuation of the Bible lesson and prayers, before returning to the sanctuary in time to receive communion. Again, parents are always welcome to participate with their child.

Here are some tips which might make worship more enjoyable and meaningful for you and your child.

### Before the service

- Encourage your child to use the restroom and get a drink of water before the service begins.
- Children's Bibles are in the pew; kids may enjoy reading these or looking at the pictures.
- Pick up kids' worship materials such as The Sunday Paper Junior and the Children's Worship Bulletin, along with clipboards and writing materials at the Welcome Center in the lobby.
- Consider sitting toward the front so your child can see and hear what is happening in the service.

### During the service

- Breathe! Our worship values participation over perfection and seeks to nurture reverence rather than rigidity.
- Quietly explain what is happening in the service to your child. You might point out the priests, the choir, kids serving on the altar, the gospel book, the candles, the offering plate, etc.
- Encourage participation: Sing the hymns, pray, and say the responses. Children learn by example!
- Sometimes participating reverently for more than a few minutes can be a challenge for children. If you need to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me."
- We have a Comfort Center with a restroom, chairs for nursing mothers and a diaper changing table to your immediate right as you exit the Sanctuary.
- You are also invited to walk around the Lobby, step outside, or even take your child downstairs to the childcare area during the service.

Dear Friends,

Welcome! We are so glad you're here! Thank you for joining us for worship today. Whether you are returning to church after a time away or are altogether new to the faith; whether you are looking for a new church home or simply seeking a place to be quiet; your presence is a gift to us, and you are welcome here at St. Luke's on the Lake. Please participate as you feel comfortable.

For over sixty years, St. Luke's has been a community of Christ for all. Together, we deepen our faith and connection to God through service, learning, prayer and worship. We seek to be a place of love and belonging for all who desire it. If you are a guest today and would like for us to be in touch with you, we invite you to fill out the brief Connection Card located in the pew in front of you.

Once completed, please drop your connection card into the offertory plate as it passes. Alternatively, you may use the QR code to complete an online Connection Card. If you have questions about our church or would just like to talk, please send us an email. We look forward to knowing you.



God's Peace,



The Rev. Kathy Rock Pfister, Rector

## THE WELCOME

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

### BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS

#### Wedding Anniversary Prayer

BCP 431

*Celebrant and People say together*

*O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

#### Birthday Prayer

BCP 830

*Celebrant and People say together*

*Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

#### *A note on the service:*

*Throughout the bulletin, you'll find sections of blue text to the right of the liturgy which will comment on different portions of it. Whether you are familiar with liturgical worship, or this is your first experience, we invite you to reflect on these moments in the service.*

*We offer our prayers as a community, remembering that worship is not a performance. Rather, these prayers belong to all of us, and we are so grateful you have decided to add your voice and presence to them today.*

# THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Please stand as you are able at the sound of the bell. As the next candle on the Advent Wreath is lit by a family of the parish, the Celebrant offers this prayer.

**Celebrant** Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever. Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth as a burning and shining light. May we your servants rejoice in his light, and so be led to witness to him who is the Lord of our coming kingdom, Jesus our Saviour and King of the ages.

**People** *Blessed be God for ever.*

*The Advent wreath originated as a devotional tool used in the home, eventually migrating into church settings. It marks the progression of time in Advent; the season in which we await the Light of the world. As each candle is lit, the wreath's growing light contrasts with the increasing darkness of winter.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

**People** *And blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

*In this part of the service, The Word of God, we learn about God's work in the world by hearing and responding to scripture, in sermon and prayer.*

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.*

*A Collect is a form of prayer that collects the attention of the congregation to shared worship.*

### HYMN OF PRAISE | On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry (Winchester New)

HYMNAL 76

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you  
*People and also with you*  
Celebrant Let us pray,

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the lessons:*

## THE LESSONS

### The First Reading

Lector A Reading from the Prophet Zephaniah.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

**(Zephaniah 3:14-20)**

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

### The Response

Lector Please join me in reading the First Song of Isaiah responsively by whole verse.  
*The Lector leads the Canticle; the People respond as indicated by bold italics.*

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.

***For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.***

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.

***And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;***

Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

***Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.***

*There is a unique Collect for each Sunday of the year and for other occasions which can be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 159 in traditional language and page 211 in contemporary language.*

*We follow a three-year cycle of readings called the Revised Common Lectionary. These are the readings being heard in congregations of many types throughout the world today including: Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Roman Catholic. This typically includes readings from the Hebrew Scriptures of the Old Testament, a Psalm, the Greek Scriptures of the New Testament, and one of the four Gospels.*

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel. (Isaiah 12:2-6)

### The Second Reading

Lector A Reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:4-7)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Please stand as you are able. *All children are invited forward during the last verse of the sequence hymn to gather around the gospel book for the proclamation of the good news. Parents are welcome to accompany their children forward.*

SEQUENCE HYMN | *Lord, be thy word my rule (Quam dilecta)*

HYMNAL 626

1 Lord, be thy word my rule; in it may I re - joice;  
2 thy prom - is - es my hope; thy prov - i - dence my guard;

thy glo - ry be my aim, thy ho - ly will my choice;  
thine arm my strong sup - port; thy - self my great re - ward.

### THE GOSPEL

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. (Luke 3:7-18)

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

Following the call and response below, all children are invited to follow the cross to the Big Room in Riker Hall for Kid's Church (children will return to the sanctuary following the Lord's Prayer for Communion) or to return to the pew to sit their family.

Gospeller     This is God's Story  
People         *This is our story.*

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



#### THE SERMON

The Rev. Kathy Rock Pfister

A period of silence follows the sermon.

Please stand as you are able.

#### THE NICENE CREED

BCP 355

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

*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 affirm our faith as members of the catholic (Greek for "universal") Church by saying together a Creed (from the Latin "credo" for "I believe"), a statement of faith and trust in God. The Nicene Creed was composed at the First Council of Nicaea in 325 AD. As Episcopalians, we view it as a sufficient (though not exhaustive) statement of the Christian faith and is said on all Sundays and major feasts.*

*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.*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please stand or kneel as you are able; the Intercessor and People pray responsively*

Intercessor     In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

For this community, the nation, and the world;

***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

For the just and proper use of your creation;

***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Andy, Kai (KAY), Jeff, Hector, and Brian our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

***For all who serve God in his Church.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation:

For those on our parish prayer list.

For members of this parish serving in the armed forces.

For those awaiting the birth or adoption of a child.

And all who we now name, silently or aloud...

Silence

Hear us, Lord;

***For your mercy is great.***

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

For rain and temperate weather.

For the blessing and heritage of children.

For the birth of Frida Sonia Suggs-Perea.

And all others we now name, silently or aloud...

*In the Prayers of the People, we offer prayers for ourselves and: the Church, the Nation (and all in authority), the World, the Local Community, the Suffering, and the Departed.*

*The Daughters of the King (DOK) pray for all on our public and confidential Parish Prayer List as well as the households in our parish each week. Household prayers for this week are: Last Names Beginning with DOB through EPP.*

*Prayer requests (public and confidential) may be submitted to the office or online by clicking the "Prayer Request" button at the bottom of any page on our webpage: <https://stlukesonthelake.org>*

## ST. LUKE'S PUBLIC PARISH PRAYER LIST

***Those Whose Needs Have Been Made Known to Us:***

*Sandy, Carol, Dave, John, Andy, John, Jeff, Linda, Rick, Julie, Tyler, Ramona, Ros, Sandra, Stephen, Cynthia, Rebecca, Michael, Desiree, Anne, Craig, Isa, David, Kitty, Rex, Camille, Jill, Jim, Peg, Jan, A.J., Sue, Shelley, Anne, Laurinda, Dana, Sarah, Aileen, Elizabeth, Kenia, Carol*



Silence

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in  
your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*Who put their trust in you.*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.  
Silence is kept.

#### THE CONFESSION

*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.*

#### THE ABSOLUTION

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.**

#### THE PEACE

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

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### *Those awaiting the birth or adoption of a child:*

*Andrew and Kailyn,  
Courtney and Austin*

#### *Members and Loved Ones Serving Our Country:*

*Andrew, Brian, Carter, Christine,  
Jordan, and Phillip*

#### *Those Who Have Died:*

*In this prayer of confession, we use the  
plural “we” so that we can confess the  
individual ways that we have sinned  
and fallen short of the glory of God and  
the ways that we as a people collectively  
have fallen into sin.*

*In the absolution, we receive the  
forgiveness of God, not as a vague  
promise but as a lived reality.*

*Having just received forgiveness and  
restoration, we share a sign of peace with  
each other.*

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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.*
- † *You may take consecrated wine by sipping from the chalice, or by intinction [dipping] of your wafer. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. The consecrated host [blessed wafer] represents full Communion if you prefer not to take wine.*
- † *If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please do so by crossing your arms over your chest.*
- † *You may also remain in your pew.*

#### THE OFFERTORY

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM | *Our Ancient Adam (J. S. Bach)*

Choir

Please stand as you are able as the gifts of money, bread, and wine 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.*

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.*

*In the Eucharistic ("Thanksgiving")  
Prayer: we give thanks for God's work  
in creation and the salvation offered  
in Jesus Christ. We believe that the  
entire congregation prays this prayer,  
and that the entire prayer acts to  
consecrate the bread and wine as  
Christ's Body and Blood.*

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...

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People sing together

SANCTUS (from "A Community Mass" by Richard Proulx)

HYMNAL S-125

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

Please stand or kneel as you are able as the Celebrant continues...

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

*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!*

*The children return from Kids' Church for communion and blessings. Facing the people, the Celebrant says the Invitation.*

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.

#### ADVENT HEALING PRAYER STATIONS

*During the distribution of communion, you are welcome to proceed to any of the prayer stations located at the rear of the church, on either the far left or far right. Simply approach the anointer with open hands. In keeping with ancient tradition, they will anoint your forehead and hands, as an act of healing and consecrating your life anew to God. There are over 400 instances of such anointing with fragrant oil in the bible. In this brief but powerful sacramental moment, we join ourselves in a longstanding practice of prayer and healing.*

FIRST COMMUNION HYMN | *Surely It Is God Who Saves Me* (Thomas Merton)

HYMNAL 679

SECOND COMMUNION HYMN | *Prepare the way, O Zion* (Bereden vag for Herran)

HYMNAL 65

#### PRAYER FOR LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS (AS APPOINTED)

*In the name of St. Luke's on the lake, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body because we all share one bread and one cup. Amen.*

#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

*Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

*After receiving Christ's body and blood, we express wholehearted thanks to God and ask that, when we leave this place, we might be Christ's body in the world.*

THE BLESSING

Celebrant May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

SENDING HYMN | *Hark! The glad sound! (Richmond)*

HYMNAL 71

*Descant*

4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

1 Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior  
 2 He comes, the pris - oners to re - lease in Sa - tan's  
 3 He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing  
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal  
 prom - ised long; let ev - ery heart pre -  
 bond - age held; the gates of brass be -  
 soul to cure; and with the trea - sures  
 shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal

arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.  
 pare a throne, and ev - ery voice a song.  
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.  
 of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
 arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

Gospeller      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*        *Thanks be to God.*

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*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God  
And in loving memory of John Conner & Florence Denison by Bonnie Conner*



Join us **TODAY** for our annual Serving with Santa Family event - in your pajamas! Kids are invited to wear their PJs to church so that, right after the 10:15am service on December 15, all ages can join together in the Parish Hall to prepare blankets for children in need. All materials are provided - we just need your hands for measuring, cutting, and tying - and your servant hearts, full of love. Every and any one can do it!

Then we will feast on the famous pancakes and fixins of the Men of St. Luke's, and fellowship with each other. Also, Santa will be there to pass out candy, get pictures, and take last minute requests!



### 9 AM Forum: Christmas Carols

During Advent, the Sunday Forum will study our favorite Christmas Carols. From the book *The Carols of Christmas* by Alan Vermilye.

- December 15: *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day* - facilitated by Kasia Cristobal
- December 22: *O Little Town of Bethlehem* - facilitated by Paul Solon
- January 5: *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* - facilitated by Nancy Phillips

**Christmas Service Schedule**

**Tuesday, December 24th  
Christmas Eve**

**4 PM | Nativity Pageant, Rite II  
Communion & Christmas Carols**

**8 PM | Rite II  
Sermon, Communion, Brass, Choir,  
& Organ**

**Wednesday, December 25th  
Christmas Day**

**10:15 AM | Rite I  
Sermon, Communion,  
Christmas Hymns, & Organ**



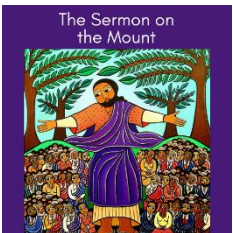
**Today is the last day to order: Men's Shirts for Sale**

Use the QR code on the right to order St. Luke's custom men's shirts being sold by MOSL. Make sure to specify your size. The only color available is shown in the picture (light blue). Makes a great Christmas gift!



**Camp Allen Summer Camp 2025 Registration – Now Open!**

Use the QR code to the left to register. Contact Sharon Dobbs for questions about camp scholarships, or to connect with other St. Luke's families with summer campers. We are committed to ensuring that anyone that wants to go to camp can attend. Typical scholarship funding is: 1/3 camper | 1/3 Camp Allen | 1/3 Men of St. Luke's but if more support is needed, please contact the Rector.



**The Sermon on the Mount Study led by The Rev. Mike Wyckoff  
Beginning Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 AM, Parish Hall and via Zoom**

The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew, chapters 5, 6, and 7) presents the essence of the teaching of Jesus. The followers of Jesus are to be different – both from the nominal church and the secular world. This Sermon is the most complete articulation of the life of the Kingdom of God. By grace (not law), we will learn together how Jesus intended for his Sermon to be received.

SCHEDULE

Please visit [www.stlukesonthelake.org/calendar](http://www.stlukesonthelake.org/calendar) for our most current and complete calendar.

Day/Date	Event	Time	Location
Sundays	9 AM Forum	9:00 AM	Parish Hall
	Parenting Group	9:00 AM	Riker Conference Rm.
	Youth (grades 6-12)	9:00 AM	Upper Riker Hall
	Kids' Formation	9:00 AM	Lower Riker Hall
Mondays	Women's Bible Study	12:00 PM	Via Zoom (1hr)
	Men's Bible Study	12:00 PM	Via Zoom (50min)
Wednesdays	Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 PM	Via Zoom (1hr)
Sunday, December 15 <sup>th</sup>	Serving with Santa	11:30 AM	Parish Hall
Sunday, December 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Healing Ministry Training	2:00 PM	Off-site
Tuesday, December 24 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Eve Services	4:00/8:00 PM	Nave
Wednesday, December 25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Day Service	10:15 AM	Nave
Sunday, December 29 <sup>th</sup>	Fellowship Time/No Formation	9:00 AM	Parish Hall
Sunday, January 5 <sup>th</sup>	Epiphany: Procession of the Magi	10:15 AM	Nave
Tuesday, January 7 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Guild meeting	10:00 AM	Parish Hall
Thursday, January 9 <sup>th</sup>	Sermon on the Mount Study begins	11:00 AM	Parish Hall
Sunday, January 12 <sup>th</sup>	Baptisms	10:15 AM	Nave/Narthex
Saturday, January 18 <sup>th</sup>	Daughters of the King Meeting	9:30 AM	Library
Sunday, January 19 <sup>th</sup>	Newcomer Gathering	11:30 AM	Parish Hall
Sunday, January 26 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Parish Meeting	11:25 AM	Nave
Sunday, January 26 <sup>th</sup>	Retirement reception for Anne Severson	12:15 PM	Parish Hall

## VESTRY (LAY LEADERSHIP) 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.

<u>Term ending 2024</u>	<u>Term ending 2025</u>	<u>Term ending 2026</u>
Jim Smith, Sr. <i>Warden</i>	Chris Perkins	Sonia Coyle
Austin Collins, Jr. <i>Warden</i>	Peggy Point, <i>Clerk</i>	Faith Dean
Anne Steichen	Karla Tabor	Mike Mahaffey
		Brad Powell, <i>Treas.</i> [Ex-Officio]

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## WORSHIP MINISTRY COORDINATORS

<b>Lay Ministry Coordinator</b>	<i>Kym Hall</i>	<b>SAM Worship Ministers</b>	<i>Mike Fields</i>
<b>Lectors/Intercessors</b>	<i>Kelle Sosa</i>	<b>Welcoming/Greeters</b>	<i>Barbara Frazell</i>
<b>Acolytes/Chalice</b>	<i>Kym Hall</i>	<b>Usher Teams</b>	<i>Patrick Harrison</i>
<b>Lay Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<i>Deborah O'Neil</i>	<b>Kids' Church</b>	<i>LoriAnn Lavallee, Robin Miner</i>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<i>Janet Wood</i>	<b>Floral Guild</b>	<i>Phyllis Day</i>
<b>Streaming A/V</b>	<i>Grey Beinke, Brad Powell, Phil Pfister</i>		
<b>Acolytes</b>	<i>Aria Alexander, Amelia Collins, Zoey Coyle, Francisco Cristobal, Jackson &amp; Justin Diver, Samira Mohamedali, Lizzie Propes, Sadeigh Sosa, Charlotte Sutherland, Kristi Tabor, Elena Thornton, Vivian Vogel, Aidan Whitehead, Brianna &amp; Katie Willsey, Avery Yates</i>		

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.

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

<b>Rector</b>	<i>Rev. Kathy Rock Pfister</i>	<b>Minister for Parish Life</b>	<i>Barbara Frazell</i>
<b>Curate</b>	<i>Rev. Anthony Suggs-Perea</i>	<b>Minister for Lifelong Learning</b>	<i>LoriAnn Lavallee</i>
<b>Parish Administrator</b>	<i>Anne Severson</i>	<b>Children &amp; Family Ministries</b>	<i>Robin Miner</i>
		<b>Assistant Director</b>	
<b>Facilities Manager</b>	<i>Michael Balli</i>	<b>Childcare Center Coordinator</b>	<i>Ayesha Cox</i>
<b>Bookkeeper</b>	<i>Kim Weigers</i>	<b>Godly Play Specialist</b>	<i>Robyn Stanley</i>
<b>Choir Director</b>	<i>Dr. Donald J. Grantham</i>	<b>Childcare Professionals</b>	<i>Molly Thornton, Max Stanley</i>
<b>Organist</b>	<i>Stephen McElroy</i>		

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