

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II WITH CHILDREN'S PAGEANT

TUESDAY, DECEMBER $24^{\text{TH}} 2024 | 4:00 \text{ PM}$

The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

ST. LUKE'S ON THE LAKE EPISCOPAL CHURCH | 5600 RANCH ROAD 620 NORTH | AUSTIN, TX 78732

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DEDICATIONS

In Honor of Darren Grissom by Peach In Honor of Sarah Grissom by Mom In Thanksgiving for Grace Grissom by Grandma Peach In Thanksgiving for Libby Grissom by Grandma Peach In Thanksgiving for and In Honor of Luke Whitfield by Grandma Peach In Honor of Laura Whitfield by Peach In Honor of Josh Whitfield by Peach In Memory of Robert Spiczka, Mary Spiczka, Elaine Sturch, Faye Beinke, Vernon Beinke by The Beinke Family In Thanksgiving for blessings received by Joan Brown In Honor of and to the glory of God In Memory of Ken Bickel and Nancy Wilson by Austin & Katie Collins In Thanksgiving for the Rev. Kathy Pfister and her first year at St. Luke's. In Memory of my beloved family members Charlotte, Janet, and Jay by Phyllis Day In Memory of my parents, brothers, and dear friends by Suzanne De Vos In Memory of Mary Duggan and in honor of what would have been our 60th wedding anniversary by Jan Duggan In Memory of my 3 sisters: Mary Sue King, Catherine Knight Rowland, & Anne Christian Disch by Carol Ferree In Celebration of Christmas by The Gregorys In Memory of our parents and sister by Donna & Gerald Hill In Thanksgiving for our family and the blessed gift of friendships by Peggie and Jon Klema In Memory of Jesse Nelle Reid Hahn & Herbert E Hahn - dedicated grandparents of Rachel, Travis, & Sarahnelle and followers of Jesus by their words, their actions, & their lives In Memory of loved ones by The Mahaffey family In Thanksgiving for many blessings by The Mahaffey family In Grateful Thanksgiving for the lives of our parents and our son Wynn by Perry and Sherry Martin In Memory of our parents and brother-in-law by Amanda Masterson & David Ingold In Memory of Thomas & Elizabeth McIlheran by Sarah McIlheran & Mark Ridlehuber In Memory of Charles & Eleanor Ridlehuber by Sarah McIlheran & Mark Ridlehuber In Memory of Sandy Millar (Ouma) by Craig, Casey, Brody, and Connor Millar In Memory of John and Sally Morley, and John Morley, Jr. by David and Anne Morley In Memory of my husband Pete Paul, and grandson Richard Paul by Betty Paul In Memory of Father Ted Wezolowski by Georgine and Gordon Peacock In Thanksgiving for family, friends, and neighbors by the Perkins Family In Thanksgiving for the team-spirit, creativity and dedication of the St. Luke's staff In Celebration of the lay-leadership of this parish who make it all happen beautifully by the Rev. Kathy Pfister In Memory of June Gecan by Chris Rhoads In Memory of Glen, Miriam, and Jan Rollins by David Rollins In Thanksgiving for our family and God's many blessings by Deborah and Jim Smith In Memory of my beloved husband, Fred W. Sternenberg by Jan Sternenberg In Memory of Martha and Rosemary Sutherland by Patrick Sutherland in honor of his Mother and Grandmother In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Odom and Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Thomas by the Thomas family In Memory of beloved mother & Grammy Suzanne Searle and best dog Topper by Amy & Avery Yates

For families worshiping with children

ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE PICKUP PAGEANT

All children ages 3yrs through 6th grade and welcome to participate in the Nativity Pageant. Head downstairs to the parish hall to pick up a costume and join the fun. Our children and family adult staff and volunteers will shepherd the children throughout the process. The children will progressively process up to the altar platform as the hymns are sung between lessons. At the conclusion of the pageant there will be an opportunity to take photographs. The children will return to their families later in the service.

LOOKING FOR NURSERY AND CHILDCARE?

Our professionally staffed childcare center, located downstairs in the Riker building, is open this evening should your family wish to take advantage of additional care. Children, infants through age 5, may be dropped off and/or picked up from the center at any time during the service. Many families retrieve their children at the distribution of communion so that they can participate as a family.

WE WELCOME CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

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.

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

Before the service

- Pick up kids' worship materials; we have 'busy bags' containing worship bulletins, stickers and activities at the Welcome Center in the lobby. These are yours to take home.
- Consider sitting toward the front so your child can see and hear what is happening in 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.

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 Parish Family & Friends,

Merry Christmas! Welcome! We are so glad you're here! We gather this glorious night to proclaim the birth of the infant King, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through music and scripture, we remember God's unending in love for us. In our celebration of Holy Communion our eyes are opened to see that the miracle of the Incarnate Word persists. And in our fellowship and prayer, we greet Emmanuel- God with us- in the faces of our brothers and sisters, friends and strangers.

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 celebrate Christmas; your presence is a gift to us, and you are welcome here. 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,

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The Rev. Kathy Rock Pfister, Rector

THE WELCOME

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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.

HYMNAL 83

Please stand as you are able at the sound of the bell.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN | O come all ye faithful (Adeste fideles) vs 1 & 3

 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;

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

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant	Blessed be God Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
People	And blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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*.

HYMN OF PRAISE | Angels we have heard on high (Gloria) vs. 1-2

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

COLLECT OF THE DAY

CelebrantThe Lord be with youPeopleand also with youCelebrantLet 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*.

3. 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.

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.

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

HYMNAL 96

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.

> 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.

Please be seated for the lessons and the pageant.

THE LESSONS AND CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 9:2-7

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.

HYMN | Angels we have heard on high (Gloria) vs. 3

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

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.

HYMN | What child is this (Greensleeves) vs. 1

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?

Kelle Sosa, Lector

In this portion of the service, we will hear readings from the Bible that recount the story of God's love for us, and the promise of a Messiah. In between each reading, we will sing a hymn together. We will also enjoy the gift of a pageant offered by our children, bringing the readings to life.

HYMNAL 96

Micah Parker, Lector

HYMNAL 115

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

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!"

HYMN | Hark! the herald angels sing (Mendelssohn) vs. 1-2

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!

THE FOURTH LESSON: Luke 2:15-20

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.

HYMN | Away in a manger (Cradle Song) vs. 1-2

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.

Parents are now invited to take photographs.

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!

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.

Micah Parker, Lector

HYMNAL 101

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.

Kelle Sosa, Lector

HYMNAL 115

THE KID'S CHURCH CREED

Sadeigh Sosa, Lector

Leader Please join me in affirming our faith in the words of the Kid's Church Creed.

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. 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sadeigh Sosa, Intercessor

Please stand or kneel as you are able; The Reader leads the prayer; the People respond as indicated in bold italics.

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.* 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.

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

Celebrant: Eternal God, in the stillness of this night, you sent your almighty Word, to pierce the darkness with the light of salvation: give to the earth the peace that we long for and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE PEACE

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

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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.
- t You may also remain in your pew.

THE OFFERTORY

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

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Christ's Body and Blood.

OFFERTORY SOLO

DOXOLOGY

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

Please remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.	In the Eucharistic ("Thanksgiving")
People	And also with you.	Prayer: we give thanks for God's work
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.	in creation and the salvation offered
People	We lift them to the Lord.	in Jesus Christ. We believe that the
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	entire congregation prays this prayer,
People	It is right to give him thanks and praise.	and that the entire prayer acts to
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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)

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.

BCP 367

HYMNAL 380

HYMNAL S-125

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 forever. *AMEN*.

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

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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

CelebrantAlleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;PeopleTherefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

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.

COMMUNION HYMNS	
O little town of Bethlehem (St Louis)	Hymnal 79
In the bleak mid-winter (Cranham)	Hymnal 112
God rest ye merry gentlemen (God rest you merry)	Hymnal 105
Go tell it on the mountain (Go tell it on the mountain)	Hymnal 99

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray. 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 BLESSING

Celebrant:

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

SENDING HYMN | Joy to the world! (Antioch) vs 1, 2, \mathscr{E} 4

1. 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.

> 3. 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

Gospeller Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

2. 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.

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

After receiving Christ's body and

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HYMNAL 100

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