



HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH 2024 | 10:15 AM

The Second 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. Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets, but in our days you speak through your Son, whom you have appointed the heir of all things. Grant us, your people, to walk in his light, that we may be found ready and watching when he comes again in glory and judgement; for you are our light and our salvation.

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 | Rejoice! Rejoice, believers (Llangloffan)

HYMNAL 68

1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
 The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
 rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride-groom is at hand!
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

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.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the lessons:

THE LESSONS

The First Reading

Lector A Reading from the Prophet Malachi.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight~ indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. **(Malachi 3:1-4)**

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

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.

The Response: the Song of Zechariah

Lector Please join me in reading today's canticle responsively by whole verse.

The Lector leads the Canticle; the People respond as indicated by bold italics.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace. (Luke 1:68-79)

The Second Reading

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


I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

(Philippians 1:3-11)

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.



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a
 2 O ——— Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee
 3 but the word of our God ——— en - du - reth, the ———

call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
 up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
 arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst ——— of

high - way, a high - way for our God! The ———
 peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the
 na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall

val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
 flowers of the field they ——— per - ish, like
 feed his ——— flock like a shep - herd, the

lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
 grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of
 lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll

pla - ces where the Lord our ——— God ——— may go!
 na - tions shall ——— pass like a dream ——— a - way;
 lead them, and ——— bring them ——— safe to his fold.

THE GOSPEL

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" (Luke 3:1-6)

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. Anthony Suggs-Perea

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 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.

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.

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, 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.

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

Silence

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

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

Silence

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 DAY through DIV.

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, Betty, Jana, Anne, Laurinda, Dana, Parker Mae, Sarah, Aileen, Elizabeth, Kenia

Those awaiting the birth or adoption of a child:

Anthony and Tatiana, Andrew and Kailyn, Courtney and Austin

Members and Loved Ones Serving Our Country:

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

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.*

Those Who Have Died:

Sandy Millar (died 12/10/2023, wife of Roger Millar)

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.

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.**

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

THE PEACE

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 | *Deck thyself, my soul with gladness* by G.F. Handel

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 (A Community Mass; 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 | O heavenly Word, Eternal Light (O Heiland)

HYMNAL 64

SECOND COMMUNION HYMN | The Lord will come and not be slow (York)

HYMNAL 462

PRAYER FOR LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

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 | *Comfort, comfort ye my people (Psalm 42)*

HYMNAL 67



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,
let the val - leys rise to meet him
and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.
and the hills bow down to greet him.
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

Gospeller Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God
and in celebration of Deborah Maurstad-O'Neil and Sean O'Neil's Birthdays,
in celebration of the anniversary of Maria and Craig Cavins,
and in loving memory of Sandy Millar.*

Please consider taking your bulletin home to reflect on the readings and prayers this week.



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 8: *O Holy Night* - facilitated by Michael DiSciullo
- 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 Poinsettia Dedications

Use the QR code below to make a poinsettia donation and dedication for the altar area for our Christmas services. Suggested donation is \$25. Your dedication will be included in the Christmas bulletins. Dedications are due by the end of the day on Friday, December 13th.



EYC Christmas Party & Gift Exchange Sunday, December 8th 4 PM Big Room Riker

Contact LoriAnn Lavallee to RSVP and for more information. For 5th - 12th graders. Come join us and bring a friend!



Join us 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!



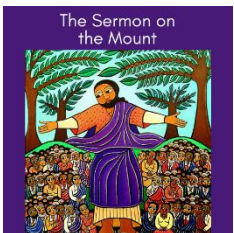
St. Luke's Men's Shirts for Sale through December 15th

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 9th, 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 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 8 th	9 AM Forum: Advent Christmas Carols	9:00 AM	Parish Hall
Sunday, December 8 th	EYC Christmas Party	4:00 PM	Big Room Riker
Sunday, December 15 th	Serving with Santa	11:30 AM	Parish Hall
Sunday, December 22 nd	Healing Ministry Training	2:00 PM	Off-site
Tuesday, December 24 th	Christmas Eve Services	4:00/8:00 PM	Nave
Wednesday, December 25 th	Christmas Day Service	10:15 AM	Nave
Sunday, December 29 th	Fellowship Time/No Formation	9:00 AM	Parish Hall
Sunday, January 5 th	Epiphany: Procession of the Magi	10:15 AM	Nave
Tuesday, January 7 th	Women's Guild meeting	10:00 AM	Parish Hall
Thursday, January 9 th	Sermon on the Mount Study begins	11:00 AM	Parish Hall
Sunday, January 12 th	Baptisms	10:15 AM	Nave/Narthex
Saturday, January 18 th	Daughters of the King Meeting	9:30 AM	Library
Sunday, January 19 th	Newcomer Gathering	11:30 AM	Parish Hall
Sunday, January 26 th	Annual Parish Meeting	11:30 AM	Nave

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]

WORSHIP MINISTRY COORDINATORS

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

STAFF OF ST. LUKE'S ON THE LAKE

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

Need help? Contact the office at [512.266.2455](tel:512.266.2455) | office@stlukesonthelake.org