



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

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The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost | October 25, 2020

Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two

The people's responses are in bold.

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in G minor

attributed to J.S. Bach

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. *Psalm 43:3*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People

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.

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 INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Officiant The earth is the Lord's, for he made it:

People **Come let us adore him.**

Jubilate *Psalm 100*

Officiant and People

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *

serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *

he himself has made us, and we are his;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;

go into his courts with praise; *

give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;

his mercy is everlasting; *

and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Officiant The earth is the Lord's, for he made it:

People **Come let us adore him.**

Psalm 1

Officiant and People

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *

nor lingered in the way of sinners,

nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

A Reading from Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18.

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

If I can help somebody
Arielle Rogers, soloist

Alma Bazel Androzzo

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew 22:34-46.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the

greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Rev. Timothy T. Rich

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

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.

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Prayers of the People

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 those in our Armed Forces. **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 Michael our presiding bishop, Nicholas our bishop, for all bishops and other ministers; and for the clergy and lay staff of our parish. We join with communities throughout this diocese and pray for our upcoming Diocesan Convention, for those to be elected or appointed, and for the many ministries we will celebrate. **For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation: We pray especially for Aimee Welch, Sue Tingle, Margaret Pinney, Lois Hunter, Piero, Shirley Monks, Joan Ruberg, Bud & Natalie Cockrell, Ted & Pat Hallenbeck, Liz McClintick, Pete Fornal, Faith Andreasen, David Rodriguez, Beth Hunter, Lisa R., Michael Tonry, Christopher B., and Thomasine Manickas.

The People may add their own petitions

Silence

And during this time of global pandemic we pray: God of compassion, be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation. In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light.

Hear us, Lord; **For your mercy is great.**

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

The People may add their own thanksgivings

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. We pray especially for Lawrence M. Baxter and his family and friends in their time of grief.

The People may add their own petitions

Silence

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

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Prayer attributed to St. Francis

Officiant and People

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

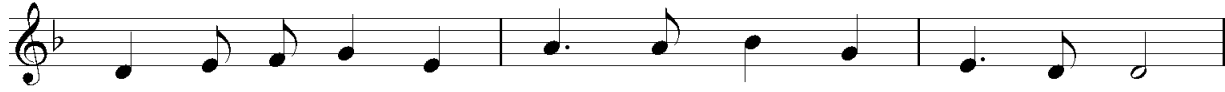
People **Thanks be to God.**

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

Stewardship Witness

Alison Poirier

Closing Hymn 605



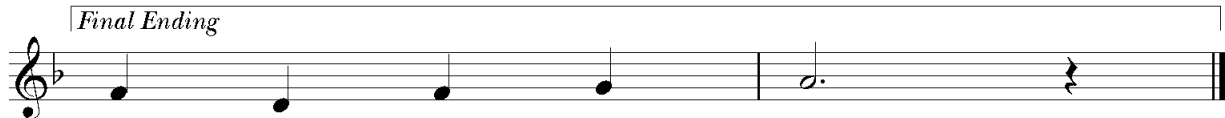
1 What does the Lord re - quire for praise and of - fer - ing?
 2 Ru - lers of earth, give ear! Should you not jus - tice show?
 3 Still down the a - ges ring the pro - phet's stern com-mands.
 4 How shall my soul ful - fill God's law so hard and high?



What sac - ri - fice de - sire, or trib - ute bid you bring?
 Will God your plead - ing hear, while crime and cruel - ty grow?
 To mer - chant, work - er, king he brings God's high de - mands.
 Let Christ en - due our will with grace to for - ti - fy.



Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
 Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
 Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
 Then just - ly; in mer - cy we'll (hum-bly walk with God.)



hum - bly walk with God.

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Participants

Preacher/Officiant	The Rev. Timothy T. Rich, Rector
Assisting Clergy	The Rev. Tanya Watt, Assistant Rector
Minister of Music	Rodney Ayers
Soloist	Arielle Rogers
Hymn Leaders	Members of the St. Cecilia Choir
First Reading	Deborah Collins
Gospel Reading	Caitlyn Holmstedt
Prayers	Betsy Fornal



Alison Poirier

Ali Poirier has been a member of St. Luke's church for over 10 years and involved in many facets of parish life including Vestry, Sunday School, and the Dominican Republic mission trip. She has also served on the Newcomer's Committee, Kitchen Improvement Committee, and attended Mobile Loaves and Fishes runs. As she puts it, "St. Luke's is a wonderful church to be part of. I feel so lucky to have St. Luke's to be part of my extended family."

THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S

Sunday, 10/25

7:45 am Holy Eucharist @ Church
10:15 am Holy Eucharist @ Church

Monday, 10/26

10:30-12 EG Food Cupboard

Wednesday, 10/28

10:30-12 EG Food Cupboard
7 pm Adult Faith Formation via Zoom

Friday, 10/30

10:30-12 EG Food Cupboard
4 pm St. Cecilia Choir

Sunday, 11/1 – All Saint's Day

7:45 am Holy Eucharist @ Church
10:15 am Holy Eucharist @ Church
5 pm Sunday Social Hour via Zoom



Please Remember To Use Sign-Up Genius!

Now that we are approaching maximum capacity for attendance, please remember to sign up for Sunday Worship at Sign-Up Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D4FAAA82EA0FE3-sunday3>

All Saint's Day

In anticipation of All Saint's Day, please submit any names of those who have passed in the last year if you would like us to include them in our Sunday bulletin to Christina, cimondi@stlukeseg.org or call the office, by Wednesday, October 28.

From the Treasurer

	2020 Loose Plate	2017 - 2019 AVG	2020 Pledge	2017 - 2019 AVG	2020 Total Personal Income	2017 - 2019 AVG	2020 Total Income	2017 - 2019 AVG
Jan	\$2,160	\$2,299	\$63,078	\$78,622	\$72,657	\$88,895	\$75,342	\$90,776
Feb	\$3,437	\$2,912	\$50,603	\$37,426	\$61,819	\$47,474	\$63,443	\$49,902
Mar	\$1,940	\$2,761	\$27,369	\$34,891	\$36,159	\$40,825	\$44,954	\$52,128
Apr	\$1,541	\$7,067	\$43,101	\$44,440	\$49,185	\$74,924	\$49,705	\$78,053
May	\$930	\$2,782	\$24,607	\$35,205	\$29,163	\$42,481	*\$84,382	\$44,702
Jun	\$684	\$2,079	\$22,756	\$32,083	\$24,940	\$38,559	\$32,690	\$48,461
Jul	\$597	\$1,923	\$20,868	\$35,309	\$23,465	\$43,115	\$24,829	\$44,344
Aug	\$1,676	\$1,076	\$37,988	\$24,154	\$45,887	\$35,947	\$52,263	\$37,215
Sep	\$1,269	\$3,094	\$21,844	\$33,417	\$29,709	\$42,647	\$37,284	\$53,458
Sub	\$14,234	\$25,993	\$312,214	\$355,547	\$372,984	\$454,867	\$464,892	\$499,039
Oct	\$0	\$3,758	\$0	\$36,707	\$0	\$46,492	\$0	\$50,515
Nov	\$0	\$2,909	\$0	\$31,988	\$0	\$42,370	\$0	\$45,522
Dec	\$0	\$8,435	\$0	\$45,205	\$0	\$80,007	\$0	\$96,269
Total	\$14,234	\$41,095	\$312,214	\$469,447	\$372,984	\$623,736	\$464,892	\$691,345

*PPP Loan Received May

2020 has been a challenging year in more ways than we care to think about. It is certainly *not* the New Year we dreamed of or expected to see as we raised a toast at midnight on 12/31/2019.

Since the pandemic hit, we have shared results as we went along, ever thankful for the support the members of St. Luke's were able to provide. Our cash flow was sufficient for us to pay the bills without drawing down our endowments.

But the pandemic has hurt us, as you can see from the chart above – income is down across the board. And while we were able to curb some spending and bring in money from the PPP program, we will still face a shortfall (currently projected at \$20,000) at year end, and an uncertain financial picture going forward in 2021.

If you are behind in your pledge, and can catch up in the fourth quarter, it would help us. We know some can't – layoffs and furloughs didn't pass over our congregation. If you are able to provide support, please do.

St. Luke's means many things to our parishioners – I'm sure we all can provide a different story on what we derive from it.

But again, I and the rest of the leadership team are so grateful for all you give and do for our Parish!

Thank you,

Michael Sullivan

Adult Faith Formation

Our next AFF offering is the study of Jim Wallis' *Christ in Crisis? Reclaiming Jesus in a Time of Fear, Hate, and Violence*. About this book it was written:

In *Christ in Crisis* Jim Wallis provides a path of spiritual healing and solidarity to help us heal the divide separating Americans today. Building on “Reclaiming Jesus”—the declaration he and other church leaders wrote in May 2018 to address America’s current crisis—Wallis argues that Christians have become disconnected from Jesus and need to revisit their spiritual foundations. By pointing to eight questions Jesus asked or is asked, Wallis provides a means to measure whether we are truly aligned with the moral and spiritual foundations of our Christian faith.

“Christians have often remembered, re-discovered, and returned to their obedient discipleship of Jesus Christ—both personal and public—in times of trouble. It’s called coming home,” Wallis reminds us. While he addresses the dividing lines and dangers facing our nation, the religious and cultural commentator’s focus isn’t politics; it’s faith. As he has done throughout his career, Wallis offers comfort, empathy, and a practical roadmap.

Please join us for what promises to be a timely and important study.

You can order the book on Amazon. If you need help obtaining a copy, please email Father Tim.

Zoom Meeting Information is below with a link provided in our weekly announcement:

Meeting ID: 824 0211 3780

Password: 948103

Youth Faith Formation

Fr. Tim has put together an excellent group of people to thoughtfully consider how to offer formation in the safest way possible. Masks will be required, 6 feet of distance will be between people, classes when possible will be held outside, and we hope to establish stable groups. Keep your eyes open for more details on our plan from Fr. Tim! We want you and your children to be as safe as possible, and we are eager to resume formation so that we can *grow in hope and faith* together!

But we need your help. **Please fill out a registration form for each of your children as soon as possible to help us plan.** Even if you're not completely sure you'd like your child to participate this year, by filling out the registration form you give us a way to stay in touch with you as our plans progress. The form is online only this year and can be found in our weekly and on our website. Questions? Feel free to reach out to Mother Tanya: tanya@stlukeseg.org or 684-2844.

Pastoral Care Ministry

We have a new convenient way to request to add someone to our Prayer List. Our new Prayer List Request Form is available on our website under our Parish Life tab, in our Weekly Newsletter, and it is also available in the back of the church where the prayer list is kept. Our online form is easy to fill out or you can fill out and return the hard copy form at the back of church and drop it in our basket on Sunday. The prayer list is updated weekly and available for all of us to view in a link in the Weekly Newsletter. The Pastoral Care Ministry continues to pray for all on the prayer list and send cards to the homebound and those in the hospital. By filling out the information on this new form, you will help us to keep in touch.

Thank you and stay well.

The Pastoral Care Ministry

Use your phone to scan this QR code to make an online donation to St. Luke's!

