



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

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Greetings!

"There's often a part of our lives that we keep from God," James Martin, S.J. observes in his book *Seven Last Words*. It's a simple suggestion, really. Simple, but more than a little unsettling if you think about it.

I say "unsettling" because the reality is whatever parts they might be, they likely are pretty charged parts. Charged perhaps because of their personal nature- "I don't want God to know that about me!" we might feel secretly. "Besides, God doesn't care about those kinds of personal details," we can rationalize.

Or charged because of their unspoken importance- "I don't need God telling me what to do about this," we might whisper to ourselves. "Besides, this really has nothing to do with God," we can argue.

I don't know about you, but for me, the parts I might hide from God speak volumes about me. About those things for which I am embarrassed. About those things which I can barely admit to myself. About those things I want to hide from one and all. About those matters where I am not willing to relinquish control. About those decisions where I want to do my will, and my will alone. About those places where I am most self-absorbed.

And it also occurs to me, those parts that I hide from God suggest more than a little about the God I presume to worship-- and the Jesus I claim to follow. Do I believe I am one of God's beloved; or not? Do I believe God has forgiven me (and will continue to forgive me) my sins; or not? Do I believe God's Kingdom is near; or not? Do I believe that the way of Jesus has anything to do with the way I am to live my life; or not? Do I believe Jesus' death on the cross means anything for me; or not?

With our Lenten journey about to come to conclusion, I invite you to wonder along with me, "What part of my self and of my life, during these past several

weeks, have I kept from God?" To ask yourself, "Why have I done that?" And to consider sharing with God just a bit more.

You know, it's not too late to seek God's grace or to follow Jesus' ways. It's not too late to open wider that door to your heart. In fact, I suspect if we dare do, we will find God has been waiting on the other side all along.

Holy Week blessings,

Tim

This Sunday at St. Luke's

Palm Sunday

Click above for the lessons

Streaming Service of Morning Prayer.

Watch our worship service this weekend on our [Website](#), [Facebook](#) or on [YouTube](#).

[Click Here](#) to download a copy of the parish prayer list.

The Rev. Timothy T. Rich, rector, preaching

Reopening Announcement

Father Tim Announces Our Reopening!

We are so excited to welcome everyone back to St. Luke's!

Please [Click Here](#) to read Father Tim's Reopening Letter to the parish!

[Click Here](#) to view Father Tim's video message!

To Sign Up for Sunday Services using Sign-Up Genius, please

[Click Here!](#) for our March Sign-Up Genius and

[Click Here!](#) for our April Sign-Up Genius

We will also be using a QR Code for our Sunday Bulletin which can be scanned by using a SmartPhone! This will give worshipers the option to view our bulletin on their phone during Sunday Service or to print the bulletin and bring it to the church.

We will provide hard copies as well.

Here Is The Sunday Bulletin QR Code:



OR

[Click Here](#) to view our Sunday Bulletin!

Holy Week Schedule

JOURNEY WITH US TO EASTER AT ST. LUKE'S HOLY WEEK 2021

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 28 • 7:45AM & 10:15AM
OR WATCH OUR VIRTUAL SERVICE

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST

MARCH 29 - 31 • 7PM

MAUNDY THURSDAY HOLY EUCHARIST & STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

APRIL 1 • 7PM

GOOD FRIDAY
TRADITIONAL SERVICE FROM THE
BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

APRIL 2 • 12NOON

GOOD FRIDAY
TAIZÉ SERVICE

APRIL 2 • 7PM

EASTER DAY SERVICES

APRIL 4 • 7:30AM IN CHURCH
9:00AM BEHIND SWIFT GYM
(BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR OR BLANKET)
11:00AM IN CHURCH
& LIVESTREAMED

DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS SEATING IS LIMITED

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR SERVICES USING SIGNUP GENIUS ON OUR WEBSITE

HOLY WEEK SERVICES WILL BE LIVESTREAMED

& AVAILABLE ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

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Lent Blog

Lent Blog

Members of St. Luke's are offering wonderful reflections on scripture readings for each day of Lent. They are posted to our **Exploring Your Faith** webpage and **Facebook**. Our blog offers the opportunity to walk the road of Lent together even while we are physically apart.

[Click Here](#) to view our Lent Blog!

Kid's Compline

Kid's Compline Service via Zoom

No Kid's Compline on Maundy Thursday, April 1 - please join us either in the church or on our Facebook livestream for our Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

Resuming on Thursday, April 8, at 7:00 pm, we are offering a family friendly prayer service in the spirit of compline, crafted especially with children in mind. Compline is a night prayer that marks the closing of the day. It's great to have the chance to pray and think about scripture together, and we'd love to have you join us!

[Click Here](#) to join the service! Meeting information is below:

Meeting ID: 838 6319 3679

Passcode: 136624

Pledge Envelopes

If you have requested pledge envelopes,
they are located in the atrium.

Treasurer Announcement

From The Treasurer!

	2021 YTD	Budget	%	2020 YTD	Var
Pledge Income	\$113,826	\$116,000	98.13%	\$105,827	\$7,999
Loose Plate	\$1,549	\$3,600	43.03%	\$5,597	(\$4,048)
Other Personal Inc.	\$15,737	\$10,592	148.57%	\$15,198	\$539
Total Personal Inc.	\$131,112	\$130,192	100.71%	\$126,622	\$4,490
Total Other <u>Inc</u>	\$66,437	\$70,097	94.78%	\$4,255	\$62,182
Total Income	\$197,549	\$200,289	98.63%	\$130,877	\$66,672
Staff Expenses	\$72,533	\$74,795	96.98%	\$73,072	(\$539)
Facilities Expenses	\$13,231	\$19,170	69.02%	\$27,545	(\$14,314)
Program Expenses	\$2,489	\$5,750	43.29%	\$4,054	(\$1,565)
Outreach Expenses	\$1,769	\$369	479.40%	\$184	\$1,585
Total Expenses	\$105,403	\$113,400	92.95%	\$122,169	(\$16,766)
Net Income	\$92,146	\$86,889	106.05%	\$8,708	\$83,438

With a big thank you to all of you, we've had a strong start to 2021. Throw in the PPP loan and controlled spending, and we're right where we should be.

And can you sense the change in seasons? Optimism is in the air!

The weather is warming up, the vaccines are being rolled out, and we will be worshipping together on March 21.

Grace and Peace,
Mike

Spring Bonuses for You and St. Luke's!

Add new colors, fits and patterns to your wardrobe this spring. Purchase RaiseRight ecards and gift cards to shop trending styles for the whole family and raise money for St. Luke's!



Add the RaiseRight app to your phone today and help raise additional funds for St. Luke's! Scan the QR code below to get more details on the app. Most importantly, when downloading the app, please enter the following enrollment code to specify St. Luke's as your charitable organization of choice: FEB88LAC73L81



Create opportunities for what matters most to you—right from your phone. Buy gift cards from 750+ brands to earn on your daily purchases. It's simply the right way to fundraise.



Stay tuned for more information on this exciting opportunity to support St. Luke's!

Thank you,
Mark & Susan Cordle, Deborah Collins & Jeremy Stowe
Your Faithful RaiseRight Project Team

Pastoral Care Ministry

Prayer is a powerful way for us to support each other and build community. If you would like to add someone to our parish prayer list, please use the online Prayer List Request Form. It is available on our website under our Parish Life tab and here in our Weekly Newsletter. The prayer list is updated weekly. 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 form, you will help us to keep in touch. [Click Here](#) for our Prayer List Request Form.

Thank you and stay well.

The Pastoral Care Ministry

St. Luke's Choirs

St. Luke's Choirs Sing for You!

As a special gift from the Canterbury, St. Cecilia, and Angel Choirs to our St. Luke's family and friends, choir members compiled a special 'arrangement' of "How Can I Keep From Singing". The music is from an American folk song originally composed by Baptist minister Robert Wadworth Lowry in 1868 with the four-part arrangement published by Jeffrey Honoré in 1991. The choirs performed this piece at their 2019 Spring Concert and happily recreated that performance in this video (also available on St. Luke's website and Facebook page).



St. Luke's Choirs Sing For You!

Big Brothers and Big Sisters

Big Brothers and Big Sisters Donations

In our continuing efforts to be a good neighbor and serve our local community, we have added a new addition to the St Luke's parking lot! The clothing bin is a result of joining in a new partnership between the Episcopal Diocese and Big Brother Big Sister of Rhode Island. It will serve as a collection point for community donations of clothing, shoes and other cloth items. Please drop off your bagged items at your convenience.



Especially for Children

To watch Godly Play online please [Click Here!](#)

Food Cupboard

Greetings from our Food Cupboard!

We are reaching out to update you on some of our needs during this challenging time. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of our families that they are able to stay healthy and safe.

Please consider donating these items:

Canned mandarin oranges, canned pineapple, chicken and beef stock, hash, kidney beans, Italian dressing, ranch dressing, vegetable oil, regular instant coffee, and beef and chicken gravy.

Thank you!

EG Interfaith Food Cupboard

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