



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

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Greetings!

During my meditations this Lent, I have repeatedly returned to a phrase from our Ash Wednesday reading in the Gospel of Matthew: "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Jesus says this after reminding his listeners not to store treasure on earth, where moth and rust can corrupt our material possessions and thieves can break in and steal. If our treasure is in heaven, it cannot be corrupted, we need not have any anxiety over it because it cannot be destroyed. And where our treasure is, our heart is also. Our thoughts, our emotional life, the way we spend our time- all of these things tell us where our heart is, and where our treasure is.

We thought about this phrase together during our first Kid's Compline the Thursday following Ash Wednesday. During the short prayer service, the kids are invited to share a rose (something that has gone well during the day), a thorn (something that was hard or they wish had gone differently), and a bud (something to which they're looking forward). Many of their reflections centered around friendship. They were excited to see friends they'd missed, or they were sorry they couldn't yet see their friends, or they were looking forward to being with their friends soon. When we talked about the gospel reading and thought about our treasures- the most important things in the world to us- again they talked about their friends. It was just lovely to get to spend that time with them and hear what so many of us have discovered over the last many months- our treasure is in the people we love, the people we miss, the friends we long to see again.

A friend posted on Facebook that she realized one of her longings is to have casual encounters with people again, chatting with people in coffee shops, bumping into people on a busy sidewalk, overhearing snippets of conversation in the library. I think many of us feel the same way. Seeing a smiling face, hearing the voices of others, knowing that we are part of something

larger than ourselves- all of these things ground us and remind us that we're not alone. Those casual encounters can raise our awareness of sonder, the realization that each person we pass by has a life as vivid and complex as our own.

The place we encounter God, the way we experience faith, is in our shared life with one another. We know that the God who loves and created us loves and created each person we encounter. We know we share a dignity that cannot be extinguished *because* of our shared creator. It is not only friends who are treasures, but it is in our smaller connections with one another that we also find a precious gift. Some of the youngest members of our community helped remind me of that, and that is a gift too.

My prayer for all of us is that the way we live our lives, the way we spend our time and energy, makes it clear that we long to store our treasure in heaven.

Lenten blessings,
Mtr. Tanya

This Sunday at St. Luke's

The Third Sunday in Lent

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

Sunday Social Hour

Virtual Sunday Social Hour

**Please join us for a virtual Sunday Social Hour at 5:00 pm this Sunday!
We look forward to seeing our St. Luke's Family!**

Zoom Meeting Information is below:

[Click Here](#) to join meeting! See below for Meeting ID and Password that will be needed to join.

Meeting ID: 889 7757 6106

Passcode: 860459

This information will also be posted on our Weekend Invitation to Worship!

Lent Blog

Lent Blog

Seeking writers! This Lent, we are continuing our seasonal blog series where members of our community share their reflections on the day's scripture readings. If you would like to participate, we would love to hear from you! Whether you have written before or want to try it out for the first time, this is an opportunity for us to walk the road of Lent together even while we are physically apart. Please contact Mtr Tanya if you'd like to join: tanya@stlukeseg.org

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

Kid's Compline

Kid's Compline Service via Zoom

We are offering a new family friendly prayer service in the spirit of compline on Thursday nights at 7:00 via Zoom, crafted especially with children in mind.

Compline is a night prayer that marks the closing of the day. During Lent, we are invited to consider giving something up or picking something up, and this is an opportunity for families to pick up an enriching practice.

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

Meeting ID: 838 6319 3679

Passcode: 136624

Easter Flower Memorials

Easter Flower and Music Memorials

As in years past, we invite you to remember your loved ones this Easter season by making a memorial gift to St. Luke's. Although services will be different in this time of COVID, by your generosity, they still will include the beauty of both music and flowers. Please click on the link below to fill out our Flower Memorial Form. Checks should be made payable to St. Luke's Church, Indicating "Flower Memorials" or "Music Memorials", suggested donation is \$10 per name. Email requests to cimondi@stlukeseg.org or Bring By The Office or Mail to: 99 Peirce Street, East Greenwich, RI 02818

[Click Here](#) to fill out our Easter Flower Memorial form!

Thank you for your generosity. May your loved ones continue to rest eternal with the communion of saints and may God bless you in the weeks to come.



Pledge Envelopes

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

Covid Vaccine Update

EAST GREENWICH NEWS

Updated Article on Covid-19 Vaccination Appointments

COVID-19 Updates: Football, Volleyball Get Green Light For March

by Elizabeth McNamara | Feb 25, 2021

DEM Director Janet Coit announced Thursday there will be abbreviated high school football, girls volleyball and unified volleyball seasons this year - with precautions - with games held March into April. All three sports normally run in the fall but were not allowed this past fall due of the higher virus risk level last September.

Coit's announcement, made at Thursday's weekly COVID-19 press conference, comes amid a passel of positive local news about dropping COVID-19 rates and related hospitalizations, improved vaccination rates, and even a \$64 million FEMA grant to help the state and cities and towns distribute vaccines....

[Click Here](#) to view the rest of the article!

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation - Wednesday Nights at 7 pm

We are reading *Seven Last Words: An invitation to a deeper friendship with Jesus*, by Fr. James Martin. Even the titles of the chapters are a source of comfort: *Jesus Understands the Challenge of Forgiveness*, *Jesus Understands Doubts about the Afterlife*, *Jesus Understands a Parent's Love*, *Jesus Understands Feelings of Abandonment*, *Jesus Understands Physical Pain*, *Jesus Understands Disappointment*, *Jesus Understands Self-Offering*.

What wonderful news! Jesus understands. We hope you will join us as we dive more deeply into this welcome invitation. Please read Chapter 4 in preparation for our discussion.

[Click Here](#) to join the meeting! Log-In information is below:

Meeting ID: 867 3899 9469

Password: 427552

St. Luke's RaiseRight Program

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

Pastoral Care Ministry

Our next Pastoral Care Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 10, at 1:00 pm via Zoom.

[Click Here](#) to join the meeting! Please see below for meeting details:

Meeting ID: 815 0533 2586

Passcode: 875054

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!](#)

Looking for Helpers / Looking for Help

Several of you have already reached out, volunteering to help those in need. If you are healthy and in a low risk category, and would like to be added to a volunteer list please email our [Church Administrator](#). We are working on creating a team of individuals who can help out as the need arises.

With all of the precautions and guidance coming from the Governor, CDC, and the Department of Health, we are aware that some members of our community may have difficulty getting access to basics like food, medication, and other necessities. If you find yourself in need, please contact our [Church Administrator](#) for assistance.

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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