



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

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Greetings!

Thy Kingdom Come 13-23 May 2021

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This has been a year that none of us will forget—suffering, grief, hardship and loss in a new way, all in addition to the hardships so many already endure. In response, across the world the Church has been reaching out and caring for people in the most wonderful way. We have been aware of our interconnectedness, our vulnerability and the difficulties in this life. However, we have an even greater awareness of our need, and the need of the world we serve, for the mercy and grace of God. The awareness of this need drives us to our knees.

As Passiontide focuses our minds on the sacrifice and victory of Christ we remember the greatest need of a suffering and sin-scarred world met in the Cross of Calvary. As what happened 'once for all' needs to be known by all we live compelled by God's love to share the saving love of God in Jesus Christ.

I am so grateful for the way so many Bishops, Dioceses and Provinces have responded to the call to prayer for evangelization, joining in Thy Kingdom Come over the last five years. The reach has been beyond anything we could have imagined, with people engaging in over 90% of countries across the world, joining in the 11 days of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost.

The encouragement to pray for five friends or family members that they might come to a living faith in Christ remains at the heart of Thy Kingdom Come. This year, in addition, we hope that Thy Kingdom Come will help us in responding to the missional challenges and opportunities that are before us because of COVID-19.

For those who have access to the internet we have created a selection of spiritually nourishing resources for all ages. For children and youth, we have two joyful

Communion

Stay Connected



11-part video series, the *Cheeky Pandas* and *Youth* resource, that can be used at home, in school or as part of a church service. For adults we have two beautiful prayer booklets, the *Prayer Journal* and the *Novena*, aimed at helping all of us journey in prayer through these 11 days. We will also have the TKC App available in eight languages of the Communion, with video and audio content, bible reflections and prayers. Please find these and more information at www.thykingdomcome.global.

The launch of this year's Thy Kingdom Come took place on March 9th and you can watch it [here](#). For those who are able to join online we would like to invite you to an international webinar on 8th April 2021. This is at 10am GMT to be repeated at 4pm. The encouragement is for a senior member of your team to register for this important 'Inspire and Enable' event and for you to encourage others within your Diocese who you would like to attend. Please register [here](#).

The team would be delighted to give any help or hear any feedback. The Very Reverend Robert Key is our Anglican Communion lead for Thy Kingdom Come and you can contact him bob.key@lambethpalace.org.uk.

I encourage you, in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus, to lead your people in engaging with Thy Kingdom Come in 2021, whether using all of the resources or none, the invitation is to join in this time of prayer for friends and family to come to faith in our loving Lord Jesus Christ.

In the peace of Christ,

The Most Reverend and Right
Honourable Justin Welby,
Archbishop of Canterbury

This Sunday at St. Luke's

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Click above for the lessons

Streaming Service of Morning Prayer:

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

Livestream In-Person 10:15 Service:

Our Livestream In-Person Services are also available on our Facebook Page. You don't have to have a Facebook account to join us. [Click Here](#) to access our page. If you have a Facebook account and you like our page, (click the button with the "thumbs up"), you'll be notified when our livestreams begin. It is our shared prayer and worship that binds us together as the body of Christ in this world, and we look forward to you joining us!

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

The Rev. Timothy Rich, rector, preaching

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 May 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!

Pentecost Service

PENTECOST SERVICE!

SUNDAY - MAY 23

Wear Red!

Our 10:15 Service will be held outdoors at Swift Gym Field!

Please bring your masks, chairs or blankets!

We look forward to seeing you! Don't forget to wear red!

Covid Vaccine Update

Rhode Island COVID-19 Vaccination Update

Governor Dan McKee and the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) are writing to provide an update on Rhode Island's COVID-19 vaccine efforts. As of this afternoon, 547,248 people have received one dose of vaccine and 381,996 people are now fully vaccinated.

We are now seventh in the country for the number of people who have received at least one dose and seventh the country for the number of people fully vaccinated. We are also third in the country for vaccinating people age 65 and older.

As of Thursday, 63% of Rhode Islanders have received at least one dose of vaccine and 43% of the population is fully vaccinated. This is remarkable progress from where we started in early February to now; it is all thanks to you.

Everyone should get vaccinated. Every shot in the arm gets us all closer to fireworks, parades, and summer celebrations with our families and friends.

No Appointments Needed - We are working to make vaccination as easy, convenient, and accessible as possible. Resources needed to book an appointment should not be a barrier to getting vaccinated. If you want to get vaccinated at one of the State-run sites, making an appointment in advance at www.vaccinateRI.org is still the best way to go, but starting Thursday, April 29, appointments are no longer needed to get vaccinated at three State-run sites:

- 100 Sockanosset Cross Road, Cranston, which is open Tuesday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Parking is available behind the building.
- Dunkin' Donuts Center, 1 La Salle Square, Providence, which is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Three hours of free parking are available in North Garage at 114 West Exchange St. Accessible parking is available in front of the Dunkin' Donuts Center. Volunteers are available to direct people to the clinic.
- 1400 West Main Road, Middletown, which is open Wednesday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Also, beginning Thursday, April 29, appointments will no longer be needed to get vaccinated at 80 select CVS, Walgreens, Walmart, and Stop & Shop pharmacy locations throughout the state.

To find a vaccine site near you, view RIDOH's Vaccine Site Locator.

Adult Faith Formation

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The Adult Faith Formation Group is reading *Love Is the Way*, by our presiding bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Curry. About this book the Archbishop of Canterbury writes, "Drawing on his own life and experiences, (Curry) shows us that time and time again, when love is threatened by circumstances-- be it poverty, racism, violence, injustice, or the abuse of power-- that same love has the power to shine through."

Come and celebrate the Easter season with us by reflecting upon the power of this love to change our lives.

As in recent months, the class will meet over Zoom on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30PM. Please read Chapter 11 in preparation for our first meeting. And, as always, expense should be no obstacle to participation. If you need assistance in acquiring the book, let Tim or Tanya know.

We look forward to sharing the discussions with you!

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

Meeting ID: 867 3899 9469

Passcode: 427552

Treasurer's Announcement

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	2021 YTD	Budget	%	2020 YTD	Var.
Pledge Income	\$201,135	\$188,000	106.99%	\$183,625	\$17,510
Loose Plate	\$7,439	\$7,400	100.53%	\$9,078	(\$1,639)
Other Personal Inc.	\$30,875	\$22,233	138.87%	\$26,592	\$4,283
Total Personal Inc.	\$239,449	\$217,633	110.02%	\$219,295	\$20,154
Total Other Inc.	\$82,630	\$87,945	93.96%	\$13,623	\$69,007
Total Income	\$322,079	\$305,578	105.40%	\$232,918	\$89,161
Staff Expenses	\$145,450	\$149,019	97.61%	\$147,448	(\$1,998)
Facilities Expenses	\$31,454	\$41,663	75.50%	\$46,621	(\$15,167)
Program Expenses	\$6,498	\$12,750	50.96%	\$8,227	(\$1,729)
Outreach Expenses	\$2,137	\$737	289.96%	\$737	\$1,400
Total Expenses	\$108,251	\$74,777	144.77%	\$234,578	(\$126,327)
Net Income	\$108,251	\$74,777	144.77%	(\$1,600)	\$109,851

We've had another good month. May we pray it continues.

Notes:

- Big Sister Bin brought in \$206.40!
- We have rented out a parking space for \$75 monthly to a local neighbor - \$450 pre-paid
- Quarterly water bill was down over 50% - no idea why, other than the dehydrated staff

Again, we give all of you our continued thanks for all the blessings you share!

Peace and Grace,
Mike

Pledge Envelopes

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

St. Luke's Bag Lunches for Buddies



When was the last time you lovingly packed a bag lunch for your kids? Yesterday? Yesteryear?

Well, St. Luke's has begun a new "feeding ministry" to make 30+ bag lunches weekly and deliver them to Community Care Alliance in Woonsocket, a day shelter located just around the corner from our Loaves & Fishes truck run stop (on hold during the COVID pandemic).

If you would like to participate in this outreach to our friends in need, [Click Here](#) for our SignUpGenius where you will find all the details.

And, thanks in advance from the many folks we help nourish and who help nourish us, spiritually.

Rob Walsh

ST. LUKE'S YARD SALE



Save the
Date!

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**7AM TO
NOON**

St. Luke's is taking part in the Annual Hill & Harbor Yard Sale!

We are looking for donations of gently used items such as toys, books, DVD's, clothing, tools, sporting equipment, home goods, small working appliances or electronics, and furniture.

Drop off dates/times for donations:
Sunday, May 16 - 8AM to Noon
Monday, May 17 -- 4PM to 6PM
Tuesday, May 18 -- 4PM to 6PM

How else can you help?

VOLUNTEER ... to sort/price items or work the day of the sale.

VOLUNTEER your truck for clean-up and clear-out!

[Click Here](#) to volunteer online via Sign-Up Genius or contact Jon Jacaruso at jonjacaruso@live.com

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care Ministry

Our next Pastoral Care Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 12, 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

Women of Grace

Women of Grace - Listening Hearts Discussion on May 10th

Our next meeting will be Monday, May 10 at 7pm - please mark your calendars! The Rev. Pam Gregory will lead us in a discussion of the Listening Hearts program for lay discernment. Based on the book Listening Hearts: Discerning Call in Community by Suzanne Farnham, the program provides "simple reflections and exercises drawn from scripture and from Quaker and Ignatian traditions, to help make the spiritual practice of discernment accessible to everyone, not just clergy". New or used copies of the book can be purchased online or in bookstores. For our May 10 discussion, you only need to read through page 67.

Women of Grace meets once a month via Zoom. Each gathering opens with prayer and a period of fellowship, followed by the evening's discussion, and ends with a prayer or reflection. We start at 7pm and promise to say our final AMEN by 9pm!

If you are not currently on our mailing list or if you need help finding the book, please email Deborah Collins (collinstn01@gmail.com).

Property Committee

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Our Property Monthly Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 20, from 8-11:30 am.

All are welcome to join us as we clean up our grounds, plant new colors and make small repairs inside. Masks still required, bring your own drinks.

We are a small but mighty group and would welcome newcomers to join us!

Contact Cindi at benem@cox.net

Celebrating Our Graduates!

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Please let us know who may be graduating in your family from high school or college so that we can celebrate this wonderful accomplishment! Reach out to our office at 884-4116 or cimondi@stlukeseg.org and let us know their names!

St. Luke's RaiseRight Program

More Spring Bonuses for You and St. Luke's!

Get ready for graduation season and raise funds for St. Luke's!

Party planning, gift buying, outfit shopping - there's plenty to do before graduation season begins. Get gift cards to make your prep more impactful.



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

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).



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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:

Jello Pudding Mix, Flour, Coffee, Cookies, Juice, Spices, Potato Salad, Scalloped Potatoes, Potatoes Au Gratin, Corned Beef Hash, Chili, Spam, Italian Dressing, Oil and Crackers.

Thank you!

EG Interfaith Food Cupboard

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