

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Holy Eucharist Rite II
Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 26, 2022, 9:30 a.m.

We are delighted to worship in person with you. Due to the high level of Covid prevalence in Durham County at present, we strongly recommend everyone wear a mask in worship, regardless of your vaccination status. **Regardless of your vaccination status, please be sure to wear your mask over your nose and mouth while singing.** Unfortunately, we cannot shake hands, hug, or kiss at this time. Please remember that being indoors can elevate the possibility of Covid transmission. Wearing masks and refraining from physical contact are important precautions for your own health and that of your neighbors.

Monetary offerings may be placed in the offering plate as you enter the church.

Prelude

Meditation: Serenade

Paul F. Page

Through this musical offering, you are invited into a moment of personal prayer.

Hymn 525

The Church's one foundation

Aurelia

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons *please sit*

Reader: A reading from II Kings (2:1-2, 6-14)

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Reader will lead the praying of the Psalm.

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20

1 I will cry aloud to God; *

 cry aloud to the One who will hear me.

2 In the day of my trouble I sought after God; *

 my hands were stretched out by night and did not tire; I refused to be comforted.

- 11 I will remember the works of God *
and call to mind your wonders of old time.
- 12 I will meditate on all your acts *
and ponder your mighty deeds.
- 13 Your way, O God, is holy; *
who is so great a god as our God?
- 14 You are the God who works wonders *
and have declared your power among the peoples.
- 15 By your strength you have redeemed your people, *
the children of Jacob and Joseph.
- 16 The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and trembled; *
the very depths were shaken.
- 17 The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; *
your arrows flashed to and fro;
- 18 The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world; *
the earth trembled and shook.
- 19 Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters, *
yet your footsteps were not seen.
- 20 You led your people like a flock, *
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

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Reader: A Reading from Galatians (5:1, 13-25)

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not

inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Luke 9:51-62

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Stephanie Yancy

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.**

The Prayers of the People (Form III, BCP 387)

(On Facebook we invite you to share prayer requests in the comment line.)

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Remembering everyone on our parish prayer list, have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest. **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions, either silently or out loud.

Intercessor: Please join in a Prayer for Transition:

God of love, in this interim time, we pray for our parish family, that we may be genuine in our self-reflection, tireless in our commitment, patient in our discernment, loving in our communion, open in our search, imaginative about our future, and daring in our faith. As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety, we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love. We thank you for the gifts, talents, and skills with which you have blessed us. Be

with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another. All this we pray, empowered by the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor:

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people stay in place during the peace. Feel free to wave, bow, or show the peace sign to others.

Please be seated.

Announcements

Celebrant and people:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The congregation may stand or kneel throughout the Eucharistic Prayer

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 then 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,

People: **We remember his death.**

We proclaim his resurrection.

We await his coming in glory.

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, 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.

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold to say

People and Celebrant

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 and Wine

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

Please be seated until the usher guides you to communion.

Sharing of the Bread and Wine

The Usher will direct those physically present at the celebration of the Eucharist to receive communion at this time. If you are unable to come forward (or feel the need to stay socially distant), let the usher know and the priest will bring the bread to you.

Act of Reception, to be prayed by anyone who has not received communion
who desires to.

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly all members of St. Luke's, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death and resurrection, for the means of grace and hope of glory.

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

(from St. Augustine's Prayerbook, permission by Forward Movement.)

Music during Communion

Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand as you are able.*

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.

Blessing

The congregation is invited to join in singing the hymns. Please remain masked while singing.

Recessional hymn 636

How firm a foundation

Foundation

Dismissal

Postlude

Preacher/Celebrant: The Rev. Stephanie Yancy

Lector: Karen Gray

Crucifer: June Santa

LEM: June Santa, Vallerie Callahan

Ushers: Lisa Damico, Bill Charping

Announcements

Rhonda is on vacation and will return to work on the 11th of July. If you have a pastoral emergency during this time, please call the church office or one of the wardens (their contact information is in the church directory, or available through Parish Administrator Kathy Barnes).

From June 26 through December 31, St. Luke's will welcome Kate Rademacher as a diocesan intern. Kate is currently in the process of discernment for potential ordination to the priesthood. She will worship with us, help with liturgical ministries and pastoral care, and support Rhonda in the area of adult formation. This will all be part of prayerful discernment about whether she is called to be ordained as a priest. (Please note that Kate is not yet a divinity student. Whether she will go to divinity school still remains to be seen.)

Kate lives in Chapel Hill with her husband, David, and daughter, Lila (age 16), and her adult stepson, Soren, lives nearby in Carrboro. Kate currently works in international public health with a focus on expanding access to contraception in sub-Saharan Africa. She is also the author of three books about her faith journey, *Following the Red Bird: First Steps into a Life of Faith*, *Their Faces Shone: A Foster Parent's Lessons on Loving and Letting Go*, and *Reclaiming Rest: The Promise of Sabbath, Solitude, and Stillness in a Restless World*. Kate is a member of Church of the Holy Family in Chapel Hill where she was baptized and confirmed in 2012.

Please welcome Kate to St. Luke's starting today and keep her and her family in your prayers.

Calling all ushers (or would be ushers): There will be an usher training for all current, past, soon to be ushers (or anyone interested in learning what an usher is responsible for) on August 7, immediately following the service. We will review all worship (bring elements to the altar, etc.), communion, and emergency protocols at this time. Bring a friend!

Diocesan Convention Delegate Nominations – At the July 18th Vestry meeting, we will be electing our new Diocesan convention Delegate. This person will serve a **3-year** term. We will also elect 3 alternates for **one-year** terms. The person with the most votes becomes the 3-year delegate and the three next highest votes become our alternate delegates. Our current delegates are Jan Freeman and Julia Hoyle. **The delegate needs to be able to attend Diocesan convention all day on Friday, Nov. 18 and Saturday, Nov 19.** (With a similar time frame in 2023 and 2024). This year's convention is planned as an in-person event in Winston-Salem but our delegates should be able to attend online if required. If you would like to be considered as a delegate, please send your name to Senior Warden, Lisa D'Amico (lisadamico333@gmail.com), **by June 30, 2022.**

We ask that if someone attends a service and then tests positive for covid, that they please contact the interim rector or senior warden for both pastoral care needs and also to inform others that may have come in close contact.

During the Eucharist, the consecrated wine will be available to all and communion will be received around the altar rail. Reception of the Blood of Christ will be by intinction. **Only the priest (or lay eucharistic minister) will lightly intinct the wafer for you, and then drop the wafer into your hand.** Communicants will not intinct their own wafers. If you want to receive the wine, please approach the priest with your hands cupped in front of you, as most of us typically already do. If you do not want to receive the wine, please approach with your hands together as if in prayer, and then open them to receive the dry wafer. Please remember that the consecrated bread (or wine) alone does constitute full communion, and you may receive the wine, or not, as you feel led. We believe this practice of distributing the wine, from a silver chalice and without the priest's fingers touching the wine, is as safe as we can make it.

The clergy and vestry have resolved that masks will be strongly recommended in worship regardless of your vaccination status, masks will continue to be required when singing at this time. Diocesan policy requires that unvaccinated persons wear a mask at all times during worship and in meetings.

- In making this decision, we have taken into account the facts that Durham has lifted its mask mandate, and our bishops have left masking requirements up to local discernment (while requiring masking for unvaccinated persons **and strongly recommending** masking for choirs in rehearsals and when singing in church service).
- One section of distanced, pod seating is available with no kneelers.
- Fully vaccinated persons may still choose to mask during worship, even when not singing.
- When considering whether or not to mask, please take into account your own risk factors and the possible vulnerability of your neighbors. And please be kind to each other always, as we move into a phase where some of us will be masked and some of us unmasked.

Please remember: No gathering can be completely safe. Unvaccinated people remain more susceptible to contracting COVID-19, and to severe disease, hospitalization, and death. Singing and removal of masks can increase transmission.

- We will continue to refrain from touching during the passing of the peace, for now.
- The offering plate will remain at the entrance, not passed, for now.
- We will continue virtual worship offerings (as we started before Covid.)

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