

**St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Holy Eucharist Rite II
Advent I
November 27, 2022, 8 a.m.**

We are delighted to worship with you.

Masks are now optional for all vaccinated individuals while worshipping but remain recommended. Diocesan policy requires that unvaccinated persons wear a mask at all times during worship and in meetings. Masks are available in the narthexes at the entrances of the church for anyone who needs one. Please remember that being indoors and singing unmasked can elevate the possibility of Covid transmission. Getting vaccinated and boosted, wearing masks and refraining from physical contact are important precautions for your own health and that of your neighbors.

If you have any cold-like or flu-like symptoms, please stay home. If you are unwell and need the church's assistance, please let us know.

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

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

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

All **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The congregation then joins in saying the following.

Gloria *Celebrant and People*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons *please sit*

Reader: A reading from Isaiah (2:1-5)

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come
the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Reader will lead the praying of the Psalm.

Psalm 122

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
- 2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD, *
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the LORD.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

Reader: A Reading from Romans (13:11-14)

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of

light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

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

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

Jesus said to the disciples, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Caleb Tabor

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 II, Book of Common Prayer 385)

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

The Leader and People pray responsively

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop(s) Michael, Sam, and Jennifer; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your intercessions and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

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 Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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 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

The Holy Communion

Invitation to Communion

All baptized persons, from any tradition, are invited to take communion. Baptized children of all ages are included in this invitation. **If you require a gluten-free communion wafer, please indicate this by holding out your hands palms facing down.** Those who do not wish to receive communion are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing from the clergy. Simply cross your arms across your chest to indicate this. The ushers will direct the congregation to the altar rail, row by row. Please alert an usher if you would like to receive communion from your seat.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A (BCP p. 361)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

(The celebrant adds a proper preface.)

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.)

Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand as you are able.*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

Dismissal

Preacher and Presider: The Rev. Caleb Tabor

Crucifer – Jan Freeman

Chalice – Elaine Scagnelli

Lay Reader – Elaine Scagnelli

Altar Guild – Nora Hammond, Beth Bonner, Peter Kariher, Kelley Lawton

Announcements

2023 Pledge EMC Update - You have closed the gap! We currently stand at \$339,695 (339,384 in 2022.) We have 9 new pledges this year for a total of 101. Close to half of you have increased your pledge. Thank you for your faithful generosity to St. Luke's, its work and mission. We are truly God-filled people, and we thank God for that.

Our Nursery is now open Sunday mornings from 9 to 11:30 a.m. for infants through children aged five. Both nursery attendants are fully vaccinated and boosted and will be wearing masks.

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.

Fall 2022 Adult Learning Offerings, Sunday mornings, 9:10-10:00, Kramer Room

(opposite the narthex/vestibule as you enter the church from the north side visitor parking)

Please note: on Sundays when no adult learning is offered, we will enjoy extended fellowship

time. December: Diocesan Intern Kate Rademacher will lead a discussion of evangelism, adapted from the curriculum, Embracing Evangelism—The Episcopal Church.

· December 4: Embracing Evangelism by Sharing Our Stories

· December 11: Embracing Evangelism in the Age of Social Media

Confirmation/Reception/Reaffirmation/Inquirers' Class.

A Joint Venture Between St. Luke's and St. Joseph's

If you're new to St. Luke's or the Episcopal Church and want to learn more;

if it's time for you to be confirmed, or to be received into the Episcopal Church if you've already been confirmed in another Christian tradition;

if you're feeling called to reaffirm your Christian faith:

Please participate in an adult formation opportunity jointly offered by The Rev. Dr. Lauren F.

Winner of St. Joseph's Episcopal Church and our own Rector Time Certain Rhonda M. Lee. We expect that the group will include members of both congregations.

Dates: Tuesday the 29th of November, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Location: St. Luke's, Kramer Room (next to the narthex/vestibule as you enter from the north side visitor parking)

Topics: 29 November: Sacraments

The date of confirmation/reception/reaffirmation is still to be determined and will depend on the date of a bishop's visit or a convocation-wide confirmation service.

Need more information? Ask Rhonda.

It's Easy to Share Your Christmas! This year we're taking a "hybrid" approach to Share Your Christmas (gifts as well as contributions), so you have two ways to help St. Luke's Families (families identified by St. Luke's parishioners or clergy), LEAP participants, Maple Court veterans, Ronald McDonald House residents, and Durham's shelter animals. To donate a present or a gift card, stop by the Sprague Room and take a tag off the Share Your Christmas tree. All tags are numbered. Please enter your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet, next to the number that corresponds to the number on your tag. This will help ensure gifts are delivered on time. Put presents/gift cards back under the tree on or before December 14 (December 11 for Ronald McDonald House). If you prefer, you can skip the tags, the sign-up, and the shopping and simply make a donation to St. Luke's online (in ACS, choose Share Your Christmas from the "select a fund" pull-down menu), or via cash or check. Indicate the cash or check donation is for "Share Your Christmas". These donations will be used to purchase presents or gift cards, as appropriate. Contact Bill or Carol Charping (919-489-8421; bizzocharping@earthlink.net) with questions or to help with shopping, wrapping or delivery.

Christmas Caroling! St. Luke's members and friends are invited to sing and make merry with Maple Court residents **Thursday, December 22 at 11:00am**. Wear your Christmas colors and bring your voice for Christmas carols. St. Luke's *Share Your Christmas* Food Lion gift cards will be given at that time. **Maple Court is at 207 Commons Blvd in Durham** and provides apartments for 24 veterans at risk for homelessness. Maple Court works to transition residents to permanent housing and stable employment. For more information, contact Robin Arcus, 919.667.7546 / robinarc@aol.com

Join us for the 11th Annual Jingle Bell LEAP!

WHAT: 5K run/walk benefiting the Latino Educational Achievement Partnership

WHEN: Saturday, December 3, 2022

WHERE: American Tobacco Trail

Registration available at <https://runsignup.com/Race/NC/Durham/JingleBellLEAP5K> or at www.durhamleap.org.

Advent Quiet Day: Be Still and Know - Join our diocesan intern, Kate Rademacher, for a half-day retreat at St. Luke's on Saturday, December 10 from 9:30am-12:30pm in the Kramer Room. During this Quiet Day, we will reflect together on the words of Psalm 46, "Be still, and know that I am God." Together we will ask: How can we quiet our hearts and minds during this season? How can we become still and grow in our knowledge and love of God? Please join us for this time of contemplative prayer, group discussion, and quiet reflection. Snacks will be provided. Email Kate with any questions at: intern-kate@stlukesdurham.org

Our friend and sibling in Christ Phillip Bass will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday the 10th of December at 11 a.m. at the Chapel of the Cross in Chapel Hill. Please pray for Phillip and his family in this time of preparation, and please plan to attend the ordination service if you can. As members of Phillip's sponsoring parish, if you would like to contribute to an ordination gift for him from St. Luke's, please do so by the 9th of December. Please clearly mark your contribution "Phillip Bass gift." Thank you!

The Good News Garden at Saint Titus would love to have your help with building a [hugulkultur](#) bed and refreshing all of its other beds with compost. If you would like to learn more about hugulkultur, and about what Saint Luke's has been doing in partnership with Saint Titus through the [Good News Garden](#) program, please join us and lend a helping hand. We will meet from 2-4 on Saturday, December 3 in the fenced in area (Delaney Park) next to Saint Titus Episcopal Church, 400 Moline St. in Durham. Please contact Carla Knip (carlaknip@gmail.com) to let her know if you plan to come. Bring a shovel and/or a soil rake if you have one. We hope that you can join us!

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

The clergy and vestry have resolved that masks will be optional but recommended in worship for all, and Diocesan policy requires that unvaccinated persons wear a mask at all times during worship and in meetings. 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 some of us are masked and some are 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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