

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Holy Eucharist Rite II
The Third Sunday after the Epiphany:
January 22, 2023, 8 a.m.

We are delighted to worship with you.

Masks are now optional for all vaccinated individuals 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.

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

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

Celebrant 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.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; 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 Isaiah (9:1-4)

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Reader will lead the praying of the Psalm.

Psalm 27 (1, 5-13)

¹The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *

the Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?

⁵One thing have I asked of the Lord;
one thing I seek; *

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

⁶To behold the fair beauty of the Lord *
and to seek him in his temple.

⁷For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.

⁸Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.

⁹Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; *

I will sing and make music to the Lord.

¹⁰Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.

¹¹You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, Lord, will I seek.

¹²Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

¹³You have been my helper;
cast me not away; *

do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Reader: A Reading from Corinthians (1:10-18)

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people

that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mathew

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

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other

brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Rhonda M. Lee

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 VI, Book of Common Prayer 392)

(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.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Sam and Jennifer our Bishops, and all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

Remembering everyone on our parish prayer list, and others we may mention now, we pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
Silence

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
Silence. The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit**

**that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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. Please see the note regarding intinction on pg. 17.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B (BCP p. 367)

The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to our God.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Then, facing the Holy Table, the celebrant proceeds:

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here 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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

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 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, according to his command, O Father,

People **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

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, with 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 present 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, Presider: The Rev. Dr. Rhonda M. Lee

Crucifer – John Willard

Chalice – John Willard

Lay Reader, intercessor – John Willard

Altar Guild – **Kay Gresham**, Bill Callahan, Valleri Callahan, Cindy Henry, Ila Hurley,
June Santa

Announcements

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Joe Kaiserlik on his birthday.

Notes from the Music Director: the Third Sunday after the Epiphany is one of my favorite Sundays in the liturgical year. I love the comforting and assuring words of the prophet Isaiah and the familiar Psalm “The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?” And one can easily picture the Gospel image of Jesus at the Sea of Galilee calling four people from their simple but important vocation of fishing (everyone had to eat!) to leave their nets and their boats and follow him. This scene is powerfully reflected in today’s sequence hymn 661, They cast their nets in Galilee, which speaks of “contented, peaceful fishermen, before they ever knew the peace of God that filled their hearts brimful, and broke them too.” The “both-and” joy and anguish of their lives in following Jesus: John who died homeless in Patmos, Peter who ultimately was crucified, head-down. These words are set to the simple and lovely hymn tune Georgetown by Welsh-born American composer David McKinley Williams (1887-1978). Other musical offerings today reflect the Gospel reading, including the organ prelude of the C. H. H. Parry hymn tune Repton, to which the poetic prayer “Dear Lord and Father of mankind” by John Greenleaf Whittier is set. During the playing of the music at the prelude, I invite you to turn to hymn 653 to read - and perhaps pray - the words of this marvelous prayer.

Our annual parish meeting will take place at 9 a.m. today in Johnson Hall. The 2023 budget will be presented and there will be time for questions and discussion. A packet containing the budget and ministry reports is available on the bench in the Nave. Please plan to attend this informative meeting!

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

St. Luke’s New Deacon! Together with the vestry, and with the enthusiastic blessing of Bishop Sam Rodman and Archdeacon Jan Lamb, I’m delighted to announce that on Sunday, the 5th of February, Deacon Kate Wisz (pronounced “wise”) will be joining the

St. Luke's community. Kate was just ordained to the vocational diaconate on Saturday the 21st of January. Her brief bio is below; her interests and accomplishments are many and varied. Kate (as she prefers to be known) will serve in liturgical and pastoral roles and in the community, ministering with us in community engagement/outreach. She'll explore ways to renew and deepen our relationship with LEAP, work on connecting us in service with Duke Hospital, and help to lead us in affirming and supporting people threatened because of their gender or sexuality. Please welcome Kate as we move into this year of renewal together!

Rector Time Certain Rhonda Lee

Kate Davenport Wisz grew up in the Bluegrass area of Central Kentucky but has lived in North Carolina for almost half her life, arriving in 1995 as a relatively new attorney, to work with the Raleigh office of the Social Security Administration's Office of Hearings and Appeals. Educated at Haverford College (B.A. English) and the University of Kentucky (J.D.), Kate has spent her professional career navigating administrative regulations, writing legal decisions, and teaching peers and colleagues. Kate has been an administrative



law judge with the Social Security Administration's Office of Hearings Operations since 2009 and spends the workday conducting disability hearings. Kate is married to David Wisz. They have three children, triplets, who this spring will graduate from colleges across the eastern part of the United States. The household is also home to three dogs and two cats. Kate is prone to perpetual learning, and is a certified yoga instructor, focusing on Yin yoga, and working toward completion of her postpartum doula certification with DONA International (Doulas of North America). Kate is an avid reader and keeps track of her annual reading challenge on Goodreads. As a recovering endurance athlete (marathons, ultras, triathlons, Ironmans), Kate also finds ways to include movement in her daily life. She is also a regular contributor to eBird, having most recently taken her

family to Pocosin Wildlife Refuge to see the migrating Tundra Swans. Prior to entering discernment to become a Vocational Deacon, Kate served as ECW President, Altar Guild, National Association of Altar Guilds, Sunday School Teacher, and coordinator of Young Adults dinner groups. In her call to serve those without a voice, the marginalized, the yet unseen, Kate is drawn to serve all who have been overlooked, here in our parish, and in our community.

Note of Thanks from The Rev. Phillip Bass: “Dear St. Luke’s. Thank you for thinking of me and honoring my ordination. Your gifts, prayer, and presence were very much appreciated. St. Luke’s is such an important part of my journey and I am grateful for all you have taught me. Thank you all.”

Office Volunteers Wanted. Rector Time Certain Rhonda Lee and Mike are hoping to revive the pre-Covid practice of having some parishioners help cover phone and reception duties at the church for a few hours each week while Mike works. If you are interested, let Mike know. Once he has a good core of volunteers, we can work out a schedule.

The St. Luke’s Needlework Ministry meets on the third Wednesday of the month in the Kramer Room from 1:30 – 3:30 pm. Contact Grams Gutknecht for more information. gramsg@nc.rr.com.

St. Luke’s Walkers, 2:00 p.m., January 28, 2023, Buckquarter Creek Trail, Eno River State Park. After a break of more than two years, St. Luke’s Walkers are ready to go. This outing for St. Luke’s Walkers will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 28th with a rain date of February 4th. We will be hiking the Buckquarter Creek Trail. Take Cole Mill Road northwest, cross over Pleasant Green Rd., and go all the way to the end of the park driveway to the circular parking lot. The 1.5-mile trail is considered “moderate”, so good walking shoes and walking sticks are recommended. If you want to join in, please send a message to Karen Gray (919-612-0331) or Bill Gutknecht (919-672-2153).

Singing Opportunity for Children. Our wonderful St. Cecilia children’s choir was suspended during the pandemic. We are now offering a 45-minute singing time on

Sunday mornings for children in grades 2 and above who wish to sing in some Sunday services. Each session is Sunday at 11:45 (later if church runs late) in the music room in Johnson Hall. Please contact Kaye if you have a child, grandchild, or family member who is interested.

Sunday Adult Learning in Epiphany and Lent

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

Today, 22 January: Annual parish meeting at 9 a.m. in Johnson Hall ; no adult learning

29 January and 5 February: St. Luke's members Julia Hoyle and Patty Michaels will make a two-part presentation on their pre-pandemic diocesan pilgrimage to Israel and the West Bank.

12 February: Meet Kate! Please gather in the Kramer Room (we may move to Johnson Hall if more room is needed) to meet our new deacon, Kate Wisz.

19 and 26 February and 5, 12, and 26 March: Each week, Rector Rhonda Lee will lead a discussion comparing the texts for the day from the Revised Common Lectionary (the lectionary we use on Sundays) to the texts offered in The Rev. Dr. Wilma C. Gafney's newly-published A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church (Church Publishing Inc.).

To learn more about The Rev. Dr. Gafney and this lectionary, check out

<https://www.wilgafney.com/womenslectionary/> .

Unless otherwise noted, all sessions will start at 9:10 a.m. in the Kramer Room just off the north-side narthex. Please plan to join, and invite a friend!

New "Rector and friends Bible study" starting in January, second and fourth Tuesdays,

7 to 8:15 p.m. on [Zoom](#)

Please plan to participate in our new, twice-monthly Bible study, led by Rector Time Certain Rhonda Lee. In January, we'll start by reading Ecclesiastes, an intriguing book in the Wisdom tradition of the Bible. The author of Ecclesiastes is older, has seen a lot, and has some thoughts about how to live faithfully in this flawed world. After Ecclesiastes, we'll decide which book to read next.

You won't have to prepare in advance for our sessions, although you're welcome to read ahead if you'd like. We'll read and discuss the text together.

A special request: When logging into the Zoom meeting, please make sure your “screen name” is your actual name—not, for example, “iPad” or “Mom” or another nickname. This helps reduce the possibility of “Zoom-bombing”: random people joining the meeting simply to harass us. If you don’t know how to change your screen name, Rhonda or someone else at church will be happy to help you.

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.

We ask that if someone attends a service and then tests positive for Covid and others who may have come into close contact with them, 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.

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