

**St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
Holy Eucharist Rite II  
The Day of Pentecost  
May 28, 2023, 8:00 a.m.**

We are delighted to worship together.

Masks are now optional for all vaccinated persons. (Ministers serving Communion or offering prayer for healing will wear masks while doing so.) 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 using discretion in physical contact are useful 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* Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*(Please be seated.)*

## The Lessons

*Reader*            A Reading from Acts (2:1-21)

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

    "In the last days it will be, God declares,  
    that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
        and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
    and your young men shall see visions,  
        and your old men shall dream dreams.  
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
    in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
    and they shall prophesy.  
And I will show portents in the heaven above  
    and signs on the earth below,  
    blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.  
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*The lector will lead the praying of the Psalm.*

**Psalm 104: 25-35, 37**

<sup>25</sup>O LORD, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>26</sup>**Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number,  
creatures both small and great.**

<sup>27</sup>There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan,  
which you have made for the sport of it.

<sup>28</sup>**All of them look to you  
to give them their food in due season.**

<sup>29</sup>You give it to them; they gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

<sup>30</sup>**You hide your face, and they are terrified;  
you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their dust.**

<sup>31</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;  
and so you renew the face of the earth.

<sup>32</sup>**May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.**

<sup>33</sup>He looks at the earth and it trembles;  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

<sup>34</sup>**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

<sup>35</sup>May these words of mine please him;  
I will rejoice in the LORD.

<sup>37</sup>**Bless the LORD, O my soul.  
Hallelujah!**

*Reader* A reading from First Corinthians (12:3b-13)

No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-- and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel:**

(John 20:19-23)

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Sermon**

Deacon Kate Wisz

## **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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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**

*Deacon:* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*Intercessor:* What was dead shall live; what was lost shall be found; what was forgotten shall be remembered, for Christ is risen and walks among us. Let us pray with confidence to God: Resurrected Christ, hear us and transform us.

For the unity of the Church, that, created in your image and likeness, we may with open hearts see your image in one another. Resurrected Christ, **hear us and transform us.**

For all members of St. Luke's, that we may grow in faith and trust in you, O God, and love our neighbors as ourselves. Resurrected Christ, **hear us and transform us.**

For the leaders of nations, states, counties and cities; that, knowing their responsibility and power, they may work for peace and justice, and turn away from violence and inequity. Resurrected Christ, **hear us and transform us.**

For those who share in the passion of Christ through illness, violence, oppression, loneliness or any other troubles; that they may pass through their sufferings with courage and strength. Resurrected Christ, **hear us and transform us.**

For everyone who is targeted because of their race, ethnicity, gender, or other part of their identity; that we may come to live in communities guided by justice with compassion. Resurrected Christ, **hear us and transform us.**

For those who have died. For those who are keeping vigil, and for all who grieve; that, accompanied by Christ who triumphs over death, they may find comfort and rest for their souls. Resurrected Christ, **hear us and transform us.**

*Deacon:* Hear our prayers on behalf of those for whom we pray, and give us peace in this time of our Paschal rejoicing, for the sake of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Alleluia.** (*Adapted from a compilation by the Order of St. Helena's*)

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*            **And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

## **Announcements**

## **Offertory sentence**

## **The Holy Communion**

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

*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.

*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 sing 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 as you are able throughout the Eucharistic Prayer.*

*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 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**

*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.**

*Please be seated until the usher guides you to communion.*

## **Sharing of the Bread**

*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, let the usher know and communion will be brought to you.*

**Act of Reception**, *to be prayed privately 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.)*

**Post Communion Prayer** *Please stand or kneel as you are able.* (BCP 365)

**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**

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

The altar flowers are given by Beth Bonner to the glory of God.

Preacher—Deacon Kate Wisz

Presider— The Rev. Rhonda M. Lee, Ph.D.

Crucifer-acolyte—Lisa D’Amico

Lector-intercessor—Mary Lauer

Chalice—Lisa D’Amico

Altar Guild—Grams Gutknecht, Joanne Hooker, Mary Jane Moore, Jean Willard, John Willard



## Announcements

Due to a family need, Parish Coordinator **Mike Sistrom will be out of the office working remotely from Wednesday, May 31 through Tuesday, June 6.** He will continue to check email and the office voicemail as usual, so if you need him, please email or call.

**Name Tags Organized.** June Santa has organized everyone's name tags alphabetically by last name. There are labels on each name tag holder noting A-L and M-Z. If you need a name tag, please fill out the blue name tag request form on the welcome table in the Sprague Room. You can put that on Mike's desk or in his mailbox.

**New Covid Booster.** The CDC/FDA approved an additional bivalent booster for those over 65 years of age who have not had a booster in at least four months. See the emailed announcements for a link for more information.

**Sunday Adult Learning in Eastertide.** Celebration of our baptismal covenant through service in our community, Loving One Another! **May 28<sup>th</sup>**, 9:10 50 10 a.m. is the final date in the 50 days of Eastertide.

We have explored the ways St. Luke's has historically given outreach funds, we have heard from some of our in-parish teams about the work they do together and in the community. This week we will look outside our walls. Deacon Kate will be joined by Alix Adrian of the LGBTQ Center of Durham. Alix will share information about the programs offered at the center and identify ways community partners can be involved.

In the months of June and July, our Adult Learning time will be an informal Bible study focusing on the Gospel passage for the day. We will read, wonder, and discuss together; no preparation will be necessary. Attend one, some, or all sessions, and consider bringing a friend!

Adult Formation generally meets at 9:10 a.m. in the Kramer Room, just off the north-side narthex. Please plan to join in the celebration of our Christian commitment to love and serve one another.

**Delegates to the Diocesan Annual Convention 2023.** St. Luke's is entitled to send three delegates to the diocesan convention. One of our delegates, Jan Freeman, has served her three-year term, and we need to select another individual to serve for three years and one alternate to serve for one year. The current three-year delegates are Julia Hoyle and Anne Burgess. The next convention is scheduled for November 17-18 at Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem.

If you would like to be considered for either position—delegate or alternate—please contact Jeff Dawson as soon as possible. [jdawsonnc1@gmail.com](mailto:jdawsonnc1@gmail.com). 919-383-2781. The vestry needs to vote on delegates in the next month.

**Gospel-inspired Poetry and Music, June 8, 7:30 p.m.** Dr. David Need will be reading his long poem "St. John's Rose Slumber," set alongside the Gospel of John and accompanied on piano, at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church in Durham. The long poem was published in 2019 and is one of two set alongside Gospel texts. Need has been a lecturing fellow in Religious Studies at Duke, a hospital chaplain, and a member of the St. Philip's choir.

**Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul.** Four-part series begins **June 12**, 11- 12 p.m. via Zoom. Are you interested in exploring the spirituality of creation care? Would you like to learn to go deeper in your practice of caring for God's Creation? Join us for a pilot spirituality group using John Philip Newell's [Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul](#) on Mondays beginning June 12, 11 a.m. via Zoom. See the emailed announcements for a registration link.

**Rector & Friends Bible Study: The Book of Esther.** Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, June 13, 7 to 8:15 p.m. on Zoom.** Bible study continues with the story of Esther, which can be described as a novella about living as a cultural minority in diaspora. One of two biblical books that never mentions God directly, Esther has political intrigue, fascinating gender dynamics, and questions of fate versus agency. Please plan to join in studying it!

No advance preparation is necessary. We will read the text aloud and discuss it together. See the emailed announcements for the Zoom link.

**Bishop Curry in Oxford, N.C., June 21.** As part of its Bicentennial "Season of Celebration," St. Stephen's, Oxford, will host Presiding Bishop Michael Curry on June 21st at 6:00 p.m. He will celebrate Holy Eucharist, speak, and attend a reception afterward.

The parish invites convocation parishes and community churches for what we hope will be an ecumenical gathering.

**Thank You St. Luke's.** We recently received two lovely notes of thanks.

One, from Girl Scout Troop 951, Cadette Patrol, thanking us for including their table (selling dog treats) at the Spring Fling. Signed by adult leaders and the girls, the note included comments such as "Thanks for your hospitality and generosity towards our troop! We love St. Luke's!" "Thank you for always supporting our troop!" and "Thank you for hosting us!" Elise and Venicia Emory are members of the troop.

The second, from Linda Carter, the office manager of Holy Cross Anglican School in Belize, said in part, "There is no way to fully express our gratitude for your loyalty. We serve our community through your generosity....Our futbol teams (soccer) have been practicing and getting ready for their first games in May. Wish the male and female teams the best of luck! Don't forget to check out our Facebook pages for photos and school updates. We are looking forward to be able to ask volunteers to help with our projects...Please contact us for more information! [volunteerbelize@gmail.com](mailto:volunteerbelize@gmail.com)."

Our companion relationship with Holy Cross is currently without a coordinator at St. Luke's. If you would like to know more about what would be involved in this ministry, let Rhonda know. Thanks!

**Please Note from the Diocese of North Carolina.** To read this week's issue or subscribe, see the link to [Please Note](#) in the emailed announcements.

- **Introduction to Dismantling Racism:** Next Offering: June 23-24, 2023 via Zoom. Through presentations, prayer, story sharing, videos, and small group discussion, we will explore how the sin of racism impacts all of our lives. We will ground our work together biblically and sacramentally by renewing our Baptismal vows—to seek and serve Christ in all persons and to respect the dignity of all human beings. If you can't make the June class, be sure to join one of the remaining 2023 sessions:

- [June 23, 5-8 p.m., and June 24, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.](#) See the email announcements for a registration link.
- [July 28, 5-8 p.m., and July 29, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.](#)
- [September 29, 5-8 p.m., and September 30, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.](#)
- [November 10, 5-8 p.m., and November 11, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.](#)
- [Join a waitlist or be contacted for future sessions.](#)

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