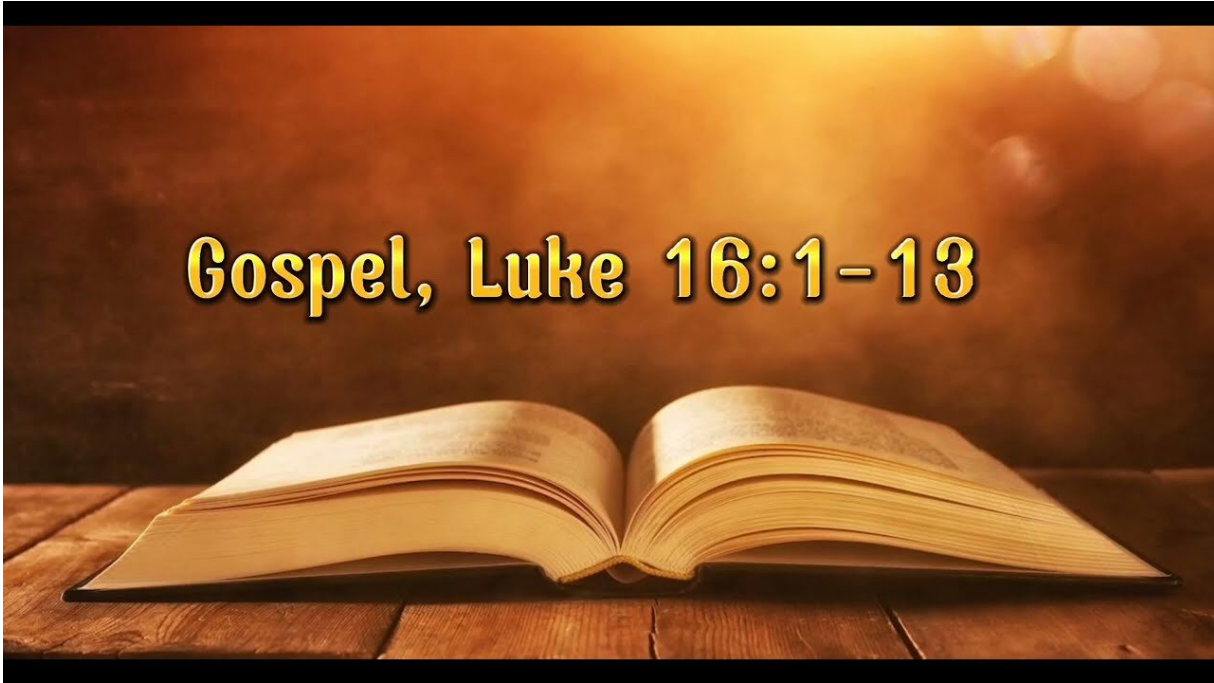


SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Celebrating 154 Years of ministry in Columbia, South Carolina

*The Mission of St. Luke's Episcopal Church is to Spread the Word
and share the love of God with all people*



The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

September 21, 2025

10:00AM

The Rev. Raphiell Ashford, Rector & Priest

Mrs. Susan Moffitt, Supply Organist

Vestry Theme for 2025

Reset to the New Normal

Mission Statement

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Vision Statement

{To become} a vibrant self-sustaining institution that serves and respects the spiritual, social, and physical needs of our community and congregation, while preserving the history of the church.

QUIET PLEASE: Please be mindful of others as you enter the church before the service. Upon entering the nave, there should be a period of quiet and reverence as many parishioners are in prayer and or meditation.

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Saint Luke's Episcopal Church



It is the parish custom to observe silence prior to the start of the Eucharist. Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the House of God. Before the service, speak to the Lord, during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

We invite you to join us as an active participant in our worship of God.

This bulletin is your guide to our worship. You will find three books in front of you that contain most of the material needed for this service. We will use *The Book of Common Prayer* [BCP], *The Hymnal 1982* [H], and *Lift Every Voice and Sing, II* [L]. [S] denotes service music which is found in the front of the hymnal.

Vocal Prelude “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hand” arr. Margaret Bonds
Elliott Brown, tenor

Prelude “Take my Life and Let it Be” Gene Roberson

✠ indicates where to make the sign of the cross

**At the ringing of the bell, all stand.

THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn in Procession H·408

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” *Mit Freuden zart*

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

Bless-ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev-er. A-men.

✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Collect for Purity

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.*

Gloria S. 280

Robert Powell

✠ “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.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever *Amen.*

**The people sit.*

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Lector: A reading from the book of Jeremiah

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: "Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?" ("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?") "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!
[Silence]

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 79:1-9 *Deus, venerunt*

**The antiphon is sung first by the Cantor and then by all; thereafter where indicated.*



A1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;
they have profaned your holy temple; *
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.

B2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, *
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.

A3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, *
and there was no one to bury them.

B4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, *
an object of scorn and derision to those around us. {Antiphon}

A5 How long will you be angry, O LORD? *
will your fury blaze like fire for ever?

A6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you *
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.

B7 For they have devoured Jacob *
and made his dwelling a ruin. {Antiphon}

A8 Remember not our past sins;
let your compassion be swift to meet us; *
for we have been brought very low.

B9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; *
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake. {Antiphon}

The Epistle

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Lector: A reading from the first Letter of Paul to Timothy

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all -- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

[Silence]

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn H • 488

“Be Thou my Vision”

Slane

The Gospel Acclamation

“A Celtic Alleluia”

Finnian O’Carroll

*Sung first by the Cantor; then by all.



“My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them and they follow me.”

(*Jn. 10:27*)

The Holy Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

Priest ✠The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Raphiell Ashford

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

✠ "and the life of the world to come. Amen."

The Prayers of the People

Form III

BCP 387

✠ "Give to the departed eternal rest."

The Confession of Sin & Absolution

BCP 360

✠ “forgive you all your sins ...”

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements, Birthday, & Anniversary Blessings

Fr. Raphiell+

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Anthem

“Order my Steps”

Glenn Burleigh
arr. Jack Schrader

At the Presentation of Alms “Glory Be to the Father”

Greatorex

**All standing*

(Gloria Patri)

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The tempo is marked 'Moderato'. The score consists of three systems of music. The first system covers the lyrics 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the'. The second system covers 'Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is'. The third system covers 'now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.' The piano accompaniment is written in the bass clef and provides harmonic support for the vocal parts. The score ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is

now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer "C"

BCP 369

**The people remain standing.*

Sursum corda

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**The Celebrant proceeds*

Sanctus et Benedictus

from *A Community Mass*; Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

✠ "Blessed is he ..."

**After the Sanctus, the people may stand or kneel.*

The Prayer of Consecration

BCP 372

(At the invoking of the Holy Spirit);

“Let the grace of this Holy Communion ☩ make us one body ...”

The Great Amen

**The Priest sings the first “Amen.”*



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The Lord's Prayer (*Pater Noster*) L • 265

**The priest sings the Pater Noster.*

Carl Haywood
from *A Mass for Grace*

☩ “and deliver us from evil” (optional)

The Breaking of the Bread

**A period of brief silence is kept.*

The Fraction Anthem

“Christ Our Passover”

Thaddeus P. Cavouti
from *Mass of St. Columba*



Agnus Dei

Priest Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
People Have mercy upon us

Priest Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
People Have mercy upon us

Priest Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.
People Grant us thy peace.

Priest ✠ The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Instructions for Receiving Communion

- *All baptized persons are welcome to receive Communion, and those who do not desire to receive Communion may come to the Altar rail to receive God's blessing.*
- *An usher will direct you to approach the Altar for Communion or a blessing. Please kneel, if you are able, at the Altar Rail.*
- *To receive the consecrated bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed and facing up, or extend your tongue to receive the consecrated host.*
- *To receive the consecrated wine, please guide the chalice to your lips as it is offered. However, if you prefer, you may leave the consecrated bread in your palm and the Chalice bearer will intinct the host into the wine and place it on your tongue. Please do not personally intinct the host into the chalice.*
- *If you desire to receive Communion but are not able to come to the Altar rail, please notify an usher and the Priest and Chalice bearer will bring Communion to you.*

The Music at Communion

H♦ 475	“God Himself Is with Us”	<i>Tysk</i>
H♦ 676/L♦ 203	“There Is a Balm in Gilead”	Negro Spiritual
L♦ 92	“Nothing Between my Soul and the Savior”	Charles A. Tindley

The Post Communion Prayer

**All kneel as able or sit.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast to that which is good. Render to no-one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Show love to everyone. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; And the blessing of Almighty God, ✠ the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Hymn in Procession H♦594 “God of Grace and God of Glory” *Cwm Rhondda*

The Dismissal

Priest	Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People	Thanks be to God.

Postlude “Come, Thou Almighty King” arr. Douglas E. Wagner

*It is the custom of this parish to remain seated in prayer and reflection during the Organ Postlude. If you need to leave, please do so quietly.

Parish Fellowship is sponsored by the the Commission on Parish Fellowship.

INTERCESSIONS



- **Parishioners:** Charles W. Blakely, Gary Bowden, John Bowden, Damion Cokley, Patricia Cokley, Carole Cooper, Gloria Eaddy, Eddie Glenn, Cynthia Goines, Robert Green, Yvonne Hall, Daryl Hammonds, Jr., Desmond Hammonds, Valencia Hammonds, Tarnez Hickman, Justin Hickmon, LaToya Hickmon, Levi Johnson, Sr., James McLemore, Mary McLemore, Marie Martin, Carmen Murray, Jay'ceon Quattlebaum, Malik Quattlebaum, Joseph Ray, Reginald Reed, Peyton Parker-Smith, William Smith, Jr., Ronald Turner, Dorothy Walker,
 - **Family & Friends:** Ingrid Dowdell, Cynthia Fruth, Gerald L. McNair, Elsie Mitchell, Quintin Morris, Brent Johnson, David Lowry
 - **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer...** St. Matthew's, Spartanburg
 - **Birthdays...** Cassandra Sims (22nd), Tia Hicks (23rd), Frankie Point (24th)
 - **Anniversaries...** James & Mary McLemore (21st)
 - **Births...**
 - **Deaths...**
 - **Traveling Mercies...**
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECURITY... Parishioners, in light of recent events in our nation and city, the importance of security cannot be taken lightly. **Please consider giving a donation for Security so that we may be proactive and not reactive.**

PARISH FELLOWSHIP... Parishioners, Committees, Commissions, and Groups are encouraged to sign up for at least one Sunday to host Parish Fellowship. For more information, see the sign-up sheet in Griffin Hall or contact Robert Green or Gwendolyn Meadows.

STATEMENT OF MISSION 2026... The Finance Committee Chair and the Treasurer will host a presentation on the 1st draft of the 2026 parish budget on Sunday, October 5th.

ST. LUKE'S DAY ANNIVERSARY AD BOOKLET... This year, we will again have the opportunity to place ads in an Anniversary Advertisement Booklet. This is a wonderful way to honor or memorialize loved ones, members, family members and highlight businesses that we patronize. Each member is asked to solicit at least one ad. **(Full Page-\$125, Half Page-\$75, Quarter Page-\$45).** The dimensions of the ads are: (width x length):

Full Page (6" x 9.5")/**Half Page** (6" x 4.75")/**Quarter Page** (2.5" x 4.25")

Ads should be submitted by today, Sunday, September 21st. For more information and sponsorship opportunities, contact Cynthia Parker Reed or Judy Battiste.

Sponsorship Levels:

The Rev. Absalom Jones - \$1,000 / The Rt. Rev. Barbara C. Harris - \$500

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY/ST. LUKE'S DAY: The Feast of St. Luke (10/18) will be observed on Sunday, October 19th. All parishioners are asked to pay \$154, the age of the parish (officially May 21st). Funds are due by Sunday October 19th, but may be paid at any time before that date. **The Guest Speaker will be Dr. Naida Rutherford, the first Black woman elected coroner for Richland County.**

ST. LUKE'S CHORAL SCHOLARS & BLAKELY-ROBINSON MUSIC FUND... Your contributions are always appreciated and needed more than ever now that the Chorister Fund Deficit is no longer. Contributions to these funds help to secure choristers & instrumentalists for our Sunday services as well as special services: funerals, weddings, etc. It is because of your continued generous contributions that we are able present glorious choral & instrumental music to the glory of God. Please consider contributing towards this fund.

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH BAZAAR... The Quilters & Crafters is sponsoring a bazaar as a fundraiser for St. Luke's Episcopal Church. The purpose of the bazaar is to raise monies for our operating budget. The Bazaar will be held in the O'Neal Center on **Saturday, November 1st from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.** See the September Newsletter & Bulletin Board in Griffin Hall. As this is All Saints' Day, **the names of all deceased Quilters & Crafters should be submitted to Pat Cokley, by Sunday, October 26th.**

CONFIRMATION DRIVE...The Confirmation Drive will be held during the month of September. Parishioners are asked to pay the dollar amount for each year of confirmation. A list will be posted next Sunday in Griffin Hall in published in the newsletter. The proceeds will go toward paying the Diocesan Assessment. See the bulletin board in Griffin Hall and the September Newsletter. **If everyone participaes, we as a parish will raise over \$4,000 to go toward the Diocesan Assessment.**

SERVANTS FOR THE LORD

The Old Testament Lector

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The Epistoler

Errol Porter

The Gospel Book Bearer

Server

Herman Hickman

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Karen Castelli

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Cory James

Crucifers

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Mary Martha Altar Guild

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Rachel Hall
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REFLECTION

Stewardship: Entrusted, not Entitled | Living Faithfully with God's Gifts

“True Stewardship is not about entitlement; it is about recognizing that everything we have—our time, talent, and treasure—belongs to God. It is about responsibility, accountability, and faithful living.” —The Rev. Fr. Peter Gachira

SEPTEMBER 2025 CALENDAR OF SERVICES, MEETINGS, & EVENTS

SEPTEMBER	SERVICE/MEETING/EVENT	TIME & PLACE
21 st (Sunday)	The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost The Holy Eucharist: Rite II	10:00am Nave
22 nd (Monday)	Rector's Day Off	
23 rd (Tuesday)	Buildings & Grounds	5:30pm-6:30pm Griffin Hall
	DOK Study for Potential Members	5:30pm Nave
24 th (Wednesday)	Quilters & Crafters	10:00am-1:00pm Griffin Hall
	Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm-7:30pm Hurley Music Room
25 th (Thursday)	Fresh Start Ministry	9:00am-12noon The O'Neal Center
	UBE (Union of Black Episcopalians) Interest Group Meeting & Official Formation *All are welcome in UBE	5:30pm Griffin Hall
26 th (Friday)	Rector's Sermon Preparation Day, etc.	
	Columbia Operatic Laboratory Rehearsal	6:00pm-9:00pm Nave
27 th (Saturday)	4 th Saturday Feeding	12:00noon-1:00pm Griffin Hall Entrance Doorway
28 th (Sunday)	The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost The Holy Eucharist: Rite II	10:00am Nave
29 th (Monday)	Rector's Day Off	

SERMON NOTES/REFLECTIONS/QUESTIONS

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from *Jubilation Mass*

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Service music

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*If the Lord had not been my help,
my soul would soon have lived in the land of silence.
When I thought, "My foot is slipping,"
your steadfast love, O Lord, held me up.
When the cares of my heart are many,
your consolations cheer my soul. (Psalm 94:17-19)*

We invite you to join us as we share new prayers each week for the vulnerable among us facing challenges, fears, and threats. We will name many of the harms unfolding around us and acknowledge what is being erased, lost, and threatened.

Please join us in prayer. Share these prayers with your dioceses and parishes.

We are one church united in prayer, naming reality in the face of lies, creating space for grief in the face of denial, and freeing space in our souls for hope. We gather to be the body of Christ for one another—bearing one another’s burdens—and pointing the world to the cross and its redemptive power already at work through our witness (even when it may not feel like it).

These prayers are not a replacement for action; they offer grounding and space to discern what actions each of us feel compelled to take. We may feel called to meet with or contact our elected officials, participate in community organizing, provide services to those in our communities, or join in protests or acts of civil disobedience.

As a church, our advocacy continues, and we invite you to join us. The Episcopal Public Policy Network has weekly action alerts, resources, webinars, and trainings.

You can find these prayers at:

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ogr/public-policy-and-witness-weekly-prayers-september-19/>

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“The Episcopal Church is a secret too well kept. Many are starved for what we experience daily and too easily take for granted. Invite others to come to your parish to experience this joy.”

Louie Crew, author of *101 Reasons to be Episcopalian*