

# SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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



**The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

**A Service of Ante-Communion**

**July 20, 2025**

**10:00AM**

**The Rev. Raphiell Ashford, Rector**

**Mrs. Corliss Wise, Officiant**

**Mrs. Cynthia Fruth, Organist & Choirmaster**

## **This Sunday we will utilize a service known as Ante-Communion.**

### **What is ‘Ante-Communion’?**

The prefix ante- means ‘before’, so the service of Ante-Communion is the Service of Holy Communion before, or leading up to and excluding, the actual celebration of Communion. Basically from the Organ Voluntary to the Offertory, this is the non-sacramental part of the Communion liturgy. The only difference is that Ante-Communion is done on purpose, and ends with a few different prayers, making this specifically the Service of Ante-Communion rather than the Service of Holy Communion.

### **Why would anyone do this?**

Ante-Communion is a uniquely Anglican practice. Early in our church tradition, provision was made for the celebration of Holy Communion every Sunday and major Holy Days of the year, but, people were not used to such frequent reception of Communion, and despite the Reformers’ best efforts, the average English believer still only came to the Holy Table once a month at best. The priests, however, were still expected to fulfill the liturgical demands of the Book of Common Prayer, and so provision had to be made for situations in which there was a Service of Holy Communion offered but no communicants prepared to receive Holy Communion.

Now that Anglicans almost the world over are accustomed to weekly Communion, this “need” for Ante-Communion is no longer common. If your parish priest is unexpectedly sick on a Sunday morning, or absent for other reasons, then a Deacon or Lay Minister could lead an Ante-Communion service instead, since it’s almost identical to the regular Communion service.

## **Ante-Communion**

The liturgy of the word (Pro-anaphora) from the eucharist, without the Great Thanksgiving or communion of the people. Ante-Communion includes the first part of the eucharistic rite through the prayers of the people. It may begin with the Penitential Order if a confession of sin is desired. The BCP (pp. 406-407) provides that a hymn or anthem may be sung after the prayers of the people and the offerings of the people are received. The service may conclude with the Lord's Prayer and with the grace or a blessing or the peace. Ante-Communion (without the final blessing) may be led by a deacon or lay person if a priest is unavailable.

# Vestry Theme for 2025

## Reset to the New Normal

### Mission Statement

The mission of St. Luke's Episcopal Church is to spread the Word and share the love of God with all.

### 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.

## Prelude

“Take my Life and Let It Be”

Charles Callahan

✠ indicates where to make the sign of the cross

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

## THE WORD OF GOD

**The Hymn in Procession H • 423** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” *St. Denio*

## The Opening Acclamation

Officiant Blessed be God: ✠Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Collect for Purity

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 Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*\*The people sit.*

**The Lesson****Amos 8:1-12**

Lector: A reading from the Book of Amos

This is what the Lord God showed me-- a basket of summer fruit. He said, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the Lord said to me, "The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by. The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day," says the Lord God; "the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!" Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day. The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.

[Silence]

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 52** *Quid gloriaris?*

*\*The psalm is first sung by the Cantor and then by all. Thereafter, where indicated.*



1 You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness \*  
against the godly all day long?

2 You plot ruin;  
your tongue is like a sharpened razor, \*  
O worker of deception.

[Antiphon]

3 You love evil more than good \*  
and lying more than speaking the truth.

4 You love all words that hurt, \*  
O you deceitful tongue.

[Antiphon]

B 5 Oh, that God would demolish you utterly, \*  
topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling,  
and root you out of the land of the living!

[Antiphon]

6 The righteous shall see and tremble, \*  
and they shall laugh at him, saying,

7 "This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, \*  
but trusted in great wealth  
and relied upon wickedness."

[Antiphon]



8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; \*

I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.

9 I will give you thanks for what you have done \*

and declare the goodness of your Name in the presence of the godly.

[Antiphon]

## The Epistle

## Colossians 1:15-28

Lector: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him-- provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim,

warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

[Silence]

Lector    The Word of the Lord.

People    Thanks be to God.

**The Sequence Hymn H • 467**    “Sing my Soul, His Wondrous Love”    *St. Bees*

**The Gospel Acclamation**    “A Celtic Alleluia”    Finnian O’Carroll

\*Sung first by the Cantor; then by all.



“God first loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins” (1 John 4:10)

**The Holy Gospel**                      **Luke 10:38-42**

Officiant    A reading from the Gospel of Luke

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."



Officiant    The Word of the Lord.  
People       Thanks be to God.

**The Homily** Reginald Reed

**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 and Absolution** BCP 360  
✠ “forgive us ...”

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

**Announcements** Errol Porter  
Senior Warden

**Birthday & Anniversary Blessings** Corliss Wise  
Officiant

**Offertory Sentence**  
Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,  
an offering and sacrifice to God. (*Ephesians 5:2*)

**The Offertory Anthem**    “When I’m Afflicted, Poor, and Low” *Nelson*  
William Bradley Roberts

## At the Presentation of Alms

*\*All standing*

“Glory Be to the Father”

*Greatorex*

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

Carl Haywood  
from *A Mass for Grace*

*\*The priest/cantor sings the Pater Noster. The congregation joins in with “who art in heaven.”*

## Hymn in Procession H • 470 “There’s A Wideness in God’s Mercy” *Beecher*

### The Dismissal

Officiant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

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

## INTERCESSIONS



- **Parishioners:** Charles W. Blakely, Gary Bowden, John Bowden, Damion 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
- **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer...** St.. James’, Greenville; The Ministry of the Commission on Mission and Internation Concerns.
- **Birthdays...** Luther Battiste (21<sup>st</sup>), Damion Cokley (22<sup>nd</sup>), Joseph Ray (26<sup>th</sup>)
- **Anniversaries...**
- **Traveling Mercies...** Amy Husmann & Family, Peyton Parker-Smith, Luther & Judy Battiste

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### **Gospel Acclamation**

“A Celtic Alleluia”

Finnian O’Carroll

### **Service music**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHURCH ANNIVERSARY/ST. LUKE’S DAY:** The Feast of St. Luke will be observed on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. All parishioners are asked to pay \$154, the age of the parish (officially May 21<sup>st</sup>). **Funds are due by Sunday October 19<sup>th</sup>**, but may be paid at any time before that date. The Guest Speaker/Preacher: TBA

**ST. LUKE’S CHORAL SCHOLARS & BLAKELY-ROBINSON MUSIC FUND...** Your contributions are needed more than ever now that the Chorister Fund Deficit is no longer. Thank you for help with bringing the deficit current. Contributions to these funds help to secure choristers 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.



The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Judy Battiste  
in honor of the birthday of Luther Battiste, III.

# **SERVANTS FOR THE LORD**

## **The Old Testament Lector**

Cynthia Parker Reed

## **Crucifer**

Herman Hickman

## **Ushers**

Rachel Hall

James Kelley

Ronald Turner

## **Supply Organist**

Susan Moffitt

Courtesy of Cynthia Fruth

## **The Epistoler**

Errol Porter

## **Intercessor**

Cassandra Sims

## **Cantors**

Elliott Brown

Nina Davis

## JULY 2025 CALENDAR OF SERVICES, MEETINGS, & EVENTS

**\*Most organizations, etc. will not meet during the month of July.**

<b>JULY</b>	<b>SERVICE/MEETING/EVENT</b>	<b>TIME &amp; PLACE</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
20 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost The Holy Eucharist: Rite II	10:00am Nave	
21 <sup>st</sup> (Monday)	Rector's Day Off		
22 <sup>nd</sup> (Tuesday)	Buildings & Grounds	5:30pm- 6:30pm Griffin Hall	If needed
23 <sup>rd</sup> (Wednesday)	Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm- 7:30pm Hurley Music Room	<b>TBD</b>
24 <sup>th</sup> (Thursday)	Fresh Start Ministry	9:00am- 12noon The O'Neal Center	
25 <sup>th</sup> (Friday)	Rector's Sermon Preparation Day, etc.		
26 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday Feeding	12:00noon- 1:00pm Griffin Hall Entrance Doorway	
27 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost The Holy Eucharist: Rite II	10:00am Nave	
28 <sup>th</sup> (Monday)	Rector's Day Off		
29 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)			
30 <sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)	Endowment Committee	12:30pm Griffin Hall	

	Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm-7:30pm Hurley Music Room	
31 <sup>st</sup> (Thursday)	Fresh Start Ministry	9:00am-12noon The O’Neal Center	

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Deadra Bowden  
DeNell Hickman  
Jean Indriago

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Yvonne Hall  
Daryl Hammonds  
Joni James  
Errol Porter, *Sr. Warden*

#### **Class of 2027**

Angela Blalock  
Robert Green  
Joseph Ray  
Rudolph Wise

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Patricia Ancrum, *Clerk of the Vestry*  
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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*