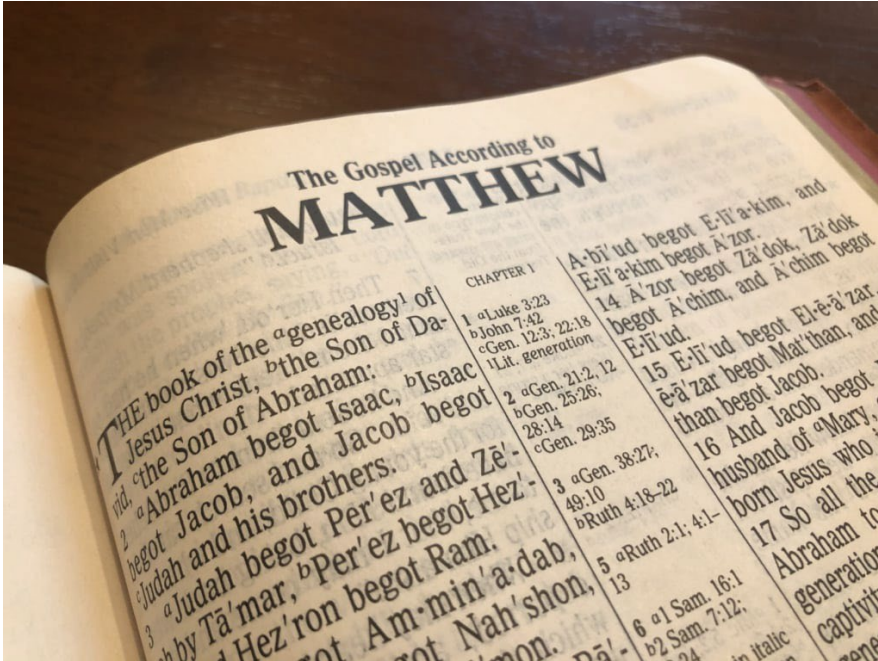


SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Celebrating 155 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 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 15A

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

August 23, 2026

10:00AM

The Rev. Raphiell Ashford, Rector & Priest

The Rev. Doug Puckett, Supply Priest

Mr. Leonard Gordon, Supply Organist

Vestry Theme for 2026

Reset to the New Normal: The Work Continues

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.

Prelude

“Prayer”

Cale Simper

✠ 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 • 525 “The Church’s One Foundation”

Aurelia

The Opening Acclamation

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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.*

Gloria S • 280

Setting: Robert Powell

✠ “in the glory of God the Father. Amen.”

The Salutation

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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.*

First Lesson Exodus 1:8-2:10

Lector: A reading from the Book of Exodus

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, “Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.” Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, “When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.” But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?” The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife

comes to them.” So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.” Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

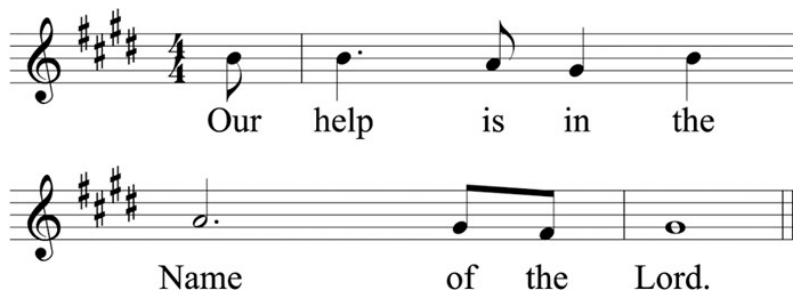
[Silence]

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 124 *Nisi quia Dominus*

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



B1 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say; [Antiphon]

A2 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;

B3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us; [Antiphon]

A4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;

B5 Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us. [Antiphon]

A6 Blessed be the LORD! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

B7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

B8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth. [Antiphon]

The Epistle

Romans 12:1-8

Lector: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

[Silence]

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn H • 707

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

Hollingside

The Gospel Acclamation

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

Mode VI/Melody
arr. Richard Proulx



*“Blessed are you Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.” (Mt. 11:25)*

The Holy Gospel

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

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

The Sermon

Fr. Doug Puckett+

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

✠ “and the life of the world to come. Amen.”

The Prayers of the People

Form III

BCP 388

✠ “For all who have died in the communion of your Church ...”

The Confession & Absolution

BCP 360

✠ “forgive you all your sins ...”

The Peace

Welcome & Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Anthem “Bread of the World, In Mercy Broken” Louis Bourgeois
arr. Carlton Young

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

Greatorex

**All standing*

(Gloria Patri)

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 “A”

BCP 361

Sursum corda

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 him thanks and praise.

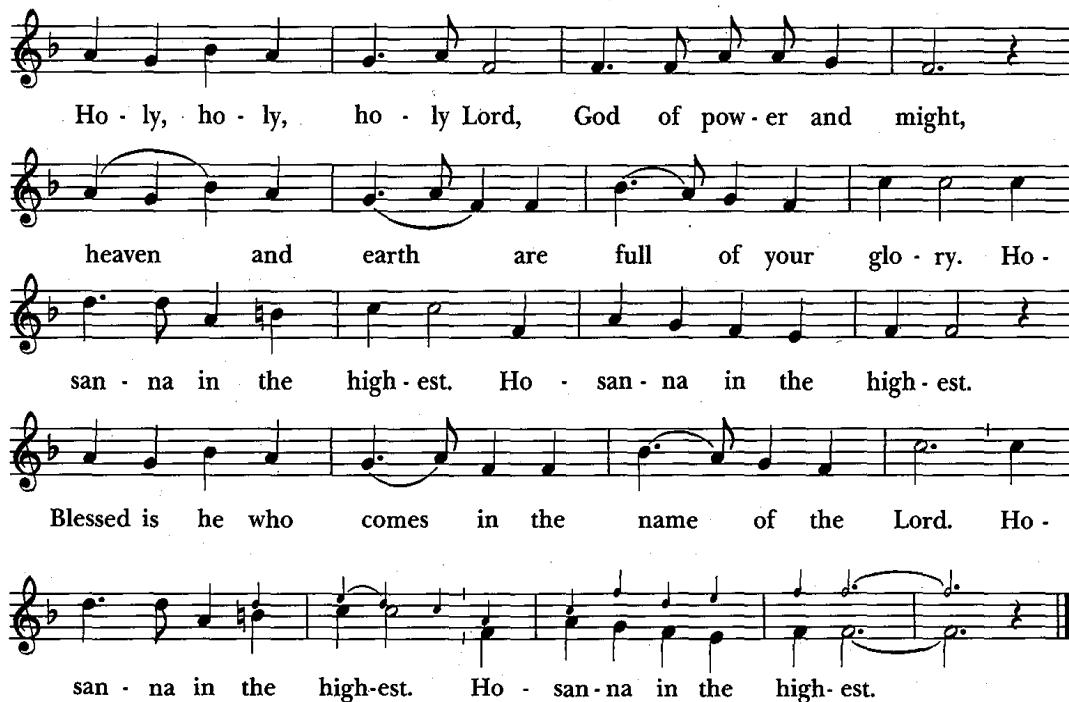
**The Celebrant proceeds*

The Proper Preface for the Lord's Day

**Said by the Priest*

Sanctus et Benedictus

Setting: from *A Community Mass*



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 ...”

**The people stand or kneel.*

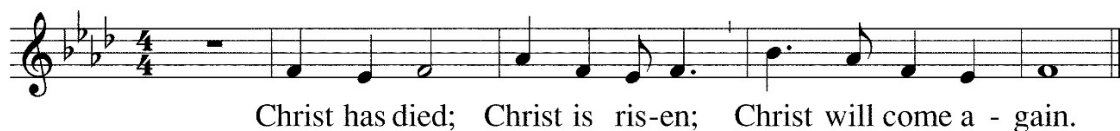
The Prayer of Consecration

BCP 362

“do this in remembrance of me.” ✠

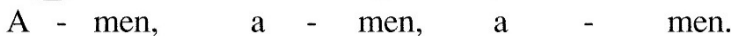
The Memorial Acclamation

Setting: from *A Community Mass*



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

Setting: from *A Community Mass*



BCP 364

*A period of brief silence is kept.

Setting: from *A Community Mass*



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.”

The Music at Communion

H • 302	“Father, We Thank Thee Who Has Planted”	<i>Rendez a Dieu</i>
H • 577	“God Is Love, and Where True Love Is”	<i>Ubi caritas</i>
H • 304	“I Come with Joy to Meet my Lord”	<i>Land of Rest</i>

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.*

The Blessing

Hymn in Procession L • 99

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” William D. Bradbury

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Orgelstück in F Major” Johann Christian Heinrich Rink

*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.

INTERCESSIONS



• **Parishioners:** Luther Battiste, Gary Bowden, John Bowden, Christina Caldwell, Damion Cokley, Jackson Cokley, Patricia Cokley, Byron Eaddy, Gloria Eaddy, Eddie Glenn, Cynthia Goines, Robert Green, Yvonne Hall, Daryl Hammonds, Jr., Desmond Hammonds, Valencia Hammonds, Tarnez Hickman, Justin Hickmon, LaToya Hickmon, Cedric Johnson, Levi Johnson, Sr., James McLemore, Gwendolyn Meadows, Carmen Murray, Peyton Parker-Smith, Jay’ceon Quattlebaum, Malik Quattlebaum, Joseph Ray, Reginald Reed, Cassandra Sims, William Smith, Jr., Ronald Turner, Dorothy Walker

- **Family & Friends:** Carline Armstrong, Ingrid Dowdell, Barbara Ann Jacobs, Gerald L. McNair, Elsie Mitchell, Ann Morris, Greg Morris, Katherine, Robinson, Mattie Anderson-Roberson, Theodora Washington
- **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Bartholomew's, North Augusta, The Bishops Public Education Initiative
- **Birthdays:** Gloria O. Jordan (23rd), Desmond Goines (24th), Anthony Weston (28th)
- **Anniversaries:**
- **Births:**
- **Deaths:** Ruth Bowden (mother of Steven Bowden), Rose Palmer & Lois Parson (paternal and maternal aunts of Lorin Palmer)
- **Traveling Mercies:** Fr. Raphiell Ashford+, Nadia Muhammad, Susan Moffitt

Parish Fellowship is sponsored by

Cynthia Goines & Desmond Goines in thanksgiving for Desmond' birthday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SABBATICAL: Fr. Raphiell is on sabbatical from June 1st—September 7th 2026. Contact the Senior Warden, Errol Porter (803) 888-0854.

REQUIEM MASS: The Requiem Mass for Mrs. Ruth Gallman Bowden will be held at St Luke's Episcopal Church on Monday, August 24th w/Interment in the Fort Jackson National Cemetery. The Requiem Mass will begin at 10:30am. A private viewing will be held for the family at Palmer's Memorial Chapel on Sunday, May 23rd . The Links, Incorporated will hold a memorial ceremony after the viewing. A private family repast will be held in Griffin Hall.

******The Rector received permission from Bishop Richards to officiate at the Requiem Mass for Mrs. Bowden & to reclaim a week of compensatory sabbatical time due to having to tend to various needs/issues regarding the parish. This accounts for almost two weeks of lost sabbatical time. The recommendation from Fr. Lyon to Bishop Richards was that Fr. Raphiell should take the first week of September as compensatory sabbatical time and no other work is to be done during this time. The rector will return to his sabbatical after the Bowden Family Repast and return to the parish on September 8th.

PARISH PICNIC: The Parish Picnic will be held at Sesquicentennial State Park Saturday, August 29th, from 12pm-4pm. All food items should be brought to Shelter 1 by 11am. You are welcome to bring your own chairs if need be. The seating at the Shelter is picnic table seating. Feel free to bring games and other activities. The walking area to Shelter 1 is paved so you will not be walking on damp grass. Parking is available for those who are dropping off food or need closer access to the shelter due to physical limitations. If you have questions, please contact Gwen Meadows at (803) 391-6168 or the Senior Warden, Errol Porter. You may invite a guest or guests. There is a small entrance fee to enter the park. Please see the sign-up sheet in Griffin Hall.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE hopes that you are enjoying your summer with your friends and families. Please expect a mid-year statement in your email or in the mail which will indicate your status with your pledge or gifts. If you are current with your pledge and support, we thank you. If you are not current, we hope you can try to bring it up to date. During the summer months, we see a significant decrease in funds which makes it difficult to pay our parish obligations. Thank you for your spiritual and financial support of St. Luke's over the years.

155th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY/ST LUKE'S DAY... We will observe the anniversary on the Feast of Saint Luke Sunday, October 18th. Each parishioner is asked to give \$155 in celebration for the anniversary. The guest preacher for the anniversary and patronal feast will be the Rev. Vincent P. Harris, Jr., Ret. Fr. Harris is in the Diocese of Washington. He serves as Rector Emeritus of St. George's Episcopal Church in Washington, DC and participates in services at Washington National Cathedral. His father was also an Episcopal Priest in Jacksonville, FL. He stated, "I would be honored to be the guest preacher at St. Luke's 155th Anniversary Celebration."

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IS A SECRET TOO WELL KEPT—THE FEAST OF SAINT LUKE/155th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY...In anticipation of our upcoming celebration of the Feast of Saint Luke and the 155th Anniversary of the parish, each parishioner is asked to submit the **COMPLETE** names and address of at least five friends or families they would like to invite to the celebration. **The deadline to submit this information is today, August 23rd by 5:00pm.** You may submit this information via email, in writing, or in person to the parish secretary or the Rector. **The parish office is not responsible for locating incomplete names and addresses.**

FUNERAL BULLETINS/PLEASE READ: Effective September 1st, all funeral bulletins for funerals to be held at St. Luke's will be printed in-house. Bulletins will no longer be outsourced to funeral homes. The Episcopal liturgy is unique and does not fit the mold of standard funeral bulletin templates. If you have already prepaid with a funeral home for bulletins, you can either request a refund or have the funeral home cut a check to St. Luke's for the amount that you paid.

SAFE CHURCH TRAINING... All persons in leadership & volunteer positions in the Church must be certified in Safe Church Training. The online training is offered for free courtesy of the Diocese. An email will be sent to those persons who are in need of the training. **The diocesan office will contact those who have registered but have not completed the training.**

SECURITY.... Parishioners, the importance of security cannot be taken lightly. Please consider giving a donation for Security so that we may be proactive and not reactive.

ST. LUKE'S ENDOWMENT FUND...Please consider giving a donation on your birthday and/or anniversary of \$1 per year. Donations to the Endowment Fund will help to secure the future of St. Luke's. Your donations are needed and appreciated.

SERVANTS FOR THE LORD...If you have a desire to serve in the Church in a certain capacity (liturgical), please contact the Rector. If you are not sure what you calling is, contact the Rector for a one on one so that the two of you might discover your gifts and talents. In the absence of the Rector, notify the Senior or Junior Warden, who will pass the information on to the Rector.

ST. LUKE'S CHORAL SCHOLARS & BLAKELY-ROBINSON MUSIC FUND...Your contributions are always appreciated and needed more than ever. 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.

155th Church Anniversary Souvenir Advertisement (Ad) Booklet

The purchase of an Ad can be used to advertise a business, celebrate or memorialize a loved one, celebrate your family, or simply to give a “Shout-Out” to the church.

	Dimension	Price
Full Page	(6" width x 9.5" length)	\$125
Half Page	(6" width x 4.75" length)	\$75
Quarter Page	(2.5" width x 4.25" length)	\$45
Inside Front Cover - <i>Bishop B. Harris Sponsor</i>	(6" width x 9.5" length)	\$1000
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Outside Back Cover – Bishop Holly Sponsor	(6" width x 9.5" length)	\$1500
Diamond Level Sponsor	Listings on Diamond Sponsor Page	\$750

- Ways to Submit

- Provide pictures and text if you want your ad to be designed by the ad book team
- Provide your “ready to publish documents” to stlukescolumbia@gmail.com or Cynthia.Reed121@gmail.com put “Souvenir Ad Booklet” in the subject line

- Ways to Pay

- By Check - put “Souvenir Ad Booklet” in the memo line of your check
- By Realm – Select- “Church Ad”

For more information contact Cynthia Parker Reed.

ALL Ads **must** be submitted by **Sunday, October 4th**

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The Old Testament Lector

Beverly Ray

The Gospel Book Bearer

DeNell Hickman

Intercessor

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DeNell Hickman

Crucifer

Jaylen Caldwell

Oblation Bearers

Angela Franks

Marie Martin

Ushers

Joseph Evans

Beverly Ray

Venesia Johnson

SERMON NOTES/REFLECTIONS/QUESTIONS

AUGUST CALENDAR OR SERVICES/MEETINGS/EVENTS

AUGUST	SERVICE/MEETING/EVENT	TIME & PLACE
23 rd (Sunday)	Choir Rehearsal	8:30am--9:15am Hurley Choir Room
	The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost The Holy Eucharist: Rite II	10:00am/Nave
24 th (Monday)		
25 th (Tuesday)		
26 th (Wednesday)	Quilters & Crafters	10:30am-1:00pm Griffin Hall
27 th (Thursday)	Fresh Start	9:00am-12:00noon The O'Neal Center
	Workshop: Ask me About U=U	Registration 9:30-10:10am Workshop 10:00am-3:30pm South Carolina Health Campus 400 Otarre Parkway Cayce, SC 29033
28 th (Friday)	Parish Office Closed	
29 th (Saturday)	Parish Picnic	10:00am—3:00pm Sesquicentennial Park 9564 Two Notch Rd. Columbia, SC 29223
30 th (Sunday)	Choir Rehearsal	8:30am--9:15am Hurley Choir Room
	The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost w/The Holy Eucharist: Rite II	10:00am/Nave

	Ushers Meeting (St. David Guild)	11:45am Nave
31 st (Monday)		

***Just a reminder to keep your financial obligations (pledges, etc.)
to the church up to date over the summer months.**

Parish Office Hours: 10:00am—2:00pm (M-Th)

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Opening Acclamation, *Gloria, Sursum corda,*

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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*