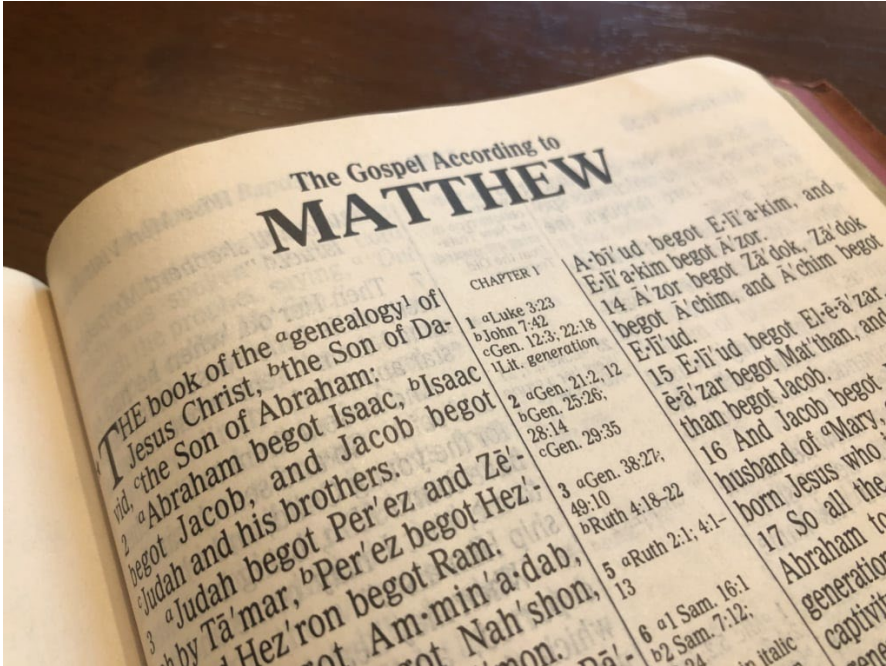


SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Organized 1871

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 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 21A

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

September 27, 2026

10:00AM

The Rev. Raphiell Ashford, Rector & Priest

Mrs. Susan Mloffitt, 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

“Love Divine. All Loves Excelling” Michael Burkhardt

✠ indicates where to make the sign of the cross

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

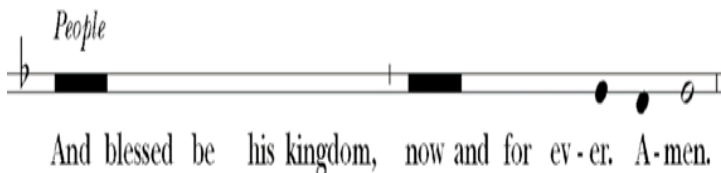
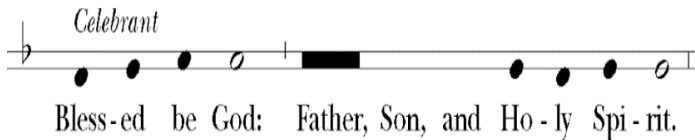
THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn in Procession H·686/ L·111

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Nettleton

The Opening Acclamation✠



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

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 17:1-7

Lector: A reading from the Book of Exodus

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses

did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

[Silence]

Lector The Word of the Lord.

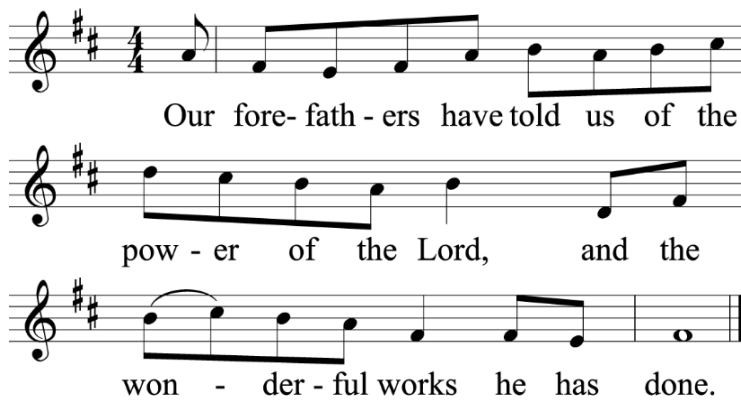
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 *Attendite, popule*

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



- A1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- B2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- A3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
- B4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
and the wonderful works he has done. {Antiphon}



A12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

B13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; *
he made the waters stand up like walls. {Antiphon}

A14 He led them with a cloud by day, *
And all the night through with a glow of fire.

B15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep.

B16 He brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers. {Antiphon}

The Epistle

Philippians 2:1-13

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

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied

himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death--even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

[Silence]

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn H • 483

“The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns” *St. Magnus*

The Gospel Acclamation

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

Mode VI/Melody
arr. Richard Proulx



*“One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. (Deut. 8:3)*

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

Priest The Holy Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do

these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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

The Sermon Fr. Raphiell Ashford +

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

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

The Prayers of the People **Form II** BCP 385

✠ “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

Stewardship Presentation

Theme: “Rooted in the Past; Reaching Toward the Future”

Tree: The Roots & the Trunk – Gloria Eaddy

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Anthem “There’s A Wideness in God’s Mercy” *Holy Manna*
arr. Mark Schweizer

At the Presentation of Alms”

*All standing “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” *Fairhill*

$\text{♩} = 80$



ff *f* *mf* *mp* *mf*

Praise God from whom all bless - ings

8 *mp*

flow; Praise Him all crea - tures here be - low. Praise Him a -

14 *mf* *f* *mf* $\text{♩} = 70$ $\text{♩} = 60$

bove ye heav-en-ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

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*

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 kneel or sit.*

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.

The Great Amen

Setting: from *A Community Mass*

A - men, a - men, a - men.

The Lord's Prayer (*Pater Noster*)

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

*A period of brief silence is kept.

The Fraction Anthem

Setting: from *A Community Mass*

$\text{♩} = 84$ *Optional introduction* ***f*** *All:*

The musical score is written on three staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a common time signature (C), and a tempo of 84 beats per minute. It includes an 'Optional introduction' and a 'Full' section marked with a forte 'f' dynamic. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'When we eat this Bread and' are written below the staff. The second staff continues the melody with a 'Descant' section marked 'O'. The lyrics 'drink this Cup, we pro-claim your Death, O' are written below. The third staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'Lord, un - til you come a - gain.' and includes a 'non rit.' marking. The final staff shows the continuation of the melody with the lyrics 'Lord, un - til you come a - gain.' and a final cadence.

When we eat this Bread and

drink this Cup, we pro-claim your Death, O

Lord, un - til you come a - gain. *non rit.*

Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

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.”

The Music at Communion

H • 339	“Deck Thyself, my Soul, with Gladness”	<i>Schmücke dich</i>
H • 348	“Lord, We Have Come, at Your Own Invitation”	<i>O quanta qualia</i>
L • 205	“When We Walk with the Lord”	D.B. Towner

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 H • 450

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” *Coronation*

The Dismissal

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

*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, 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, Gerald L. McNair, Elsie Mitchell, Ann Morris, Greg Morris, Katherine Robinson, Mattie Anderson-Roberson, Theodora Washington
- **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Michael's, Easley; St. Michael & All Angels', Columbia
- **Birthdays:**
- **Anniversaries:**
- **Births:**
- **Deaths:** Eva McLemore Henry (Fr. Raphiell's cousin)
- **Traveling Mercies:**

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Fr. Raphiell Ashford+.

Parish Fellowship is sponsored the St. David's Ushers Guild
of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKS FOR HELPING - The Wardens could not have successfully completed their tasks **June 1st- September 8th, 2026**, without your help. Thank you: supply priests and organists, choir members, Altar Guild members, ushers, Vestry members, committees' members, commissions, and ministry staff. Parishioners, we thank you too for being there 100%. Tell Father Raphiell Ashford when he returns how much he was missed and you hope he enhanced, increased, and strengthened his skills during his Sabbatical. Tell him you are ready September 9th to start Fall and holiday events at St. Luke's in the name of Jesus Christ. -- Errol Porter, Senior Warden, and Beverly Turner, Junior Warden.

THANK YOU... Thank You for a much-needed gift for St. Luke's. Thanks to Darnell Holmes, St. Luke's Episcopal Buildings and Grounds (B&G) member/Asst. Treasurer for your collaboration and leadership with Gwendolyn Meadows, Episcopal Church Women (ECW), Herman Hickman, Men Club and Beverly Turner, Jr. Warden and Chairman B&G) Committee in researching, replacing, purchasing, and installation of a new ice machine at St. Luke's. Parishioners look forward to years of service from this precious gift that enhance social events at St. Luke's.

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, Retired. 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 DAUGHTERS OF THE KING (DOK) MILDRED S. MURRAY CHAPTER joyfully welcomes five prospective members: Valencia Hammonds, Cynallyhia Indriago, Jean Roberts Indriago, Gloria M. Johnson, and Nadia Muhammad. They are beginning their 12-week Service of Preparation discernment study as they continue their spiritual journey in prayer, service, and evangelism. Please keep them in your prayers during this meaningful season of preparation and growth.

FRESH START MINISTRY GALA 2026... Fresh Start Ministry will host its 10th anniversary at this year's Gala on December 5th. The Gala will be held at Still Hopes Episcopal Retirement Center in West Columbia, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Valerie Riley, Dr. Eddie Glenn, or Corliss Wise.

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.

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 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 to 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 stlukescolumnia@gmail.com or Cynthia.Reed121@gmail.com put “Souvenir Ad Booklet” in the subject line
- Ways to Pay
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 - 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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Angela Blalock

Elliott Brown

OCTOBER CALENDAR OR SERVICES/MEETINGS/EVENTS

OCTOBER	SERVICE/MEETING/EVENT	TIME & PLACE
1 st (Thursday)	7 th Year Anniversary of Fr. Raphiell as Rector of St. Luke's	
	Fresh Start	9:00am-12:00noon The O'Neal Center
	A Celebration of New Ministry: The Rev. Dean Cameron Nations as Dean of Trinity Cathedral	6:30pm
2 nd (Friday)	Parish Office Closed Rector's Spiritual Day/ Sermon Prep/etc.	
3 rd (Saturday)	Diocesan Learning Day @ Voorhees University	9:00am-2:00pm Registration Required See bulletin and newsletter for information
4 th (Sunday)	The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost w/ The Holy Eucharist: Rite II	10:00am/Nave
	Memorial Garden Committee	12:00pm-12:45pm Griffin Hall
5 th (Monday)	Rector's Day Off	
	DOK Study Guide Discernment Meeting	6:00pm-7:00pm Chancel
6 th (Tuesday)	Rector meets with Wardens	Time: TBD
7 th (Wednesday)	Adult Formation w/Morning Prayer: Rite II Leader: Fr. Raphiell	10:30am-MP 11:00am—Adult Formation Griffin Hall
8 th (Thursday)	Fresh Start	9:00am-12noon The O'Neal Center

9 th (Friday)	Parish Office Closed Rector's Spiritual Day/ Sermon Prep/etc.	
10 th (Saturday)	2 nd Saturday Feeding	9:00am-12:00noon Entrance Door/Griffin Hall
11 th (Sunday)	The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost w/ The Holy Eucharist: Rite II	10:00am/Nave
12 th (Monday)	Rector's Day Off	
	Historic Waverly Association Meeting	6:00pm-7:30pm Bishop's Memorial AME Church
13 th (Tuesday)	Archives Committee	10:30am-1:00pm Archives Room
	Finance Committee	4:00pm-5:15pm Griffin Hall
	Vestry Meeting	6:00pm--7:15pm
14 th (Wednesday)		
15 th (Thursday)	Fresh Start	9:00am-12noon The O'Neal Center
	Deadline for Vestry & Delegate Nominees to the Nominating Committee	12:00 Noon (late submissions will not be accepted)
16 th (Friday)	Parish Office Closed	Parish Office Closed
	Parish Kitchen Reserved	11:00am-5:00pm
17 th (Saturday)	Acolyte Meeting Review/ Lay Eucharistic Ministers in Preparation for the 155 th Parish Anniversary	10:30am—12:00noon Nave
18 th (Sunday)	The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost (The Feast of Saint Luke)	10:00am/Nave Guest Preacher: The Rev. Vincent Powell Harris, Ret.

		St. George's Episcopal Church, Rector Emeritus Episcopal Diocese of Washington
		Light Reception/Meet & Greet in Griffin Hall (Parish Fellowship)
19 th (Monday)	Rector's Day Off	
	DOK Study Guide Discernment Meeting	6:00pm-7:00pm Chancel
20 th (Tuesday)		
21 st (Wednesday)	Quilters & Crafters	10:30am-1:00pm Griffin Hall
	Rector's Birthday	
	Norfolk University Concert Choir Norfolk, VA	6:00pm—7:00pm Nave
22 nd (Thursday)	Fresh Start	9:00am-12noon The O'Neal Center
	Buildings & Grounds	5:30pm Griffin Hall
23 rd (Friday)	Parish Office Closed	Parish Office Closed Rector's Spiritual Day/ Sermon Prep/etc.
24 th (Saturday)	4 th Saturday Feeding	9:00am-12:00noon Entrance Door/Griffin Hall
	DOK Mildred S. Murray Meeting	TBD
25 th (Sunday)	The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost w/ The Holy Eucharist: Rite II	

26 th (Monday)	Rector's Day Off	
	DOK Study Guide Discernment Meeting	6:00pm-7:00pm Chancel
27 th (Tuesday)		
28 th (Wednesday)	Quilters & Crafters	10:30am-1:00pm Griffin Hall
29 th (Thursday)	Fresh Start	9:00am-12noon The O'Neal Center
	Endowment Committee	12:30pm-1:30pm
30 th (Friday)	Parish Office Closed Rector's Spiritual Day/ Sermon Prep/etc.	
31 st (Saturday)	All Hallows Eve (Halloween))	9:00am-11:00am Preparation of the Memorial Garden for All Saints' Sunday

2027 STEWARDSHIP THEME:

“ROOTED IN FAITH, REACHING TOWARD THE FUTURE”

WHERE ST. LUKE’S HAS BEEN, THROUGH WHAT WE ARE DOING NOW, TO WHAT WE ARE PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE.

*OUR 2026 CHURCH ANNIVERSARY THEME WILL ALSO SERVE AS OUR 2027 STEWARDSHIP THEME

SPEAKERS

9/27/2026 - GLORIA EADDY (ROOTS & TRUNK)

10/4/2026 – FR. RAPHIELL ASHFORD (BRANCHES, LEAVES, & BLOSSOMS)

10/11/2026 - CASSANDRA SIMS (FRUIT)

10/18/2026 - ST. LUKE’S CELEBRATION

THE REV. VINCENT P HARRIS RECTOR EMERITUS,

ST. GEORGE’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, DIOCESE OF WASHINGTON

10/25/2026 - JONI JAMES (SEEDS FOR THE FUTURE)

DUE DATE FOR PLEDGE CARDS

11/01/2026 - BLESSING OF THE PLEDGE CARDS

“JUST LIKE A TREE THAT’S PLANTED BY THE WATER, I SHALL NOT MOVED”

GLORIA EADDY (9/27)

- **Roots — Faith & Heritage:** God, Scripture, prayer, worship, and the faithful generations who established and sustained St. Luke’s.
- **Trunk — Commitment:** The strength of the congregation—members faithfully giving their time, talent, and treasure.
- **Soil — God’s Grace:** The foundation that nourishes everything. The tree does not sustain itself; it receives what it needs.

FR. RAPHIEL ASHFORD (10/4)

- **Branches — Ministry & Mission:** The different ways St. Luke's reaches outward: worship, Christian formation, outreach, pastoral care, evangelism, fellowship, etc.
- **Leaves — The People:** Individual members whose participation gives life and vitality to the whole.
- **Blossoms — New Possibilities:** New ministries, new members, new ideas, and opportunities God is bringing forth.

CASSANDRA SIMS (10/11)

- **Fruit — Impact:** The tangible results of faithful stewardship—lives changed, people served, disciples formed, and ministry accomplished.

JONI JAMES (10/25)

- **Seeds — The Future:** What we invest today so that St. Luke's ministry continues for generations yet to come.
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Parish Office Hours: 10:00am—2:00pm (M-Th)

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