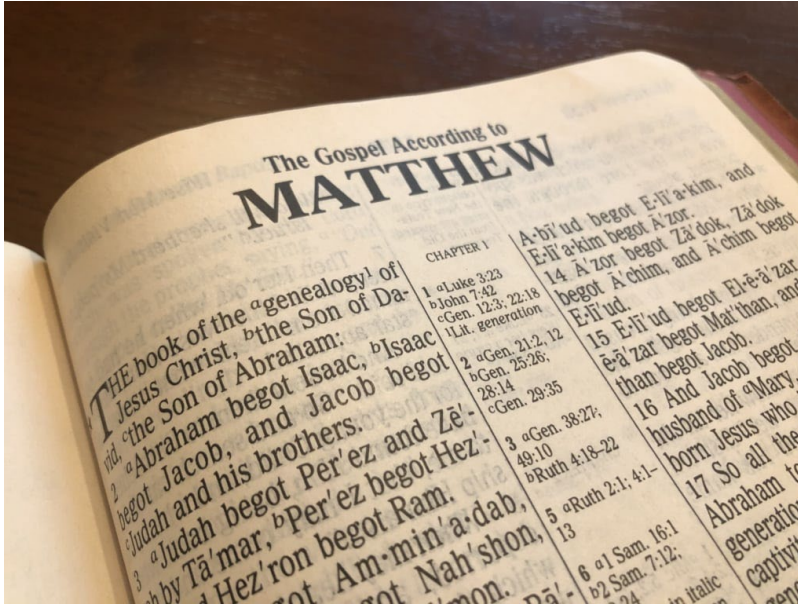


SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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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 Second Sunday after Pentecost Proper 5A

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

June 7, 2026

10:00AM

The Rev. Raphiell Ashford, Rector & Priest
The Rev. William Marshall Brock, Supply Priest
Mr. Ezra Blackwell, Interim Supply Organist
Mrs. Susan Mloffitt, Asst. Supply Organist

Saint Luke's Episcopal Church

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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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.

Organ Prelude “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” arr. Victor Johnson

✠ 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·401 “The God of Abraham Praise” *Leoni*

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

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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 Genesis 12:1-9

Lector: A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

[Silence]

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 33:1-12 *Exultate, justi*

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



By the word of the Lord were the
heav - ens made, by the breath of
his mouth all the heavn - ly hosts.



A B

A1 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous; *
it is good for the just to sing praises.

B2 Praise the LORD with the harp; *
play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.

B3 Sing for him a new song; *
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet. {Antiphon}

A4 For the word of the LORD is right, *
and all his works are sure.

B5 He loves righteousness and justice; *
the loving-kindness of the LORD fills the whole earth. {Antiphon}

A7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin *
and stores up the depths of the sea.

B8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; *
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.

B9 For he spoke, and it came to pass; *
he commanded, and it stood fast. {Antiphon}



A10 The LORD brings the will of the nations to naught; *
he thwarts the designs of the peoples.

B11 But the LORD's will stands fast for ever, *
and the designs of his heart from age to age.

B12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own! {Antiphon}

The Epistle

Romans 4:13-25

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

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

[Silence]

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn H • 393 “Praise Our Great and Gracious Lord” *Maoꝝ Zur*

The Gospel Acclamation

Mode VI/Melody

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

arr. Richard Proulx



“I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life” (Jn. 8:12)

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.” While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.”

And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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

The Sermon Fr. William Brock

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

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

The Prayers of the People **Form V** BCP 389

✠ "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

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Anthem “Who At my Door Is Standing?”

K. Lee Scott

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

Greatorrex

**All standing*

(Gloria Patri)

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "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 score ends with a double bar line and a fermata over the final notes.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer “A”

BCP 361

Sursum corda

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

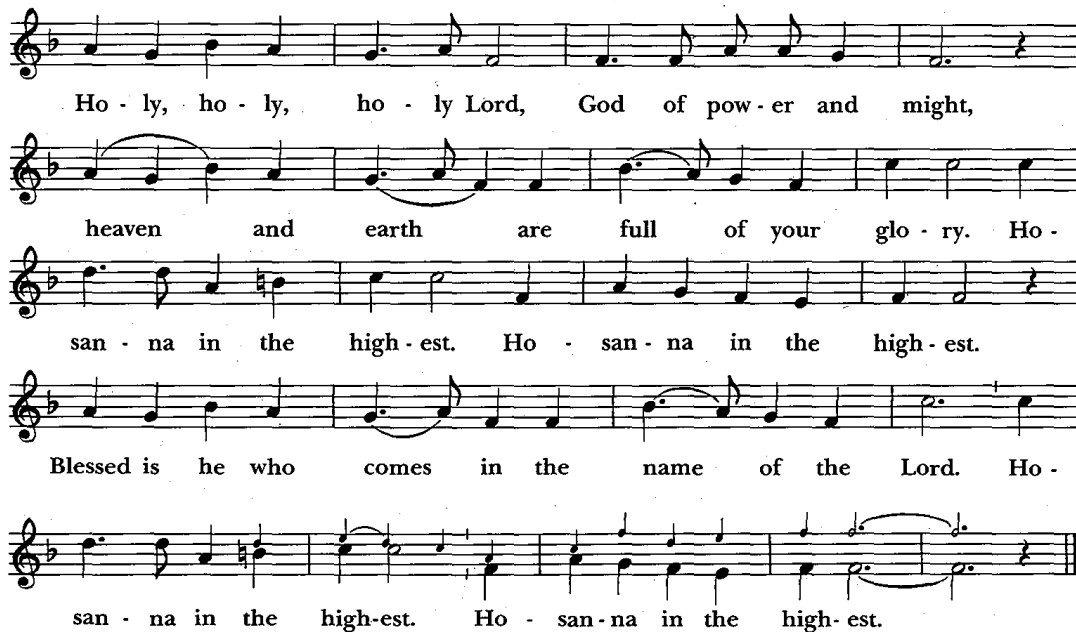
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**The Celebrant proceeds*

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.*

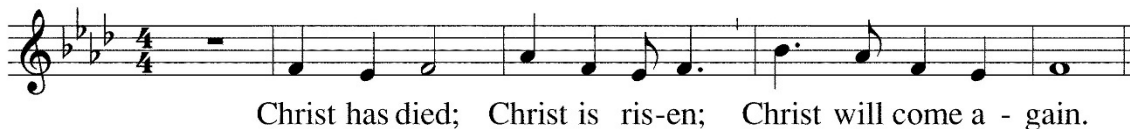
The Prayer of Consecration

BCP 362

✠ “do this in remembrance of me.”

The Memorial Acclamation

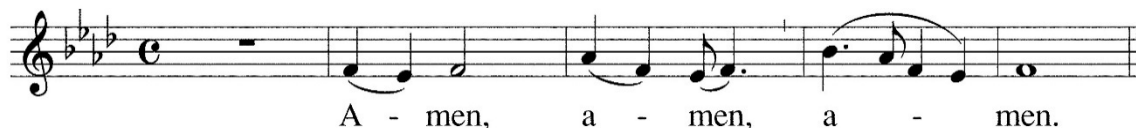
Setting: from *A Community Mass*



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

The Great Amen

Setting: from *A Community Mass*



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

The Breaking of the Bread

*A period of brief silence is kept.

The Fraction Anthem

Setting: from *A Community Mass*

Optional introduction *f All:*

When we eat this Bread and
drink this Cup, we pro-claim your Death, O
Lord, un - til you come a - gain. *Descant:*
Lord, un - til you come a - gain. *non rit.*

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·475	“God Himself Is with Us”	<i>Tysk</i>
H·686/L111	“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”	<i>Nettleton</i>
H·673L·203	“There Is a Balm in Gilead”	Negro Spiritual

The 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·493 “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” *Azmon*

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God.

***Postlude** “I Am Thine, O Lord” arr. Victor Johnson

*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:** 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, Levi Johnson, Sr., James McLemore, Gwendolyn Meadows, Carmen Murray, Jay'ceon Quattlebaum, Malik Quattlebaum, Joseph Ray, Reginald Reed, Cassandra Sims, William Smith, Jr., Ronald Turner, Dorothy Walker, Peyton Parker-Smith
 - **Family & Friends:** Ingrid Dowdell, Gerald L. McNair, Elsie Mitchell, Katherine Robinson, Mattie Anderson-Roberson, Theodora Washington
 - **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Barnabas, Jenkinsville
 - **Birthdays:** Patricia Cokley (7th), Milton Parker (10th)
Susan Moffitt (12th)
 - **Anniversaries:**
 - **Births:**
 - **Deaths:**
 - **Traveling Mercies:** Fr. Raphiell Ashford+
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Parish Fellowship is sponsored by the Memorial Garden Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

CONFIRMATION DRIVE: Our annual Confirmation Drive will run through the month of June. Each parishioner is asked to pay \$1 for each year of their confirmation. A list will be posted in the Narthex and in Griffin Hall. The proceeds of the drive will go to choir funding.

ADULT FORMATION... Adult Formation will meet in Griffin Hall on Wednesday, June 3rd in with Morning Prayer @10:30am and Bible Study @11:00am in this Sunday's bulletin? Adult formation will not meet in July and August.

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.**

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.

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.

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.

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.

SERVANTS FOR THE LORD

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Joseph Ray

The Gospel Book Bearer

Cynallyhia Indriago

Intercessor

Cassandra Sims

Thurifer & Boat Bearer

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Rachel Hall

Venesia Johnson

Ushers

Venesia Johnson

Joseph Ray

JUNE CALENDAR OF SERVICES/MEETINGS/EVENTS

JUNE	SERVICE/MEETING/EVENT	TIME & PLACE
7 th (Sunday)	Choir Rehearsal	8:30am-9:30am Chancel
	The Second Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 5) The Holy Eucharist: Rite II	10:00am Nave
8 th (Monday)	Parish Office Closed	
9 th (Tuesday)	Archives Committee	10:30am-1:00pm Archives Room
10 th (Wednesday)		
11 th (Thursday)	Fresh Start	9:00am- 12:00noon Griffin Hall
12 th (Friday)	Parish Office Closed	
13 th (Saturday)	2 nd Saturday Feeding	12:00pm-1:00pm Griffin Hall
14 th (Sunday)	Choir Rehearsal	8:30am-9:30am Chancel
	The Third Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 6) The Holy Eucharist: Rite II	10:00am Nave
15 th (Monday)	Parish Office Closed	
16 th (Tuesday)	Finance Committee Meeting	4:00pm-5:15pm Griffin Hall
	Vestry Committee Meeting	6:00pm-7:30pm Griffin Hall
17 th (Wednesday)	Quilters & Crafters	10:30am-1:00pm Griffin Hall
18 th (Thursday)	Fresh Start	9:00am- 12:00noon Griffin Hall
19 th (Friday)	Parish Office Closed	

20 th (Saturday)	Daughters of the King (DOK)	3:00pm Griffin Hall
21 st (Sunday)	Choir Rehearsal	8:30am-9:30am Chancel
	The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 7) The Holy Eucharist: Rite II	10:00am Nave
	Father's Day	
22 nd (Monday)	Parish Office Closed	
23 rd (Tuesday)	Buildings & Grounds	5:30pm-6:30pm Griffin Hall
24 th (Wednesday)	Quilters & Crafters	10:30am-1:00pm Griffin Hall
25 th (Thursday)	Fresh Start	9:00am- 12:00noon Griffin Hall
26 th (Friday)	Parish Office Closed	
27 th (Saturday)	4 th Saturday Feeding	12:00pm-1:00pm Griffin Hall
28 th (Sunday)	Choir Rehearsal	8:30am-9:30am Chancel
	The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 8) The Holy Eucharist: Rite II	10:00am Nave
29 th (Monday)	Parish Office Closed	
30 th (Tuesday)	Confirmation Drive Ends	

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

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SERMON NOTES/REFLECTIONS/QUESTIONS

JOY

Joy does not arrive with a fanfare,
on a red carpet strewn with the flowers of a perfect life.

Joy sneaks in, as you pour a cup of coffee,
watching the sun hit your favourite tree, just right.

And you usher joy away,
because you are not ready for it.

Your house is not as it must be,
for such a distinguished guest.

But joy cares nothing for your messy home,
or your bank-balance,
or your waistline, you see.

Joy is supposed to slither through the cracks of your
imperfect life,
that's how joy works.

You cannot invite her, you can only be ready when she
appears.

And hug her with meaning,
because in this very moment,
joy chose you.

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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*