

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 Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

November 9, 2025

10:00AM

The Rev. Raphiell Ashford, Rector & Priest

Mrs. Susan Mloffitt, Supply Organist

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”

Gene Roberson

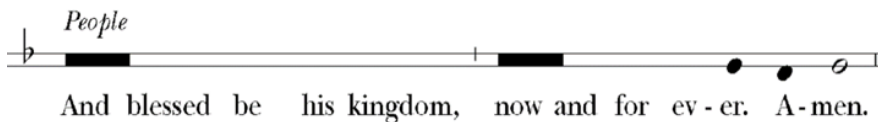
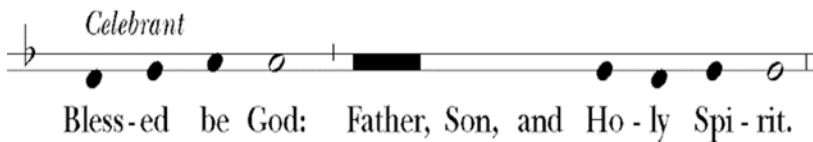
✠ indicates where to make the sign of the cross

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

THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn in Procession H·414 “God, my King, Thy Might Confessing” *Stuttgart*

The Opening Acclamation



✠ 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.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

**The people sit.*

The First Lesson

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

Lector: A reading from the Book of Haggai

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake

the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.

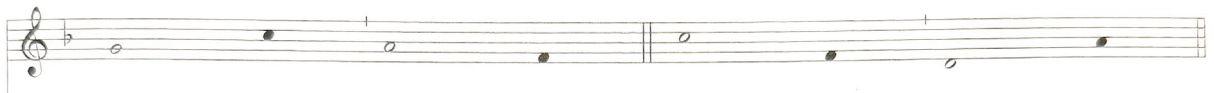
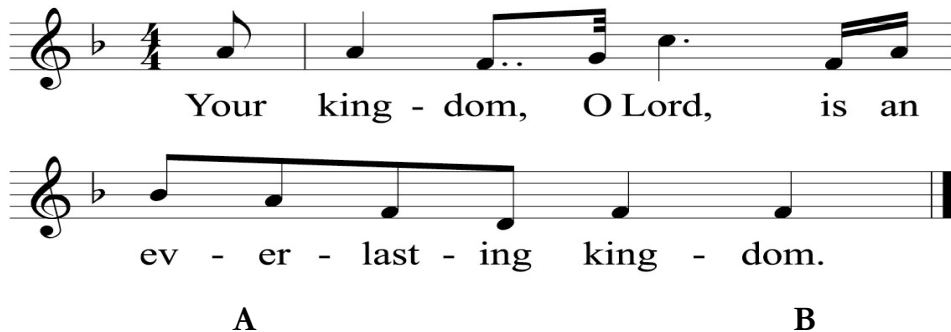
[Silence]

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:1-5, 18-22 *Exaltabo te, Deus*

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



A1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.

B2 Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.

B3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness. {Antiphon}

A 4 One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.

B 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works. {Antiphon}



A

B



A18 The LORD is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.

B19 The LORD is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully. {Antiphon}

A20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; *
he hears their cry and helps them.

B21 The LORD preserves all those who love him, *
but he destroys all the wicked. {Antiphon}

B22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; *
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever. {Antiphon}

The Epistle

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Lector: A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Thessalonians

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the

Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

[Silence]

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn L • 205

“Trust and Obey”

D.B. Towner

The Gospel Acclamation

“A Celtic Alleluia”

Finnian O’Carroll

*Sung first by the Cantor; then by all.



“The word of the Lord remains forever.

This is the word that has been proclaimed to you.” (1 Peter 1:25)

The Holy Gospel

Luke 20:27-38

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then

the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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 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 Blessing of the Pledge Cards

Fr. Raphiell+

The Order of the Daughters of the King—The Service of Admission

Mrs. Corliss Wise, President

Fr. Raphiell Ashford+, Chaplain

St. Luke’s Mildred S. Chapter warmly welcomes the new DAUGHTERS:

Stephanie Baldwin, Dr. Angela Blalock, Helen Cannon, Karen Castelli,

Lila “Chris” Evans, Frankie Point, & Jequetta “Kitty” Saxon to the Order.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Wm. Runyan

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

Greatorex

**All standing*

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. 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 includes a variety of musical notations such as quarter notes, eighth notes, and rests. The final system ends with a double bar line and a fermata over the final 'A - men'.

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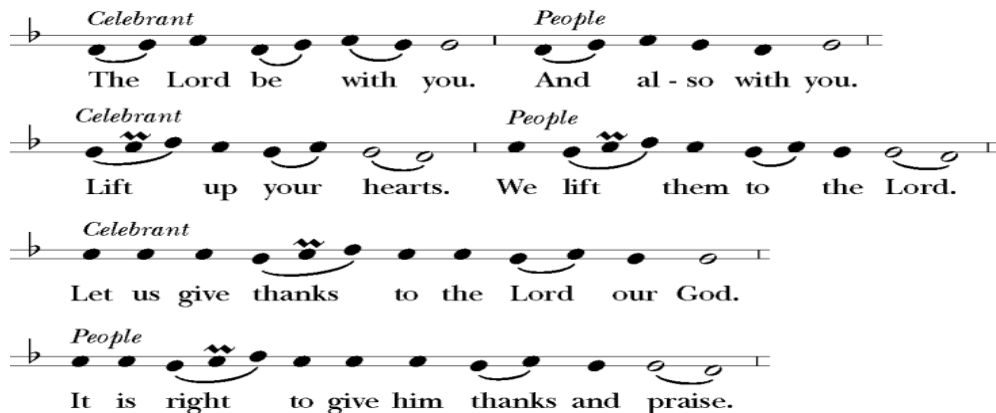
The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer “C”

BCP 369

**The people remain standing.*

Sursum corda



Musical score for *Sursum corda*. It consists of four staves. The first staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff is for the People, with the lyrics "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff is for the People, with the lyrics "It is right to give him thanks and praise." The music is in G major and 4/4 time.

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

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

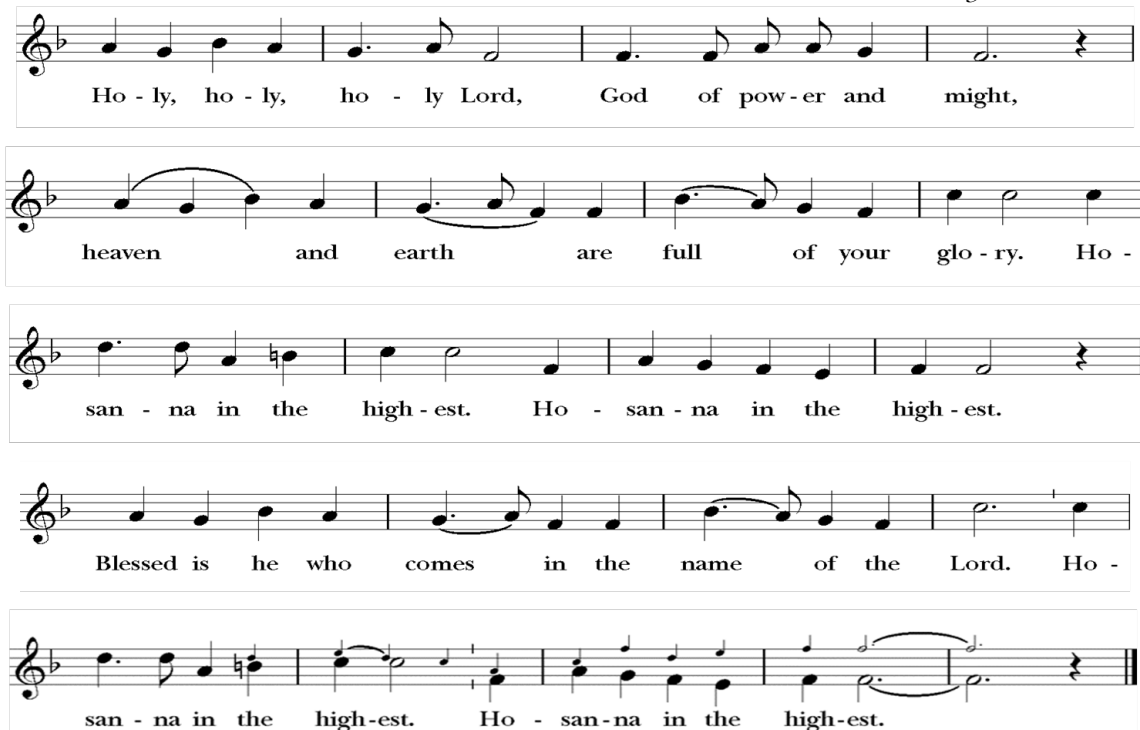
Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**The Celebrant proceeds*

Sanctus et Benedictus

from *A Community Mass*; Proulx



Musical score for *Sanctus et Benedictus*. It consists of five staves. The first staff has the lyrics "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,". The second staff has the lyrics "heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -". The third staff has the lyrics "san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The fourth staff has the lyrics "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -". The fifth staff has the lyrics "san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music is in G major and 4/4 time.

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.”

AMEN

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

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the 'Great Amen'. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written on a single staff. The first staff has the lyrics 'A - men, a - men, a - men.' and the second staff has the same lyrics. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some notes beamed together. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody.

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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*

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*

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation for 'The Fraction Anthem'. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written on a single staff. The first staff has the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;' and the second staff has the lyrics 'there - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.' The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some notes beamed together. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody.

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.*
- *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•341	“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”	<i>Omni Die</i>
H•574	“Before, Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel”	<i>St. Petersburg</i>
L•184	“Blessed Assurance”	<i>Phoebe Knapp</i>

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 • 473

“Lift High the Cross”

Crucifer

The Dismissal

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

Postlude Finale from Fantasy on the Hymn, “Holy, Holy, Holy” Piet Post

*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 Evans Family.

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Luther & Judy Battiste.

INTERCESSIONS

- **Parishioners:** Charles W. Blakely, Gary Bowden, John Bowden,



Damion Cokley, Patricia Cokley, 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, Gwendolyn Meadows, Carmen Murray, Jay'ceon Quattlebaum, Malik Quattlebaum, Joseph Ray, Reginald Reed, Cassandra Sims, Peyton Parker-Smith, William Smith, Jr., Ronald Turner, Dorothy Walker

- **Family & Friends:** Ingrid Dowdell, Gerald L. McNair, Elsie Mitchell, Brent Johnson, Katherine Robinson, Mattie Anderson-Roberson, Nathaniel Simmons, Theodora Washington
 - **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer...** St. Simon and St. Jude, Irmo; St. Thaddeus, Aiken
 - **Birthdays...** Valencia Hammonds (9th), Jaylen Caldwell (13th), Joni James (13th), Leon Green (14th), James Cokley (15th)
 - **Anniversaries...**
 - **Births...**
 - **Deaths...** George N. Simmons, III (Brother of Gwen Spann)
 - **Traveling Mercies...**
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEDGE CARDS... Please remember to turn in your pledge cards today. You may use the envelope provided to mail in your card or you may place it in the alms basin.

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING will be held next Sunday, November 16th after the service.

CONFIRMATION/REAFFIRMATION/RECEPTION... Anyone desiring the Rite of Confirmation, Reaffirmation, or Reception into the Episcopal Church is asked to contact the Rector. Confirmation classes will be held during the Lenten season.

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP... Anyone baptized person who wants to transfer their membership to St. Luke's is asked to contact the Rector.

BAPTISM... Anyone interested in baptism for themselves (not previously baptized) or a child is asked to contact the Rector.

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.

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 chorists & 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.

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Gospel Acclamation

“A Celtic Alleluia”

Finnian O’Carroll

The Great Amen

from *Jubilation Mass*

James Chepponis

Service music

Opening Acclamation, Gloria, *Sursum corda*, *Sanctus*, &

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The Epistoler

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Cynallyhia Indriago

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Gloria Eaddy

Thurifer

Levi Johnson, Jr.

Boat Bearer

Isaabella Bracy

Cantors

Elliott Brown

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Cory James

Kennedy Johnson

Oblation Bearers

Gwendolyn Meadows

Corliss Wise

Ushers

Gloria Eaddy

Darnell Holmes

Ronald Turner

CALENDAR OF SERVICES, MEETINGS, & EVENTS

9 th (Sunday)	The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost	10:00am
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	The Holy Eucharist: Rite II & the Blessing of Pledge Cards ~ The Installation of New DOK Daughters	
10 th (Monday)	Rector's Day Off	
11 th (Tuesday)	Veterans Day Parish Office Closed	
	Finance Committee	3:00pm-4:30pm
12 th (Wednesday)	Altar Guild	Time: TBA
	Choir Rehearsal	Chancel 6:00pm-7:30pm
13 th (Thursday)	Fresh Start Ministry	The O'Neal Center 9:00am-12:00noon
14 th (Friday)	103 rd Diocesan Convention	3:00pm-8:00pm The Episcopal Church of the Advent, 141 Advent St., Spartanburg
15 th (Saturday)	103 rd Diocesan Convention	9:00am-2:30pm The Episcopal Church of the Advent, Spartanburg
	Columbia Operatic Laboratory	6:00pm- 8:00pm/Nave
16 th (Sunday)	The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost The Holy Eucharist: Rite II	10:00am
	Annual Parish Meeting	12:00pm-1:00pm Griffin Hall
	Evensong Officiant: Fr. Raphiell	4:00pm-5:00pm Trinity Cathedral

17 th (Monday)	Rector teaches a class on “The Reformation” at South Carolina State University	11:00am
18 th (Tuesday)	Vestry Meeting	6:00pm-7:30pm Griffin Hall
19 th (Wednesday)	Rector’s Day Off (this week)	
	Choir Rehearsal	Chancel 6:00-7:30pm
20 th (Thursday)	Fresh Start Ministry	The O’Neal Center 9:00am-12:00noon
	Columbia Operatic Laboratory	TBD
21 st (Friday)	Rector’s Sermon Prep, Spiritual Care, etc.	
	Columbia Operatic Laboratory Anniversary Concert	7:30pm-8:30am Nave
22 nd (Saturday)	4 th Saturday Feeding Sponsored by the DOK	12:00noon-1:00pm Griffin Hall entrance
23 rd (Sunday)	The Last Sunday after Pentecost (Christ the King) The Holy Eucharist: Rite II	10:00am
24 th (Monday)	Rector’s Day Off	
25 th (Tuesday)	Building & Grounds	5:30pm-6:30pm Griffin Hall
26 th (Wednesday)	Thanksgiving Eve Service The Holy Eucharist: Rite II	6:00pm
27 th (Thursday)	Thanksgiving Day/ Fresh Start Closed	
28 th (Friday)	Rector’s Sermon Prep, Spiritual Care, etc.	
29 th (Saturday)		
30 th (Sunday)	The First Sunday of Advent The Holy Eucharist: Rite I	10:00am Youth Sunday

SERMON NOTES/REFLECTIONS/QUESTIONS

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St. Luke's Vestry

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Judy Battiste, *Jr. Warden*
Deadra Bowden
DeNell Hickman
Jean Indriago

Class of 2026

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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“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*