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-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 27A

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

November 8, 2026

10:00AM

The Rev. Raphiell Ashford, Rector & 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 "Dir, dir, Jehova, will ich singen" August Reinhard

✠ indicates where to make the sign of the cross

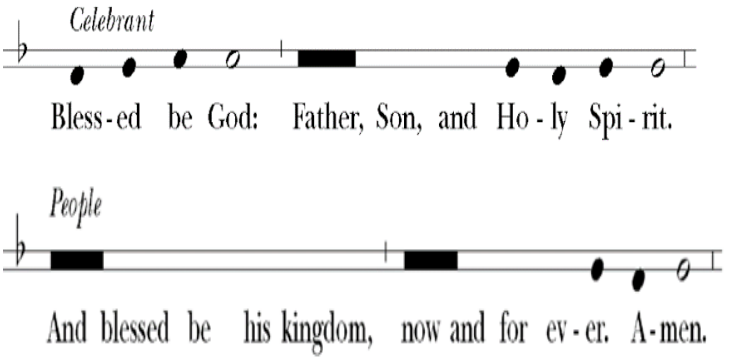
**At the ringing of the bell, all stand.

THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn in Procession H‧690

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" *Cwm Rhondda*

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

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 Old Testament Lesson **Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25**

Lector: A reading from the Book of Joshua

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. "Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve,

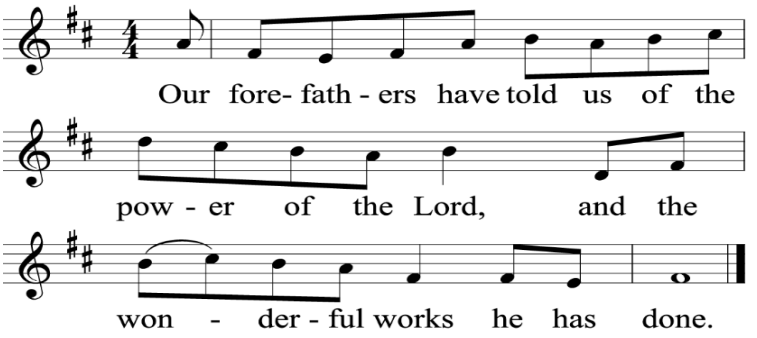
whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God." But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem .that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

[Silence]

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

Psalm 78:1-7 *Attendite, popule*

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





1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times. {ANTIPHON}

3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
and the wonderful works he has done. {ANTIPHON}

A 5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;

B 6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

B 7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments; {ANTIPHON}

The Epistle **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

Lector: A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

[Silence]

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn H‧454 "Jesus Came, Adored by Angels" *Lowry*

The Gospel Acclamation Mode VI/Melody
**Sung first by the Cantor; then by all.* arr. Richard Proulx



"I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord,
to go and bear fruit that will remain. (Jn. 15:16)

The Holy Gospel **Matthew 25:1-13**

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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 I** BCP 383

✠ "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 "O Lord, Most Holy" Cèsar Franck

At the Presentation of Alms"

*All standing "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" F*airhill*



The Great Thanksgiving **Eucharistic Prayer "A"** BCP 361

Sursum corda

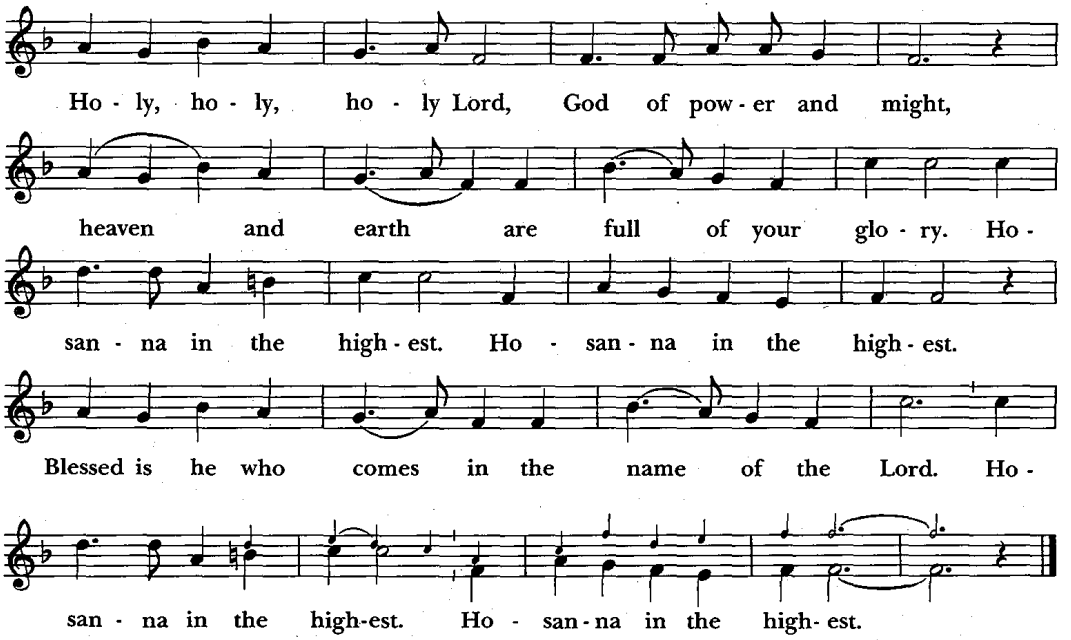


**The Celebrant proceeds*

The Proper Preface for the Lord's Day

**Intoned by the Priest*

Sanctus et Benedictus Setting: from *A Community Mass*



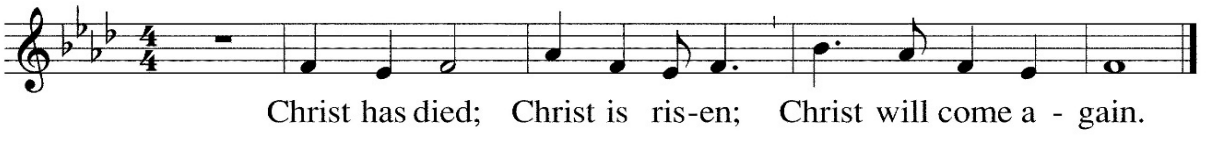
✠ "Blessed is he …"

**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*



The Great Amen Setting: from *A Community Mass*

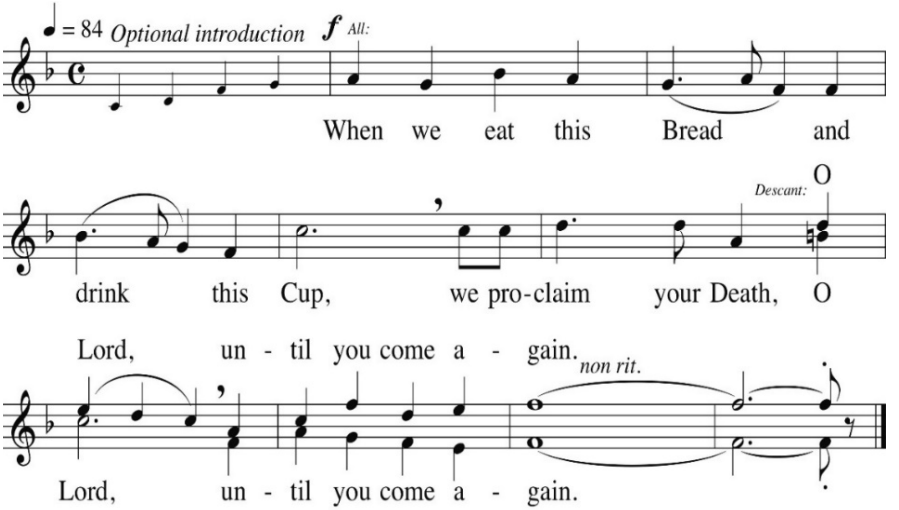


The Lord's Prayer (*Pater Noster*) BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

*A period of brief silence is kept.

The Fraction Anthem Setting: from *A Community Mass*



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 • 324	"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"	*Picardy*
H • 754	"Before Thy Throne, O God We Kneel"	*St. Petersburg*
L • 13	"My Lord, What a Morning"	Negro Spiritual

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 • 436 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" *Truro*

The Dismissal

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

Postlude "Orgelstück" A. Kehrer

*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, Steven 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. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Columbia
- **Birthdays:** Valencia Hammonds (9th), Jaylen Caldwell (13th) Joni James (13), Leon Green (14th)
- **Anniversaries:**
- **Births:**
- **Deaths:**
- **Traveling Mercies:**

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Sheryl D. Belcher with love & thanksgiving, for her "Pride & Joys", her son Ensign Quinten M, and her nieces: Nikkita L., Ash L. & Ashleigh F.

Parish Fellowship is sponsored by Chris Evans in celebration of Joe Evans' birthday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING (DOK) MILDRED S. MURRAY CHAPTER joyfully welcomes four prospective members: 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 ant 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 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.

ANNUAL MEETING…The Parish Annual Meeting will be held next Sunday, 11/15, immediately after the Mass. Four persons will be elected to serve on the Vestry for a three-year term-Class of 2029, four persons will be elected to serve at Delegates to the 105th Diocesan Convention, and two alternates will be elected to serve in case one of the delegates is unable to attend.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF SERVICES/MEETINGS/EVENTS

NOVEMBER	SERVICE/MEETING/EVENT	TIME & PLACE
8th (Sunday)	The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost The Holy Eucharist: Rite II	10:00am—Nave
	DOK Study Discernment Meeting	12:15pm—1:15pm Nave
9th (Monday)	Rector's Day Off	
	Historic Waverly Neighborhood Association Meeting	6:00pm—7:15pm Bishop's Memorial AME Church 2221 Washington St.
10th (Tuesday)	Archives Committee	10:30am— 12:30pm Archives Room
11th (Wednesday)	Veterans Day	Parish Office Closed
12th (Thursday)	Fresh Start Ministry	9:00am— 12:00noon The O'Neal Center
13th (Friday)	Rector's Spirituality Day: Mentor Meeting, Sermon Prep, meet with Spiritual Director, etc.	
	104th Diocesan Convention	5:00pm—8:00pm Trinity Cathedral
14th (Saturday)	104th Diocesan Convention	9:00am—3:00pm Trinity Cathedral
	2nd Saturday Feeding	12:00pm—1:00pm @Griffin Hall Entrance Door

15th (Sunday)	The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost The Holy Eucharist: Rite II	10:00am—Nave
	Annual Parish Meeting	Immediately after the Mass—Nave
16th (Monday)	Rector's Day Off	
17th (Tuesday)	Finance Committee Meeting	4:00pm-5:15pm Griffin Hall
	Vestry Meeting	6:00pm—7:15pm Griffin Hall
18th (Wednesday)	Quilters & Crafters	10:30am-12:00pm Griffin Hall
19th (Thursday)	Fresh Start Ministry	9:00am— 12:00noon The O'Neal Center
20th (Friday)	Rector's Spirituality Day: Mentor Meeting, Sermon Prep, meet with Spiritual Director, etc.	
21st (Saturday)	Rector meets w/Altar Guild	Time: TBD
22nd (Sunday)	The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King The Holy Eucharist: Rite II Guest Speaker: Dr. Todd Walker Superintendent Richland County School District One	10:00am/Nave
	DOK Study Discernment Meeting	12:15pm—1:15pm Nave
23rd (Monday)	Rector's Day Off	
24th (Tuesday)	Building & Grounds	5:30pm—6:30pm Griffin Hall
25th (Wednesday)	Thanksgiving Eve Mass	6:00pm Nave

26th (Thursday)	Thanksgiving Day	Parish Office Closed
	Fresh Start Ministry	Closed
27th (Friday)	Rector's Spirituality Day: Mentor Meeting, Sermon Prep, meet with Spiritual Director, etc.	
28th (Saturday)	4th Saturday Feeding	12:00pm—1:00pm @Griffin Hall Entrance Door
29th (Sunday)	The First Sunday of Advent The Holy Eucharist: Rite I	10:00/Nave
	DOK Study Discernment Meeting	12:15pm—1:15pm Nave
30th (Monday)	Rector's Day Off	
31st (Tuesday)		

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

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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*