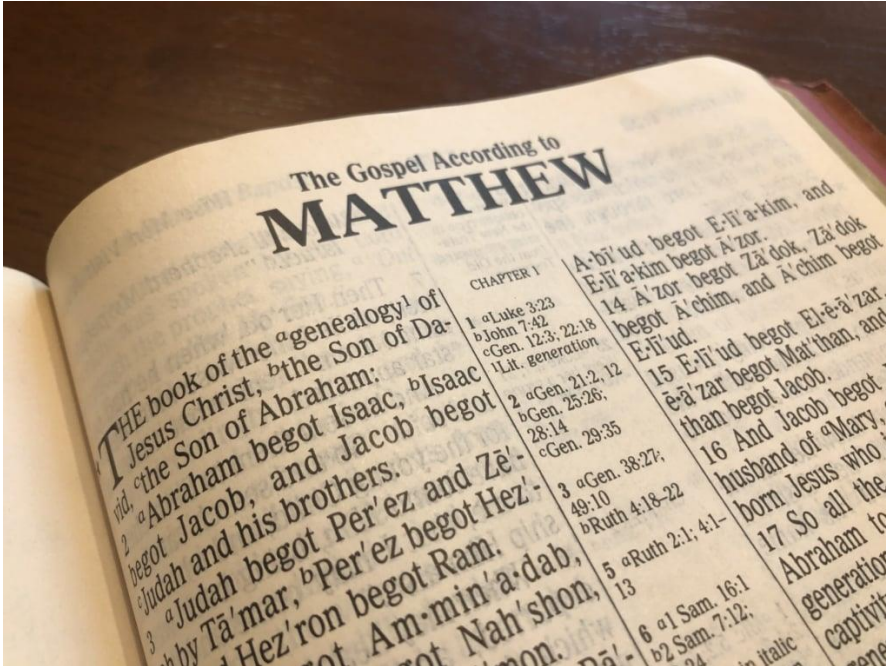


• SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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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 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 9A

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

July 5, 2026

10:00AM

The Rev. Raphiell Ashford, Rector & Priest
The Rev. William Marshall Brock, Supply Priest
Mr. Ezra Blackwell, Interim 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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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

“Requiem”

Maurice Duruflé

✠ 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 • 657 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” *Hyfrydol*

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, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Lector: A Reading from the Book of Genesis

The servant said to Laban, “I am Abraham’s servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master’s wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, ‘You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father’s house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.’ “I came today to the spring, and said, ‘O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, “Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,” and who will say to me, “Drink, and I will draw for your camels also” —let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master’s son.’ “Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, ‘Drink, and I will also water your camels.’ So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and

blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left." And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

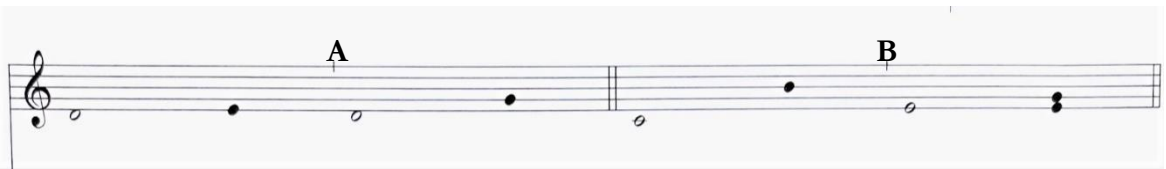
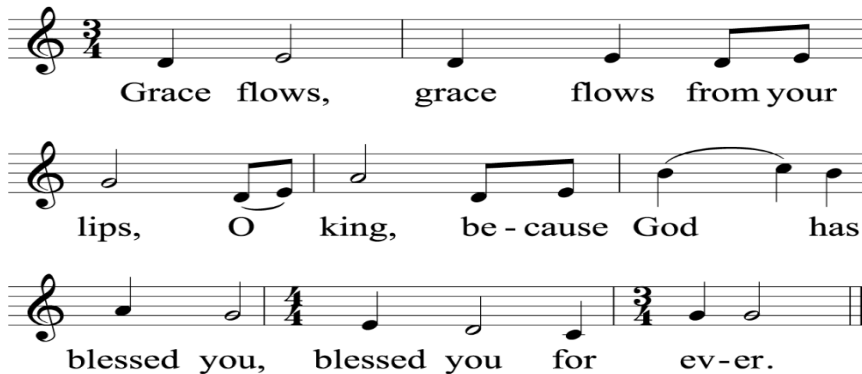
[Silence]

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 45: 11-18 *Eructavit cor meum*

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



A11 "Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; *
forget your people and your father's house.

B12 The king will have pleasure in your beauty; *
he is your master; therefore do him honor.

B13 The people of Tyre are here with a gift; *
the rich among the people seek your favor." {Antiphon}

A14 All glorious is the princess as she enters; *
her gown is cloth-of-gold.

B15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; *
after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.

B16 With joy and gladness they are brought, *
and enter into the palace of the king. {Antiphon}

A17 "In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; *
you shall make them princes over all the earth.

B18 I will make your name to be remembered
from one generation to another; *
therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever." {Antiphon}

The Epistle

Romans 7:15-25a

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

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

[Silence]

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn H • 482 “Lord of All Hopefulness, Lord of All Joy” *Slane*

The Gospel Acclamation

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

Mode VI/Melody
arr. Richard Proulx



*“I am the Vine and, and you are the branches, says the Lord;
whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit.” (Jn. 15:5)*

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

Jesus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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 Hymn “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”
Melita: John Bacchus Dykes Setting: Richard Shephard

At the Presentation of Alms “Glory Be to the Father” *Greater ex*
**All standing* (*Gloria Patri*)

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The score consists of three systems of staves. Each system has a vocal staff (treble clef) and a piano staff (bass clef). 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 piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The score ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

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Sursum corda

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

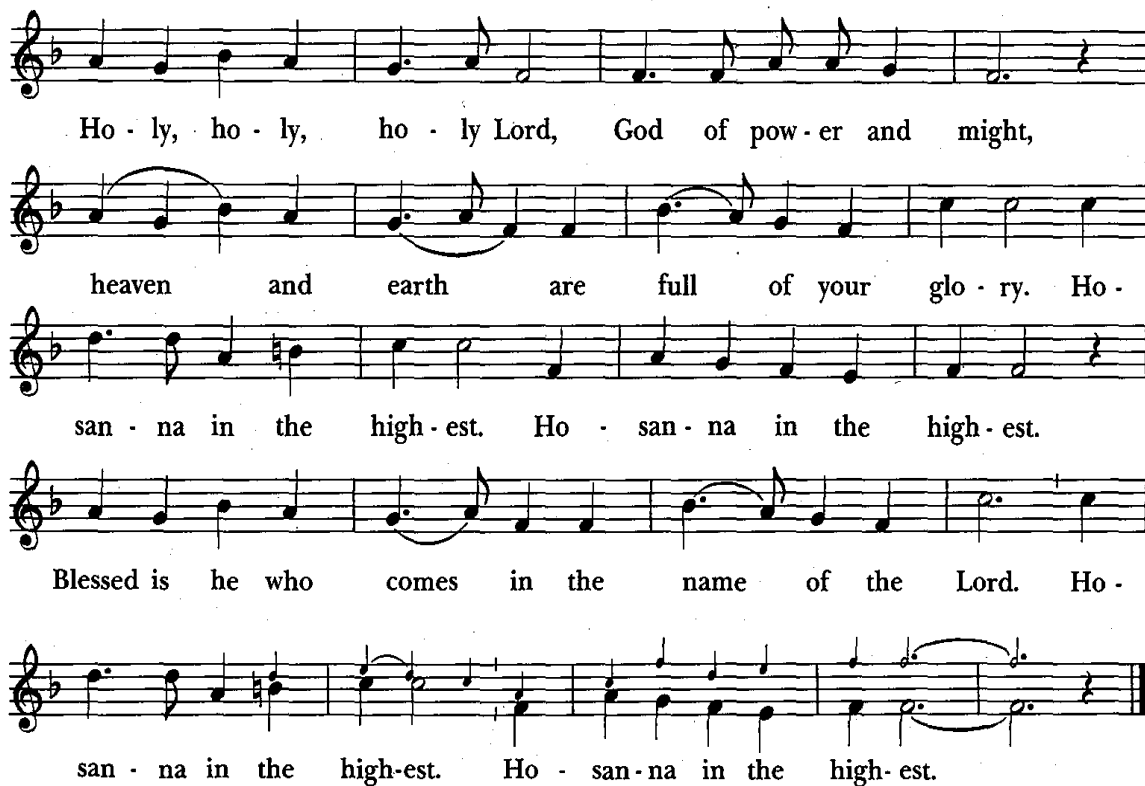
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**The Celebrant proceeds*

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 Lord's Prayer (*Pater Noster*)

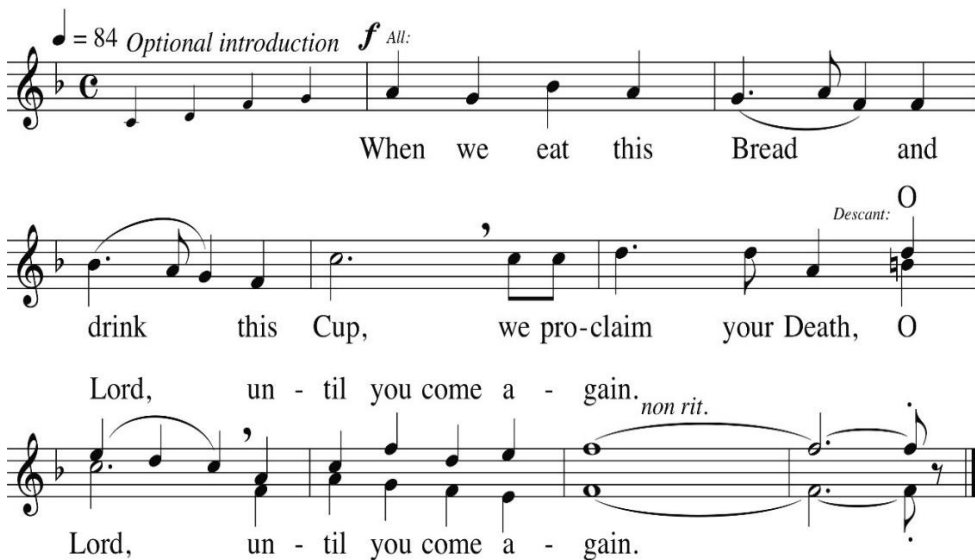
BCP 364

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:*
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 • 302	“Father, We Thank Thee Who Has Planted”	<i>Rendez a Dieu</i>
L • 101	“Softly and Tenderly”	Will L. Thompson
H • 644	“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”	<i>St. Peter</i>

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 • 718

“God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand” *National Hymn*

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:** 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:** Ruth Bowden, Ingrid Dowdell, Gerald L. McNair, Elsie Mitchell, Katherine Robinson, Mattie Anderson-Roberson, Theodora Washington, Carline Armstrong, Ann Morris, Greg Morris
 - **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Diocesan Canterbury College Ministries
 - **Birthdays:**
 - **Anniversaries:** William S. & Michelle Ingram Smith, Jr. (10th)
 - **Births:**
 - **Deaths:**
 - **Traveling Mercies:** Fr. Raphiell Ashford+, Angela Blalock
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FELLOWSHIP IS SPONSORED by Mildred S. Murray Chapter in thanksgiving to God, celebrating its 31st anniversary in the Order of the Daughters of the King.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SABBATICAL: Fr. Raphiell is on sabbatical from June 1st-August 31st 2026. Contact the Senior Warden, Errol Porter (803) 888-0854.

UNITED THANK OFFERING (UTO): Come. Taste and See the Goodness of God. The ECW will host an old-fashioned breakfast on Sunday, July 12, 2026, following the Mass. Please don't forget your little blue box or envelopes. Please bring a friend for this worthy cause. The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church that encourages gratitude and supports mission initiatives. Established in 1883 by women of the church to fund innovative ministries not covered by the church budget. UTO invites individuals to develop a daily spiritual discipline of gratitude, recognizing and responding to blessings in their lives. Funding. The offerings collected are allocated annually to various mission projects within the church. UTO supports a wide range of initiatives, fostering community and outreach efforts across the Episcopal Church and beyond.

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.

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 Rector is working on securing a special guest speaker with the bishop's permission.**

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.

Servants for the Lord

The Old Testament Lector

Patricia Cokley

The Epistoler

Gloria Eaddy

The Gospel Book Bearer

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Server

Herman Hickman

Intercessor

Loretta Johnson

Eucharistic Minister

Corliss Wise

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Crucifer

Herman Hickman

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Deadra Bowden

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Beverly Turner

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Cynthia Goines

Cantors

Christine Counts-Davis

Elliott Brown

JULY CALENDAR OR SERVICES/MEETINGS/EVENTS

JULY	SERVICE/MEETING/EVENT	TIME & PLACE	NOTES
June 1st – August 31st			Rector's Sabbatical
5 th (Sunday)	Choir Rehearsal	8:30am- 9:15am Chancel	
	The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 9A) The Holy Eucharist: Rite II	10:00am Nave	Fr. William Brock Celebrant
6 th (Monday)	Parish Office Closed Independence Day		
7 th (Tuesday)			
8 th (Wednesday)			
9 th (Thursday)	Fresh Start	9:00am- 12:00noon Griffin Hall	
10 th (Friday)	Parish Office Closed		
11 th (Saturday)	2 nd Saturday Feeding	12:00pm- 1:00pm Griffin Hall	Food distribution @ the Entrance Door
12 th (Sunday)	Choir Rehearsal	8:30am- 9:15am Chancel	The Rev. Doug Puckett Celebrant
	The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 10A) The Holy Eucharist: Rite II	10:00am Nave	
	UTO Breakfast	11:45am Griffin Hall	
13 th (Monday)			
14 th (Tuesday)			

15 th (Wednesday)			
16 th (Thursday)	Fresh Start	9:00am- 12:00noon Griffin Hall	
17 th (Friday)	Parish Office Closed		
18 th (Saturday)			
19 th (Sunday)	Choir Rehearsal	8:30am- 9:15am Chancel	
	The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 11A) The Holy Eucharist: Rite II	10:00am Nave	The Rev. Doug Puckett Celebrant
20 th (Monday)			
21 st (Tuesday)	Finance Committee	4:00pm- 5:30pm Griffin Hall	
	Vestry Meeting	6:00pm- 7:15pm	
22 nd (Wednesday)			
23 rd (Thursday)		9:00am- 12:00noon Griffin Hall	
24 th (Friday)	Parish Office Closed		
25 th (Saturday)	4 th Saturday Feeding	12:00pm- 1:00pm Griffin Hall	Food distribution @ the Door
26 th (Sunday)	Choir Rehearsal	8:30am- 9:15am Chancel	
	The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 12A) The Holy Eucharist: Rite II	10:00am Nave	Fr. William Brock Celebrant
27 th (Monday)			

28 th (Tuesday)	Buildings & Grounds	5:30pm- 6:30pm Griffin Hall	
29 th (Wednesday)			

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

***Most organizations, committees, etc. will not meet in July.**

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Louie Crew, author of *101 Reasons to be Episcopalian*