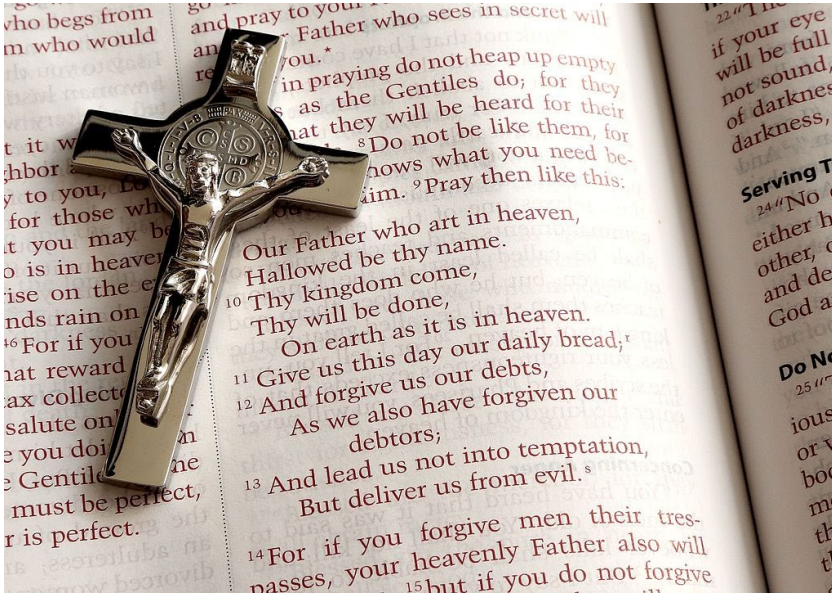


SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Organized 1871

Celebrating 154 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 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

A Service of Ante-Communion

July 27, 2025

10:00AM

The Rev. Raphiell Ashford, Rector

Mrs. Sheryl D. Belcher, Officiant

Mrs. Cynthia Fruth, Organist & Choirmaster

This Sunday we will utilize a service known as Ante-Communion.

What is ‘Ante-Communion’?

The prefix ante- means ‘before’, so the service of Ante-Communion is the Service of Holy Communion before, or leading up to and excluding, the actual celebration of Communion. Basically from the Organ Voluntary to the Offertory, this is the non-sacramental part of the Communion liturgy. The only difference is that Ante-Communion is done on purpose, and ends with a few different prayers, making this specifically the Service of Ante-Communion rather than the Service of Holy Communion.

Why would anyone do this?

Ante-Communion is a uniquely Anglican practice. Early in our church tradition, provision was made for the celebration of Holy Communion every Sunday and major Holy Days of the year, but, people were not used to such frequent reception of Communion, and despite the Reformers’ best efforts, the average English believer still only came to the Holy Table once a month at best. The priests, however, were still expected to fulfill the liturgical demands of the Book of Common Prayer, and so provision had to be made for situations in which there was a Service of Holy Communion offered but no communicants prepared to receive Holy Communion.

Now that Anglicans almost the world over are accustomed to weekly Communion, this “need” for Ante-Communion is no longer common. If your parish priest is unexpectedly sick on a Sunday morning, or absent for other reasons, then a Deacon or Lay Minister could lead an Ante-Communion service instead, since it’s almost identical to the regular Communion service.

Ante-Communion

The liturgy of the word (Pro-anaphora) from the eucharist, without the Great Thanksgiving or communion of the people. Ante-Communion includes the first part of the eucharistic rite through the prayers of the people. It may begin with the Penitential Order if a confession of sin is desired. The BCP (pp. 406-407) provides that a hymn or anthem may be sung after the prayers of the people and the offerings of the people are received. The service may conclude with the Lord's Prayer and with the grace or a blessing or the peace. Ante-Communion (without the final blessing) may be led by a deacon or lay person if a priest is unavailable.

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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<https://onrealm.org/StLukesEpiscopa59532/Give>

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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

“Pastorale”

J.S. Bach

✠ indicates where to make the sign of the cross

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

THE WORD OF GOD

The Hymn in Procession H • 388 “O Worship the King”

Hanover

The Opening Acclamation

Officiant Blessed be God: ✠Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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

Robert Powell

The Collect of the Day

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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 Lesson

Hosea 1:2-10

Lector: A reading from the Book of Hosea

When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord." So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. And the Lord said to him, "Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel." She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him, "Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen." When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the Lord said, "Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God." Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God."

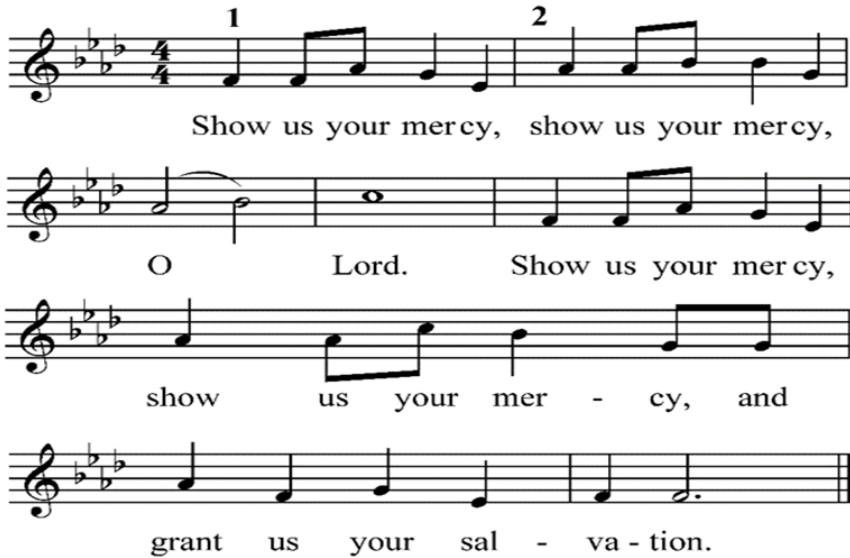
[Silence]

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85 *Benedixisti, Domine*

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



1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.

[Antiphon]

3 You have withdrawn all your fury *
and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.

4 Restore us then, O God our Savior; *
let your anger depart from us.

[Antiphon]

5 Will you be displeased with us for ever? *
will you prolong your anger from age to age?

6 Will you not give us life again, *
That your people may rejoice in you?

[Antiphon]



8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.

[Antiphon]

10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

[Antiphon]

12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

[Antiphon]

The Epistle

Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)

Lector: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the

dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. [Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.]
[Silence]

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn H • 488

“Be Thou my Vision”

Slane

The Gospel Acclamation

“A Celtic Alleluia”

Finnian O’Carroll

*Sung first by the Cantor; then by all.



“My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord: I know them, and they follow me.”
(Jn. 10:27-28)

The Holy Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

Officiant A reading from the Gospel of Luke

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Officiant The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Homily

Cynthia Parker Reed

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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

The Prayers of the People

Form III

BCP 387

✠ *"Give to the departed eternal rest."*

The Confession and Absolution

BCP 360

✠ “forgive us ...”

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

Judy Battiste
Senior Warden

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

Sheryl D. Belcher
Officiant

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God. (*Ephesians 5:2*)

The Offertory Anthem “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Rachel Aarons

At the Presentation of Alms

**All standing*

“Glory Be to the Father”

Greatorex

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 Lord's Prayer (*Pater Noster*) L • 265

Carl Haywood
from *A Mass for Grace*

**The priest/cantor sings the Pater Noster. The congregation joins in with "who art in heaven."*

Hymn in Procession H • 615

"Thy Kingdom Come!"

St. Flavian

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Allegro Moderato" Johan Evangelista Habert

*It is the custom of this parish to kneel and/or remain seated in prayer and reflection during the Organ Postlude. If you need to leave, please do so quietly.

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Herman Hickman in memory of members of the St. Luke's Men's Club who have now entered into Paradise.

SERVANTS FOR THE LORD

The Old Testament Lector

Darnell Holmes

The Epistoler

Patricia Ancrum

Crucifer

Herman Hickman

Intercessor

Judy Battiste

Ushers

Judy Battiste

Darnell Holmes

Rudolph Wise

Cantors

Elliott Brown

Shekinah Frieson

Torch Bearers

Levi Johnson, Jr.

Kennedy Johnson

INTERCESSIONS



- **Parishioners:** Charles W. Blakely, Gary Bowden, John Bowden, Damion Cokley, Carole Cooper, 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, Carmen Murray, Jay'ceon Quattlebaum, Malik Quattlebaum, Joseph Ray, Reginald Reed, Peyton Parker-Smith, William Smith, Jr., Ronald Turner, Dorothy Walker, Patricia Cokley
- **Family & Friends:** Ingrid Dowdell, Cynthia Fruth, Gerald L. McNair, Elsie Mitchell, Quintin Morris
- **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer...** St.. Still Hopes and Finlay House Retirement.
- **Birthdays...** Paul Yarbrough (28th) Cheryl Caution Parker (30th), Cynallghia Indriago (30th)
- **Anniversaries...**
- **Births...**
- **Deaths...**
- **Traveling Mercies...** Amy Husmann & Family, Peyton Parker-Smith, Beverly Ray, Caden Leysath, Ethan Leysath

SERMON NOTES/REFLECTIONS/ETC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEDICAID TOWN HALL...The National Domestic Workers Alliance & Care in Action invite you to join them for their Medicaid Town Hall with South Carolina's own Congressman Jim Clyburn: Sunday, July 27th at the Wiley Kennedy Family Life Center, 1037 Eastman St. Columbia, SC. Doors open at 3:00pm The program will run from 3:00pm-6:00pm. Food will be served. The program will be moderated by Dr. Macie Smith.

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY/ST. LUKE'S DAY: The Feast of St. Luke will be observed on Sunday, October 19th. All parishioners are asked to pay \$154, the age of the parish (officially May 21st). **Funds are due by Sunday October 19th**, but may be paid at any time before that date. The Guest Speaker/Preacher: TBA

ST. LUKE'S CHORAL SCHOLARS & BLAKELY-ROBINSON MUSIC FUND... Your contributions are needed more than ever now that the Chorister Fund Deficit is no longer. Thank you for help with bringing the deficit current. Contributions to these funds help to secure choristers 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.

LITURGICAL NOTES

THE LORD'S PRAYER

This prayer of Jesus was given to his disciples as an example of how they should pray. The phrase "Lord's Prayer" is not used in the NT. The prayer is found in Mt 6:9-13 as part of the Sermon on the Mount and in Lk 11:2-4 when Jesus and the disciples are on the road to Jerusalem. Luke's version is shorter and more compact than Matthew's. Scholars have argued that the Lord's Prayer was originally part of the "Q" source and that Luke's version is probably closer to the original. As a prayer, the Lord's Prayer is similar to Jewish prayers. It begins with an address to God the Father, continues with petitions which ask God to act in a way which would achieve his purposes, and then has petitions which ask for God's help. The traditional closing, the doxology, is probably a later addition. It is not found in Luke nor in all the manuscripts of Matthew's gospel. The Lord's Prayer is said at Baptism, Eucharist, the Daily Offices, and other services of the Episcopal Church. The BCP includes both contemporary and traditional language versions of the Lord's Prayer (see BCP, p. 364). It is also known as the "Our Father" and the "Pater Noster."

Q SOURCE

Q is the designation for a gospel that no longer exists, but many think must have existed at one time. In fact, even though no copy of this gospel has survived independently, some nineteenth-century scholars found fragments of such an early Christian composition embedded in the gospels of Matthew and Luke. By putting these two gospels beside that of Mark, scholars realized that when Matthew and Luke are telling the story about Jesus, for the most part they both follow the order and often even the wording of Mark. But, into this common narrative outline, Matthew and Luke each insert extra sayings and teachings of Jesus. And although Matthew and Luke do not put these sayings in the same order, nevertheless they each repeat many of the same sayings, sometimes word for word.

Since for other reasons it seems unlikely that either Matthew or Luke could have copied from the other, how can this sort of agreement be explained? The answer appears to be that Matthew and Luke each had two sources in common: the Gospel of Mark and another gospel, now lost, a collection of sayings known only as Q.

Q stands for "Quelle," the German word for source. Although no actual copy of Q has ever been found, many scholars are convinced that such a document once circulated in early Christian communities. Since it was difficult to get excited about something that did not exist, Q remained a hypothesis that lingered on the edges of scholarly research. But in 1945, a chance discovery in Egypt provided surprisingly new evidence that rekindled interest in the possible existence of Q.

For further reading, visit:

<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/religion/story/qthomas.html>

JULY 2025 CALENDAR OF SERVICES, MEETINGS, & EVENTS

***Most organizations, etc. will not meet during the month of July.**

JULY	SERVICE/MEETING/EVENT	TIME & PLACE	NOTES
27 th (Sunday)	The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost The Holy Eucharist: Rite II	10:00am Nave	
28 th (Monday)	Rector's Day Off		
29 th (Tuesday)			
30 th (Wednesday)	Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm- 7:30pm Hurley Music Room	
31 st (Thursday)	Fresh Start Ministry	9:00am- 12noon The O'Neal Center	
	Endowment Committee	12:30pm Griffin Hall	

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Gospel Acclamation

“A Celtic Alleluia”

Finnian O'Carroll

Service music

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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*