

SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Eve of Thanksgiving

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

November 26, 2025

6:00PM

The Rev. Raphiell Ashford, Rector
Mrs. Cynthia Fruth, 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

“Ashgrove”

Gene Roberson

✠ indicates where to make the sign of the cross

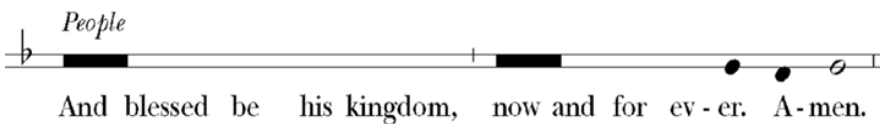
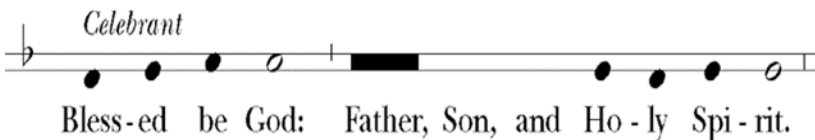
******At the ringing of the bell, all stand.

THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn in Procession H • 290

“Come, Ye Thankful, People, Come” St. George's Windsor

The Opening Acclamation



✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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.*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.. Amen.

**The people sit.*

The Lesson

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Lector: A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

[Silence]

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 100 *Jubilate Deo*

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

Serve the Lord with glad - ness, al - le - lu - ia.

1. O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands;*
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song. *Refrain*
2. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;
it is he that hath made us and not we our selves;*
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. *Refrain*
3. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving
and into his courts with praise;*
be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name. *Refrain*
4. For the Lord is gracious;
his mercy is ever lasting;*
and his truth endureth from generation to generation. *Refrain*

The Epistle

Philippians 4:4-9

Lector A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

[Silence]

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn H • 291 “We Plow the Fields and Scatter”

Wir pflugen

The Gospel Acclamation

“A Celtic Alleluia”

Finnian O’Carroll

*Sung first by the Cantor; then by all.



“In all circumstances, give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.” (I Thessalonians 5:15-18)

The Holy Gospel

John 6:25-35

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

When the crowd found Jesus on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

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

A Thanksgiving Reflection

The Rev. Raphiell Ashford

A Litany of Thanksgiving

BCP 837

The Confession & 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.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Anthem

“Song of Thanksgiving”

Malcolm Archer

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

Greatorrex

**All standing*

(Gloria Patri)

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 people remain standing.*

Sursum corda

Celebrant *People*

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

Celebrant *People*

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

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 intones the first “Amen.”*

AMEN



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The Lord's Prayer (*Pater Noster*) L • 264

Alfred Hay Malotte

**The priest sings the Pater Noster.*

The Breaking of the Bread (The Fraction)

**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.

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

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| H • 341 | “For the Bread Which You Have Broken” | <i>Omni Die</i> |
| H • 433 | “We Gather Together” | <i>Kremser</i> |
| H • 711 | “Seek ye First” | <i>Seek ye First</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.*

The Hymn in Procession H • 705

“As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought”

Forest Green

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Fantasia on ‘Now Thank We All Our God’ ”

J.S. Bach

It is the custom at St. Luke’s to remain seated or to kneel in prayer during the Postlude. If you need to leave, please do so quietly.

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mattie Evans Aiken.

“Today we remember Mattie Evans Aiken with love. Her life was a blessing, her memory a treasure, and her faith an example that lives on in us.

Happy Heavenly Birthday, Mattie!”

from the family of Mattie Evans Aiken (the daughter of Dr. Matilda A. Evans)

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“Her children arise up and call her blessed.” Proverbs 31:28 (KJV)

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- **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...** Christ Church, Greenville; Christ Church, Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE JAMES R. CLARK MEMORIAL SICKLE CELL FOUNDATION

...appreciates your past support of the Annual Giving Tree. It is a special event that was very dear to the heart of our beloved Ms. Rudy Canzater. This year's event will be held December 14, 2024, at 1420 Gregg St, Columbia SC. The James R. Clark Memorial Sickle Cell Foundation is once again asking for donations to support this project to help bring relief and joy to our families living daily with sickle cell disease. Your support has made a tremendous difference and is greatly appreciated. Donations are currently being accepted and a decorated donation box for toy collections will be provided. The Foundation would like to collect donations by December 9th, to prepare gifts for the drive-thru event on December 14th. Once again, your assistance is greatly appreciated, and we look forward to another successful event. Thank you for your consideration and support. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact me at (803) 447-8600.

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.

CALENDAR OF SERVICES, MEETINGS, & EVENTS

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| 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) | Altar Guild Meeting | 3:00pm Griffin Hall |
| 30 th (Sunday) | The First Sunday of Advent The Holy Eucharist: Rite I | 10:00am Youth Sunday |

WHAT AM I GRATEFUL/THANKFUL FOR IN 2025?

Music Acknowledgements & Permission for Use

Psalm Antiphon

from the hymnal “Lift Every Voice and Sing, II.”

Refrain: David Hurd

Anglican Chant: Henry Walford Davies

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 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*