

WELCOME TO

# ST. LUKE'S

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## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A PARISH IN THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NORTH CAROLINA

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THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
MORNING PRAYER (CHORAL MATTINS) WITH EUCHARIST

JULY 5, 2026

10:30 A.M.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are welcome!

Whether you are a guest or a long-time member, we are blessed by your presence today.

Children are most welcome and always celebrated as a part of our church community. Nursery care is available during worship for children 0 - 4 years old in "The Children's Space," first floor, Parish Hall building. Children's Church is offered for children 4 years old - elementary. We gather in the rear of the church and process to the Parish Hall for a lesson and activity, returning to worship at the Peace. Our trained staff and volunteers lead both of these ministries. The Parish Hall is also home to nursing and changing facilities and a comfortable, quiet space (St. Agnes room). Please ask an usher or greeter if you need assistance finding any of these locations.

Restrooms are in the hallway on the Church Street side of the building - exit through the Baptistry, turn left at the end of the ramp and then left at the sidewalk that runs alongside the church.

If you are visiting today, please complete a Guest Card (in the pew rack) and place it in the offering plate.

May the God who brought you here today bless you throughout the coming week.

The Rt. Rev. William O. Gregg, Ph.D., *Interim Rector*

*VI Bishop of Eastern Oregon, res.  
Assistant Bishop of North Carolina, ret.*

The Rev. Bonnie Duckworth, *Deacon & Coordinator for Older Adult Ministry*

Stephen Williams, *Director of Music Ministry*

Caroline Stephenson, *Parish and Family Ministry Coordinator*

Jessica Moorman, *Parish Administrator*

Lynn Frick, *Director, The Children's Space*

Come and See  
the difference Christ makes



# THE WORD OF GOD

VOLUNTARY

Festival March

Michael Burkhardt

HYMN IN PROCESSION #718 God of our Fathers, whose almighty hand *Hymnal 1982*

OPENING SENTENCES Book of Common Prayer, 78

CONFESSION OF SIN *Please kneel, as able.* BCP 79

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(silence)*

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION *Please remain kneeling.*

INVITATORY & PSALTER *Please stand.* BCP 80



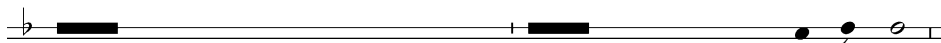
Lord, o - pen our lips.



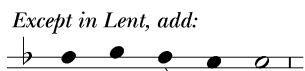
And our mouth shall pro - claim your praise.



Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit:



As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men.



Al - le - lu - ia.

CANTICLE S-43 Jubilate *Sung by all.* *Hymnal 1982*

- 1 Be joyful in the<sup>1</sup> Lord, all you<sup>1</sup> lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his<sup>1</sup> presence<sup>1</sup> with a<sup>1</sup> song.
- 2 Know this: The Lord him<sup>1</sup> self is<sup>1</sup> God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his<sup>1</sup> people and the<sup>1</sup> sheep of his<sup>1</sup> pasture.

- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
- 4 For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is ever lasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

PSALM 45:11-18

*Sung by all.*

chant, S-411  
Robert Knox Kennedy



- 11 "Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; \*  
forget your people and your father's house.
- 12 The king will have pleasure in your beauty; \*  
he is your master; therefore do him honor.
- 13 The people of Tyre are here with a gift; \*  
the rich among the people seek your favor."
- 14 All glorious is the princess as she enters; \*  
her gown is cloth-of-gold.
- 15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; \*  
after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.
- 16 With joy and gladness they are brought, \*  
and enter into the palace of the king.
- 17 "In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; \*  
you shall make them princes over all the earth.
- 18 I will make your name to be remembered  
from one generation to another; \*  
therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."

**THE FIRST LESSON**

*Please be seated.*

**Zechariah 9:9-12**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 Arise, shine, for your <sup>1</sup>light has <sup>1</sup>come, \*  
and the glory of the <sup>1</sup>Lord has <sup>1</sup>dawned up <sup>1</sup>on you.
- 2 For behold, darkness <sup>1</sup>covers the <sup>1</sup>land; \*  
deep <sup>1</sup>gloom en <sup>1</sup>shrouds the <sup>1</sup>peoples.
- 3 But over you the <sup>1</sup>Lord will <sup>1</sup>rise, \*  
and his <sup>1</sup>glory will ap <sup>1</sup>pear up <sup>1</sup>on you.
- 4 Nations will <sup>1</sup>stream to your <sup>1</sup>light, \*  
and kings to the <sup>1</sup>brightness <sup>1</sup>of your <sup>1</sup>dawning.
- 5 Your gates will <sup>1</sup>always be <sup>1</sup>open; \*  
by day or <sup>1</sup>night they will <sup>1</sup>never be <sup>1</sup>shut.
- 6 They will call you, The <sup>1</sup>City of the <sup>1</sup>Lord, \*  
The Zion of the <sup>1</sup>Holy <sup>1</sup>One of <sup>1</sup>Israel.
- 7 Violence will no more be <sup>1</sup>heard in your <sup>1</sup>land, \*  
ruin or de <sup>1</sup>struction with <sup>1</sup>in your <sup>1</sup>borders.
- 8 You will call your <sup>1</sup>walls, Sal <sup>1</sup>vation, \*  
and <sup>1</sup>all your <sup>1</sup>portals, <sup>1</sup>Praise.
- 9 The sun will no more be your <sup>1</sup>light by <sup>1</sup>day; \*  
by night you will not <sup>1</sup>need the <sup>1</sup>brightness of the <sup>1</sup>moon.
- 10 The Lord will be your ever <sup>1</sup>lasting <sup>1</sup>light, \*  
and your <sup>1</sup>God will <sup>1</sup>be your <sup>1</sup>glory.  
Glory to the Father, and <sup>1</sup>to the <sup>1</sup>Son, \*  
and <sup>1</sup>to the <sup>1</sup>Holy <sup>1</sup>Spirit:  
As it was in the be <sup>1</sup>ginning, is <sup>1</sup>now, \*  
and <sup>1</sup>will be for <sup>1</sup>ever. A <sup>1</sup>men.

**THE SECOND LESSON****Romans 7:15-25a**

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!

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 You are God: we praise you; \*  
You are the Lord: we acclaim you;
- 2 You are the eternal Father: \*  
All creation worships you.
- 3 To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, \*  
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
- 4 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, \*  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
- 5 The glorious company of apostles praise you. \*  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
- 6 The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. \*  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;
- 7 Father, of majesty unbounded, \*  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
- 8 And the Holy Spirit, \*  
— advocate and guide.
- 9 You, Christ, are the king of glory, \*  
the eternal Son of the Father.
- 10 When you became man to set us free \*  
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.
- 11 You overcame the sting of death \*  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
- 12 You are seated at God's right hand in glory. \*  
We believe that you will come and be our judge.
- 13 Come then, Lord, and help your people, \*  
bought with the price of your own blood,
- 14 And bring us with your saints \*  
to glory ever lasting.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL****Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

*Deacon:* 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.”

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE SERMON

*Please be seated.*

The Rt. Rev. William O. Gregg, Ph.D.

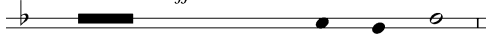
## THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Please stand, as able.*

BCP 96

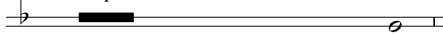
## THE SUFFRAGES A

*Cantor or Officiant*

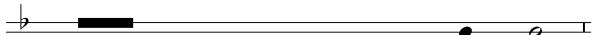


V. Show us your mer - cy, O Lord;

*People*



R. And grant us your salva - tion.



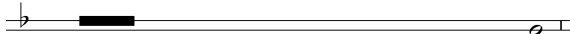
V. Clothe your ministers with right - eous - ness;



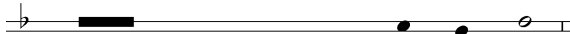
R. Let your people sing with joy.



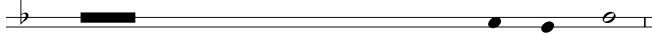
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;



R. For only in you can we live in safe - ty.



V. Lord, keep this nation un - der your care;



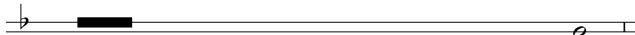
R. And guide us in the way of jus - tice and truth.



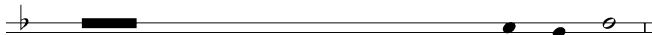
V. Let your way be known up - on earth;



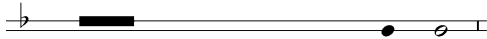
R. Your saving health among all na - tions.



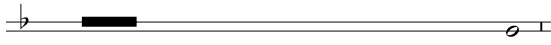
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgot - ten;



R. Nor the hope of the poor be ta - ken a - way.



V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;



R. And sustain us with your Holy Spi - rit.

## 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Please kneel or remain standing.*

*Deacon:* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*Intercessor:* Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for our global companion, the Bishop James Hannington Memorial Cathedral in Mumias, Kenya, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially +Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; +Sean, our Presiding Bishop; +Samuel, our Diocesan; Jennifer, our Assistant Bishop; +Joseph, Bishop of the Diocese of Mumias, Kenya; +William, our Interim Rector; and Bonnie, our Deacon. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Sturges; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*[Silence, after which the Celebrant adds a concluding collect.]*

## A PRAYER FOR THE CALLING OF OUR NEXT RECTOR

Gracious and loving God, who calls faithful leaders and has blessed St. Luke's with gifts of love, compassion, diversity, fellowship, inspiring liturgy, and historic spaces within which to worship: Send your Holy Spirit to guide us in our discernment as we seek the one you are calling to be our next rector. Continue to form us through intentional worship, empower our efforts in becoming your beloved community, and keep your abundant grace always before us. In the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

## A PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

BCP 820

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

BCP 101

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## THE PEACE *Please stand.*

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* And also with you.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS

*Prayed by all.*

*Those celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary in the previous or coming week are invited to come forward for a prayer. It is customary, but not at all required, to put an offering in the silver vessel when coming forward. Some choose to put an amount symbolic of the number of years being celebrated.*

**Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Guest Information cards (found in the pew racks)  
may be placed in the offering plate or given to the clergy after church today.*

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*Gifts to support the ministries of St. Luke's may be placed in the Offering Plate or given online at  
[www.SLS.church/give](http://www.SLS.church/give)*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Sing for Joy

Henry Purcell

*Sing for joy, all earth sing for joy. Praise the Lord, bless his name, come before him with a song, for he is God, and we are his, the sheep of his own flock.*

*Go with songs, and enter his courts. Go with thanksgiving  
O come with a song. The Lord is good, his love and truth endure forever more. (Psalm 100)*

## THE DOXOLOGY Hymn #380, verse 3 *Please stand, as able. Sung by all.*

Hymnal 1982

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise  
him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye  
heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

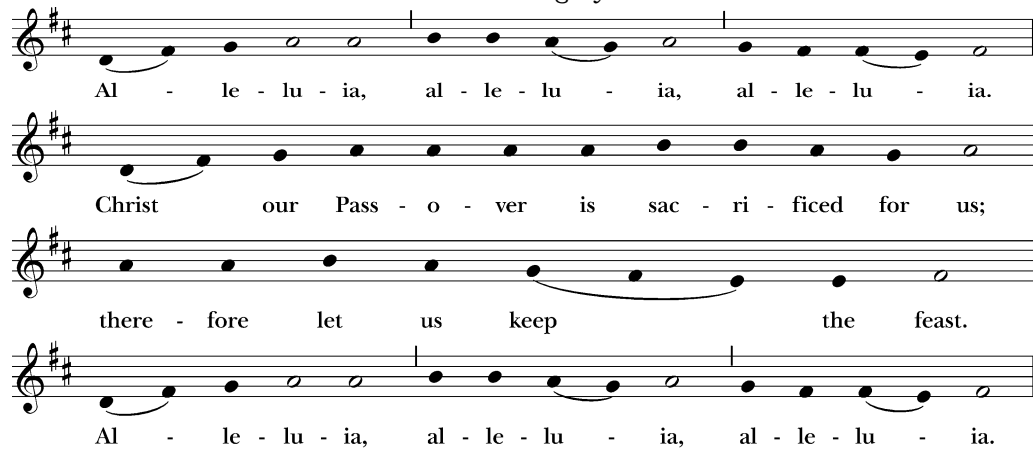
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FRACTION ANTHEM S-154

*Sung by all.*

Hymnal 1982



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, 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, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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*All baptized persons are most welcome to receive Communion with us, regardless of the tradition in which you were baptized. If you do not wish to receive Communion or if you are not baptized, you are invited to come to the Altar for a blessing. To indicate that you want a blessing, place your arms across your heart.*

COMMUNION HYMN #597 O day of peace that dimly shines

Hymnal 1982

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Please stand or kneel.*

BCP 365

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**All:** 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 Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

THE BLESSING

HYMN IN PROCESSION #599 Lift every voice and sing *Sung by all.*

Hymnal 1982

THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY Fugue on 'America'

Max Reger

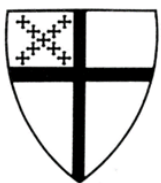
*The Voluntaries are integral parts of the Liturgy. Please be mindful of the music and those around you who would like to listen. Thanks for your understanding and care!*

<b>Servers</b>	<i>Today</i>	<i>Next Sunday</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	Brian Whitson, Hank Newman, Trevor Eppehimer	Andy Lund, Pennie Martin, Bob Setzer, Erik Lipscomb
<i>Greeter</i>		Andy and Susanna Lund
<i>Emergency Response</i>	Brian Whitson	Pennie Martin
<i>Lectors</i>	Michelle Whitson, Malachi Whitson	Pennie Martin, Kathy Carter
<i>Chalicians</i>	Chip Carter, Stephen Collins	Pati Carter, Penny Roemer
<i>Intercessor</i>	Michelle Whitson	Graham Corriher
<i>Verger</i>	Michelle Whitson	Graham Corriher
<i>Acolytes</i>	Malachi Whitson, Emma Stephenson, Pierce Ellis, Sawyer Jacobson	Anna Chamberlain, Joaquim Chamberlain, Ruby Corriher, John Graham Corriher
<i>Choir</i>	Summer Choir	Summer Choir
<i>Nursery &amp; Children's Church</i>	Caroline Stephenson, Hannah Jacobson	Caroline Stephenson, Meredith Ellis
<i>Wednesday Server</i>	Davis Cooke	Stephanie Phoenix
<i>Vestry Deposit</i>	Luanne Short, Brian Whitson	Tyler Ellis, Mary Ann McCubbin
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Lynn Bolick, Eunice Gladey, Mary Ann McCubbin	Katie Setzer, Meredith Ellis, Laura Greene

**Eucharistic and Office Candles given by:** Edward Norvell in memory of Mary Linn Norvell, Edwin Overman Norvell, Lucille Proctor Norvell, Jane Overman Norvell Wagoner

**Sanctuary Lamp given by:** Nan Medley in memory of Grover Lee Medley

**Altar Flowers given by:** Wyndham Robertson in memory of Blanche Spencer Robertson, Julian Hart Robertson



## St. Luke's Episcopal Church

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### PARISH OFFICERS AND VESTRY

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2027: Penny Roemer, Ray Swann, Brian Whitson, Sarah Wooten

2028: David Cline, John Cowan, Mary Ann McCubbin, Luanne Short

Parish Officers: Davis Cooke (Secretary); Will Goodnight (Treasurer); Chip Short (Chancellor)

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