

St. Luke's Atlanta

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist Rite II 11:15 a.m.

Welcome to St. Luke's

Our worship today is in the Episcopal tradition and centered around the Holy Eucharist (Communion).

As you participate in today's service, you may notice we use many ways of naming God in worship through expansive and inclusive language (HEIIE). This diversity of language engages our imaginations inviting a fuller picture of the Divine mystery dwelling among us.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. You are invited to participate in today's service as fully as is comfortable for you.

Please fill out our online visitor card using the QR code below.



Visitor Card

Nursery & Children's Chapel

Children of all ages are invited to participate in worship services at St. Luke's. Nursery care is available from 8:45 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. for children ages 0-4.

Children's Chapel is available during this service in Wilmer Chapel. The children will exit the church during the procession and return before Communion.

About the Bulletin Cover Art

The artwork on the cover of this morning's bulletin is by Indian artist Jyoti Sahi, called "Take Refuge in the Lord." Sahi is known for his artwork that portrays Christ in the midst of other religions.

Clergy

The Rev. Winnie Varghese, *Rector*The Rev. Matt Babcock, *Vicar*The Rev. Nicole Lambelet, *Associate Rector, Children, Youth, and Families*

Musicians

Matthew Brown, *Director of Music*Ben Weaver, *Assistant Organist*St. Luke's Choir

Full staff listing: stlukesatlanta.org

Lectors

Greg Vaughn Sue Sherrill

Intercessor

Carter Thomas



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The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of James S. Budd, Jr., and Katharine B. Budd, Kenneth S. Kaull, and Eleanor C. Kaull, by Mr. and Mrs. J. Coleman Budd.

And to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ruth Wilson on the second anniversary of her entry into God's splendor and for the love of our beloved St. Luke's family by Renee and Karl Wicker.

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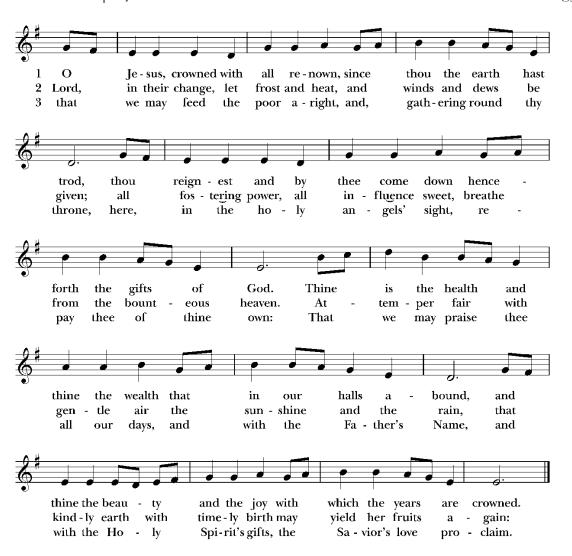
The Entrance Rite

Voluntary | Praeludium in C Major, BWV 547a

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

In Procession | Hymn 292

Kingsfold



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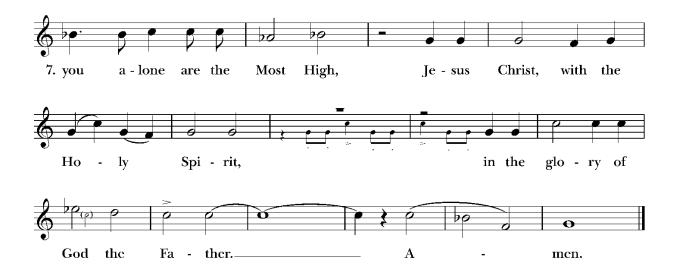
Opening Acclamation

HEIIE

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.





The Collect of the Day

BCP 222

Celebrant God be with you. **People And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

The Word of God

All are seated.

The First Reading

Acts 10: 44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

Chant: Jerome Webster Meachen (1930-2015)



- 1 Sing a new song to / God, * who has done marvelous / things.
- 2 With your right hand, O God, and your holy / arm, * you have won for yourself the / victory.
- 3 You have made known your / victory; * your righteousness have you openly shown in the sight of the / nations.
- 4 You remember your mercy and faithfulness to the house of / Israel, * and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our / God.
- 5 Shout with joy to God, all you / lands; * lift up your voice, rejoice, and / sing.
- 6 Sing to God with the / harp, * with the harp and the voice of / song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the / horn, * shout with joy before our God who reigns in / majesty.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is / in it, * the lands and those who dwell there-/ in.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their / hands, * and let the hills ring out with joy before God, who will come to judge the / earth;
- 10 God shall judge the world in / righteousness * and the peoples with / equity.

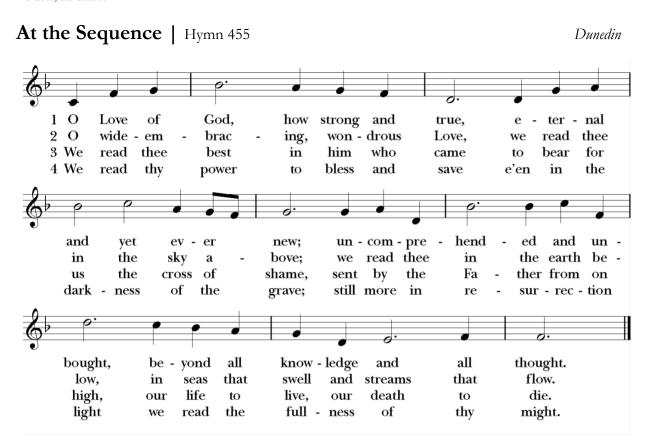
Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

As able, all stand.



The Holy Gospel

John 15:9-17

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Very Rev. Kelly Brown Douglas, Ph.D.

A period of silence is kept. Then, as able, all stand.

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father,

who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

BCP 387 Form V (edited)

Intercessor Eternal God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Intercessor We pray for Michael, our presiding bishop, Robert our bishop, and for all bishops,

priests, and deacons;

People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Intercessor We pray for Joseph, our president, Brian, our governor, Andre, our mayor, and for all

who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Intercessor Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Intercessor Give to the departed eternal rest;

People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Intercessor We pray for those in this church who have asked for our prayers: Betsy, Jennifer, Bill,

Peggy, Hunter, Larry, Bob, Burgess, Mary, Kim, Liz, Nancy, Daniel, Bob, Gene, Martha, Barbara, Elaine, Thom, Roy, Jazzy, Mat, Dani, Linden, Will, Courtney, D'Marquis, Anna, Shelley; and for those who have died: Jean Oliver; and those for whom the altar flowers are given: James S. Budd, Jr., Katharine B. Budd, Kenneth S. Kaull, and Eleanor C. Kaull, and Ruth Wilson. We give thanks for the birth of Aberdeen Lin Brennan, daughter of Maggie and Jacob Brennan, sister of Cole Brennan, and for the wedding of Marshall White and Rachel Erbrick. Let us pray for

our own needs and those of others.

The people may offer prayers either silently or aloud.

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the

prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our

Lord.

People Amen.

The Peace EOW 56

Celebrant The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Your contribution to today's offering benefits the ministries and programs of St. Luke's. We are grateful for your support. You can also contribute online using the QR code below.



At the Offertory | Anthem

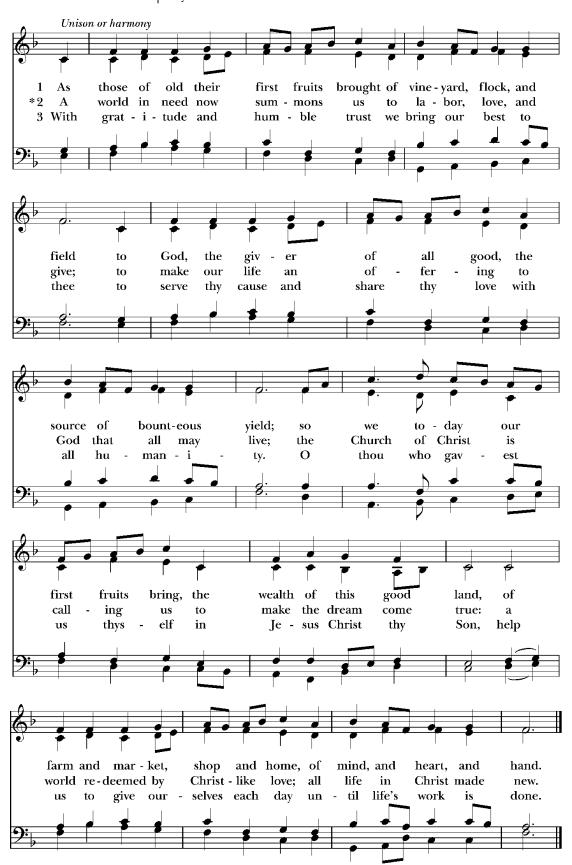
John Ireland (1879-1962) Jeanette Simpson, *soprano*; Austin Hannon, *baritone*

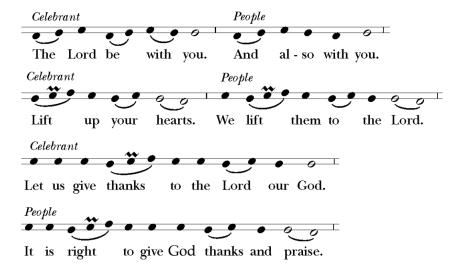
Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who his own self bare our sins in his own Body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus. Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

—Song of Solomon 8:7, St John 15, I Peter 2, I Corinthians 6; Romans 12

At the Presentation | Hymn 705

Forest Green





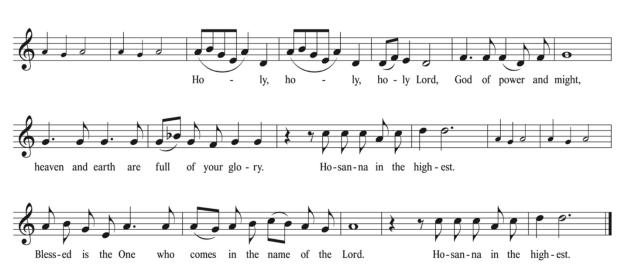
The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By Christ's death he has destroyed death, and by Christ's rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus | S-128

William Mathias (1934-1992)



The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.



The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

EOW 69

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The Invitation BCP 364

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

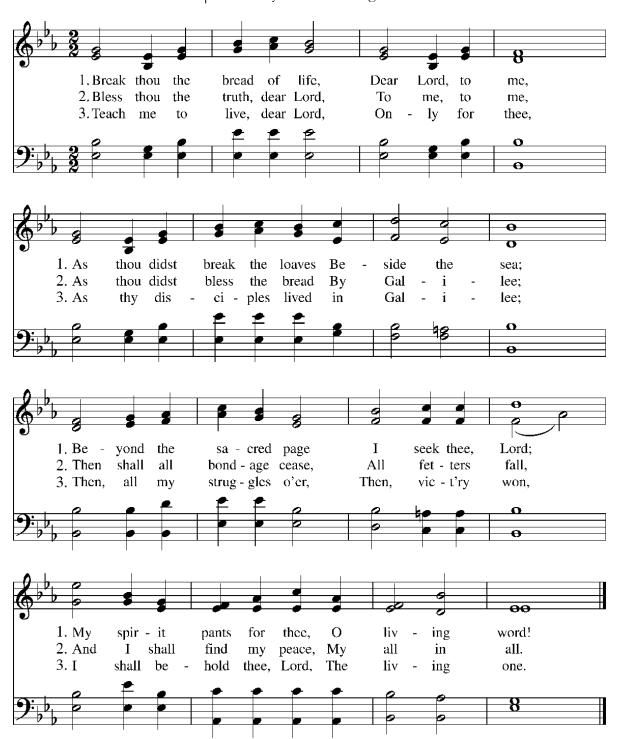
And may add Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts

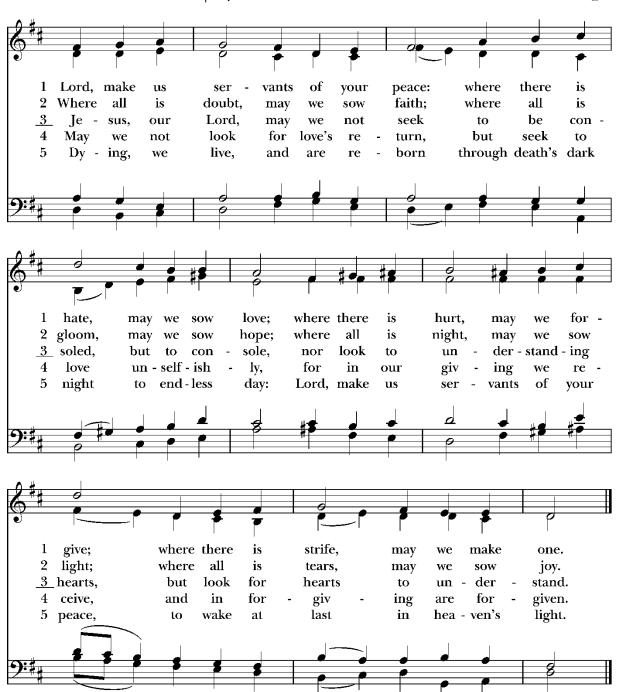
by faith, with thanksgiving.

You are welcome to receive Communion. If you would like to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest. If you are unable to come forward but would like to receive Communion, please inform an usher and we will bring Communion to your seat.

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
And I will pray the father,
And he shall give you another comforter,
That he may abide with you forever,
E'en the spirit of truth.
That he may abide with you forever,
E'en the spirit of truth.

—John 14:15-17





Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 366

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Eternal God,

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 Savior. Amen.

The Commissioning of Eucharistic Visitors

When Communion is taken to home-bound parishioners, we send our Eucharistic Visitors with these words:

Celebrant On behalf of this congregation, I give you these holy gifts,

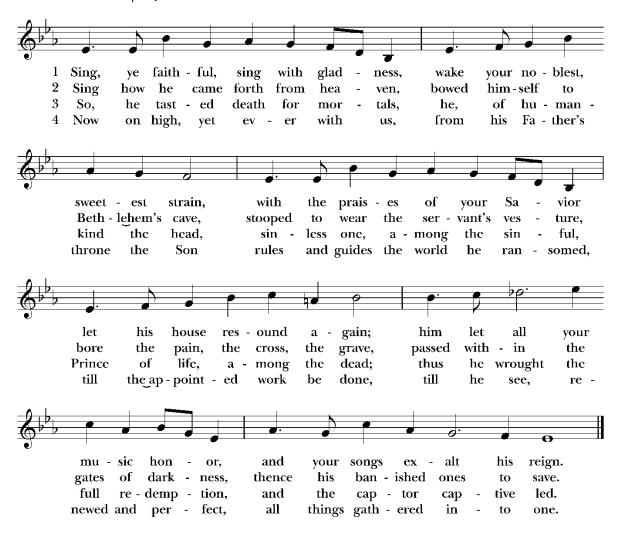
that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of

Christ's body and blood.

People We send you forth with the body and blood of Christ.

The Blessing

The Priest offers a blessing.



The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Voluntary | Trumpet Tune in E-flat Major

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

— Announcements and Opportunities —

May 5: Sixth Sunday of Easter

8 a.m. Worship Service with Communion

8:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Nursery Childcare (ages 0-4)

9 a.m. Family Service with Communion

10 a.m. Sunday School and Chorister Rehearsals

10:15 a.m. Forum in the Church

11:15 a.m. Service with Communion

Today: Welcome The Very Rev. Kelly Brown Douglas at St. Luke's

St. Luke's is honored to host The Very Rev. Kelly Brown Douglas, Ph.D., this morning for a forum conversation at 10:15 a.m. in the church, and to preach at the 11:15 a.m. service. Kelly is Interim President of the Episcopal Divinity School. She also serves as the Canon Theologian at the Washington National Cathedral and Theologian in Residence at Trinity Church Wall Street. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear from one of the great preachers and theologians of The Episcopal Church.

Today: Daughters of the King Royal Tea Party

Let the St. Luke's Daughters of the King treat you like royalty at a Royal Tea Party! You are invited to Budd Hall this morning following the 11:15 a.m. service. The attire is festive. Hats, including fascinators and tiaras, are encouraged. This event is a great opportunity to learn about the Daughters of the King and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship.

May 12: Youth Sunday

On Sunday, May 12, we will celebrate our children and youth, especially those graduating from high school and 5th grade. High School seniors will give the sermon at each service and we will also honor St. Luke's Choristers during the 10 a.m. hour that morning.

May 12: In the Nave Evening Worship

St. Luke's invites you to a new worship offering on May 12, at 4 p.m. The service will follow an evening liturgy and will feature prayers, musical guests, and the opportunity to gather for a meal following the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS —

May 19: Streets Alive

On Sunday, May 19, Streets Alive will return to Peachtree Street. This is a wonderful opportunity for St. Luke's to welcome the community to our corner of Peachtree Street. The event will not impact parking at St. Luke's for the morning services. If you plan to attend the Organ Recital or Choral Evensong that afternoon, please plan to use the back parking lot (Courtland Street). St. Luke's will host a bounce house for kids and hospitality after the 11:15 a.m. service and throughout the afternoon. An outdoor reception will follow the service of Choral Evensong that afternoon. Mark your calendar and make plans to spend the afternoon enjoying Peachtree Street!

— Lifelong Formation —



May 15: Stephanie Spellers at St. Luke's

Ebenzer Baptist Church and St. Luke's invite you to an evening with The Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers, who is a canon to Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and spearheads Episcopal efforts around evangelism, racial reconciliation and creation care. She is the author of "The Church Cracked Open: Disruption, Decline and New Hope for Beloved Community," which Ebenezer and St. Luke's are reading together for their annual book study. Even if you're not participating in the book study, please plan to join us at 5:30 p.m. for dinner, and 6 p.m. for the program at St. Luke's on Wednesday, May 15. Use the QR code (*left*) to register.

Save the Date: Nov. 16 – Womanist Midrash Study Day

St. Luke's will host a Womanist Midrash Study Day focusing on The Rev. Dr. Wil Gafney's biblical studies of women. Mark your calendar for Saturday, Nov. 16, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Details and registration link are forthcoming.

- Music -

May 19: Organ Recital and Choral Evensong for the Feast of Pentecost

At 3:15 p.m. on May 19, Deke Polifka, Director of Music at St. Paul's Memorial Church in Charlottesville, Va., will play music by Cecilia McDowall, Herbert Sumsion, Adolphus Hailstork, Gerre Hancock, and Maurice Duruflé on the Alston Memorial Organ. Following the recital, the Adult Choir will lead a service of Choral Evensong at 4 p.m with music by Eleanor Daley, Peter Aston, Charles Wood, and Edward Elgar. A reception will follow the service on the lawn in front of the bell tower.

- Parish Life -



May 8: Act III Luncheon with Dr. Beth-Sarah Wright

Act III, a group for members of St. Luke's community who are ages 60 and older, is hosting a luncheon event with guest speaker Dr. Beth-Sarah Wright on May 8, from noon until 2 p.m. This event will be catered by Soiree Catering and Events and a \$10 contribution is requested for lunch. Dr. Beth-Sarah will discuss "Finding Joy in Act III" and will pull wisdom from her new book "Deep Joy," which will be available for purchase at the luncheon. Dr. Beth-Sarah will be available to sign copies of her book as well. Please use the QR code (*left*) to register.

June 30: Farewell Celebration for The Rev. Nicole Lambelet

Following the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, June 30, we will have the opportunity to celebrate The Rev. Nicole Lambelet and her work with us at St. Luke's. Please mark your calendar!

— Children, Youth, and Families (CYF) —



Register Today! St. Luke's Vacation Bible School (VBS)

This year, St. Luke's will partner with Georgia Interfaith Power and Light to host a week-long summer camp for kids ages 4 years through 6th grade on creation care. Mark your calendar for July 15-19, and use the QR code (*left*) to register. Youth and adult volunteers are needed to make VBS a success. Please register using the same QR code.

— Community Ministries —

May & June Fill the Baskets: Midtown Assistance Center

During the months of May and June, St. Luke's will collect items for Midtown Assistance Center (MAC). MAC empowers our neighbors by providing necessary resources to weather short-term crises. Needs include: food pantry items – canned tuna, salmon, or chicken, beef stew, vienna sausages, mac & cheese, hamburger/tuna helper, rice, baked beans, cooking oil, grits, peanut butter & jelly, pancake mix and syrup, protein bars, canned spinach, canned sweet potatoes, tea bags. And household items – laundry detergent, dish soap, paper towels, toilet paper, reusable shopping bags. Donation baskets can be found at the reception desk and in the Narthex on Sundays and during the week from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

May 14: Film Screening and Panel Conversation

On May 14, at 7 p.m., you are invited to a screening of the film "The Philadelphia Eleven" at the Tara 4 theatre. "The Philadelphia Eleven" is a documentary about the 11 women who were the first women ordained as priests in the Episcopal Church in 1974. The film screening will be followed by a panel discussion with The Rev. Winnie Varghese, The Rev. Patricia Templeton, The Rev. Martha Sterne, The Rev. Lynn Washington, and Leigh Halsema. Purchase tickets here – https://www.taraatlanta.com/movie/the-philadelphia-eleven-2/

May 21: Flickers Multi-Faith Advocacy Group Meeting

You are invited to join a new multi-faith advocacy group at St. Luke's on May 21, from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. in the St. Luke Room. The goal of this group is to be flickers of hope and love by carrying out acts of advocacy for the greater good. On May 21, the group will be working for VOTE FORWARD – a non-partisan initiative to increase voter turnout. Invite your friends and neighbors! This group gathers monthly on the third Tuesday of each month.

Clergy

The Rev. Winnie Varghese, *Rector*The Rev. Matt Babcock, *Vicar*

The Rev. Nicole Lambelet, Associate Rector for Children, Youth, and Families

The Rev. Dr. Kimberleigh Jordan, Minister for Formation, Community Ministries, and Creative Arts

The Rev. Dr. Gabrielle Thomas, Theologian in Community

The Rev. Kim Jackson, Priest Assisting

The Rev. Pat Merchant, Priest Assisting

The Rev. Gene Paradise, Priest Assisting

The Rev. Emilee Walker-Cornetta, Priest Assisting

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