

WELCOME TO

ST. LUKE'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A PARISH IN THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NORTH CAROLINA

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

JUNE 7, 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. Thomas Carter, *Priest Associate*

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*

Daphne Safrit, *Director, The Children's Space*

Come and See
the difference Christ makes



THE WORD OF GOD

VOLUNTARY

Liturgical Improvisation No. 1

George Oldroyd

HYMN IN PROCESSION #686 Come, thou fount of every blessing

Hymnal 1982

OPENING SENTENCES

Book of Common Prayer, 78

CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION *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.

INVITATORY & PSALTER *Please stand.* BCP 80

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

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

- 1 Be joyful in the 'Lord, all you 'lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his 'presence 'with a 'song.
- 2 Know this: The Lord him 'self is 'God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his 'people and the 'sheep of his '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 en 'dures from 'age to 'age.

PSALM 33:1-12 *Sung by all.*

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



- 1 Rejoice in the Lord, you **righteous**; *
it is good for the just to sing **praises**.
- 2 Praise the Lord with the **harp**; *
play to him upon the psaltery and **lyre**.
- 3 Sing for him a new **song**; *
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the **trumpet**.
- 4 For the word of the Lord is **right**, *
and all his works are **sure**.
- 5 He loves righteousness and **justice**; *
the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole **earth**.
- 6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens **made**, *
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly **hosts**.
- 7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a **water-skin** *
and stores up the depths of the **sea**.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the **Lord**; *
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of **him**.
- 9 For he spoke, and it came to **pass**; *
he commanded, and it stood **fast**.
- 10 The Lord brings the will of the nations to **naught**; *
he thwarts the designs of the **peoples**.
- 11 But the Lord's will stands fast for **ever**, *
and the designs of his heart from age to **age**.
- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the **Lord**! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his **own**!

THE FIRST LESSON *Please be seated.*

Hosea 5:15-6:6

Thus says the Lord: "I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: 'Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.' What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth

as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 11 S-225 The Third Song of Isaiah *Sung by all.*

Hymnal 1982

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

Glory to the Father, and ¹to the ¹Son, *
and ¹to the ¹Holy ¹Spirit:
As it was in the be ¹ginning, is ¹now, *
and ¹will be for ¹ever. A ¹men.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 4:13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for

he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 21 S-286 You are God

Sung by all.

Hymnal 1982

- 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 9:9-13, 18-26

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me."

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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.

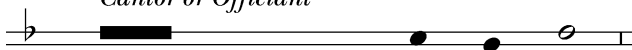
THE APOSTLES' CREED

Please stand, as able.

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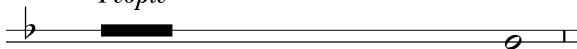
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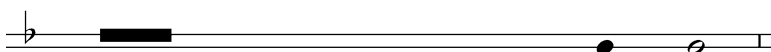


V. Show us your mer - cy, O Lord;

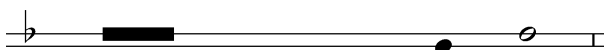
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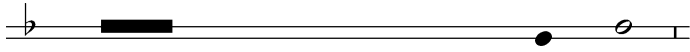
R. And grant us your salva - tion.



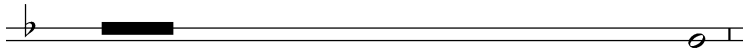
V. Clothe your ministers with right - eous - ness;



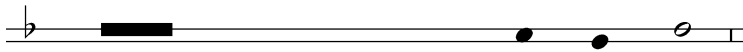
R. Let your people sing with joy.



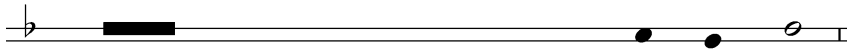
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;



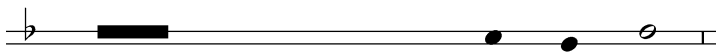
R. For only in you can we live in safe - ty.



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



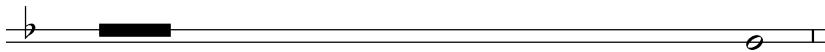
R. And guide us in the way of jus - tice and truth.



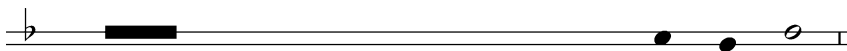
V. Let your way be known up - on earth;



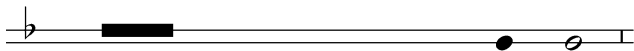
R. Your saving health among all na - tions.



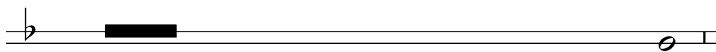
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgot - ten;



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, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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; Tom+, our Priest Associate; 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, Jim, Carol and Ryan; 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.

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

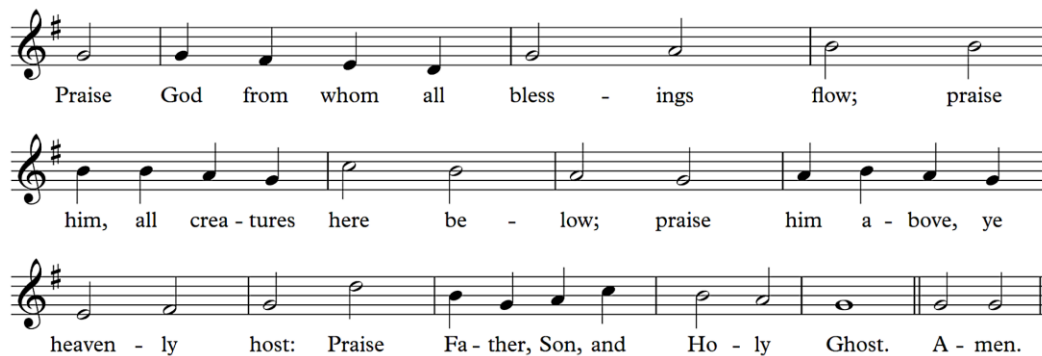
*Gifts to support the ministries of St. Luke's may be placed in the Offering Plate or given online at
www.SLS.church/give*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM There's a wideness in God's mercy Maurice Bevan

*There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in His justice which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good;
there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in His blood.
For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more simple, we would take Him at His word,
and our lives would be illumined by the presence of our Lord.*

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

Hymnal 1982



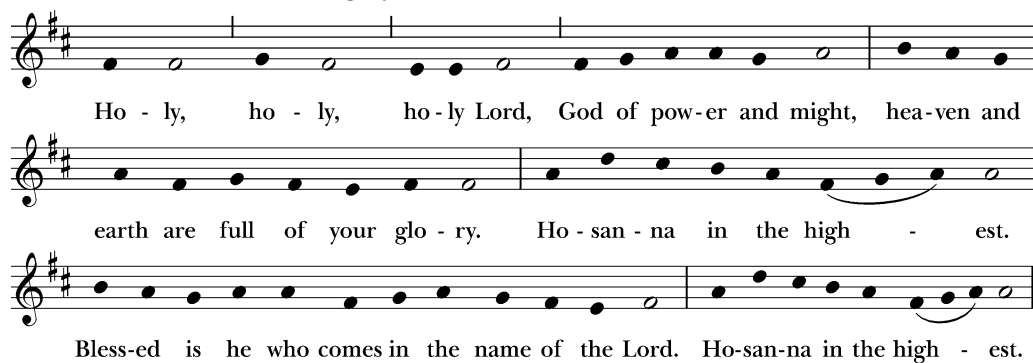
Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

SANCTUS S-124 *Sung by all.*

Hymnal 1982



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Please remain standing or kneel.

The Celebrant continues... Holy and gracious Father:

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

The Celebrant continues... all honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People: **AMEN.**

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

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.

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 #488

Be thou my vision

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

#493 O for a thousand tongues to sing

Sung by all.

Hymnal 1982

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Trumpet Voluntary in D

John Stanley

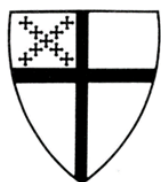
The Voluntaries are integral parts of the Liturgy. Please be mindful of the music and those around you who would like to listen. Thanks for your understanding and care!

Servers	Today	Next Sunday
Ushers	Stewart Ash, Tyler Speir, Sandy Goodman, Will Goodnight	Brian Whitson, Malachi Whitson, Hank Newman, Trevor Eppheimer
Greeter	Pati Carter	Pennie Martin
Emergency Response	Pennie Martin	Cris Leckonby
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Intercessor	Penny Roemer	Penny Roemer
Verger	Ray Swann	Graham Corriher
Acolytes	Nick Clement, Millie Klauder, Marlee Speir, Sawyer Jacobson	Clara Tinsley, Millie Klauder, Ruby Corriher, John Graham Corriher
Choir	Summer Choir	Summer Choir
Nursery & Children's Church	Danielle Corriher, Cris Leckonby	Caroline Stephenson, Mary Plumley
Wednesday Server	Davis Cooke	Stephanie Phoenix
Vestry Deposit	Penny Roemer, Tyler Ellis	Sarah Wooten, Luanne Short
Altar Guild	Pennie Martin, Anne Scott Clement Lisa Godbey	Kay Ash, Rebekah Kelly, Laura Thompson

Eucharistic and Office Candles given by: Gene Krueger in memory of Abigail Kathleen Burroughs, Kathleen Dunn; Leslie Ann Stevens in memory of Sally Graham Large, Nelson Darrow Large

Sanctuary Lamp given by: Reg Boland in honor of young people and teenagers of St. Luke's

Altar Flowers given by: Clyde in memory of Mary Holt Whittle Woodson, Nelson Woodson, Kennon Caithness Whittle, Mary Holt Spencer Whittle, Lucille Williams



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

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