

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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 26, 2026    HOLY EUCHARIST WITH CONFIRMATION & RECEPTION    10:30 A.M.

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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

Psalm Prelude, Set 1, No. 3

Herbert Howells

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff,  
they comfort me. (Psalm 23:4)*

## HYMN IN PROCESSION #377 All people that on earth do well

Hymnal 1982

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Book of Common Prayer, 413

*People:* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People:* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Celebrant:* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People:* **One God and Father of all.**

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

### PASCHA NOSTRUM

*Sung by all.*



1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;  
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:



There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -  
death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through  
though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in



sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -  
him we die to sin and live to God. Al -  
Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -



le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!  
le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!  
le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

*Please be seated.*

Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute

the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

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

**PSALM 23**      The Lord is My Shepherd      *Sung by choir.*      H. Alexander Matthews

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

### THE EPISTLE

1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

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

**GRADUAL HYMN #478**      Jesus, our mighty Lord      *Please stand, as able. Sung by all.*      Hymnal 1982

### THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

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

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

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE ALLELUIA RESPONSE

Celtic Alleluia

Sung by all.



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THE SERMON

Please be seated.

The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Brooke-Davidson  
Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of NC

CONFIRMATION & RECEPTION IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Being Confirmed:

Daniel Aiken	Stephanie Collins	Hannah Jacobson	Brittany Wear
Tyler Breese	God's Gift Gladey	Amelia Klauder	Jackson Wear
Elizabeth Breese	Charlotte Hawkins	Helen Klauder	Malachi Whitson
Brandan Brooks	Rodney Hawkins	Elizabeth Lipscomb	

Being Received:

Diane Young

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

BCP 415

The Baptismal Covenant

BCP 416

Prayers for the Candidates

BCP 305

*Celebrant:* Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of confirmation or reception.

*Leader:* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People:* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader:* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

*People:* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader:* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People:* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader:* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People:* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader:* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People:* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader:* Send them into the world in witness to your love.

*People:* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader:* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People:* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Celebrant:* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.

The Confirmations and Receptions

BCP 418

Concluding Prayer

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

Form III, BCP 387

Deacon: Let us pray for the Church and the world:  
Intercessor: Father, 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 our global companion, the Bishop James Hannington Memorial Cathedral in Mumias, Kenya, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially +Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; +Samuel, our Diocesan; Jennifer, our Assistant Bishop; +William, our Interim Rector; Tom, our Priest Associate; and Bonnie, our Deacon;  
People: **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**  
Intercessor: We pray 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 Reg, Teresa, Sarah, and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
People: **That they may be delivered from their distress.**  
Intercessor: Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Nancy Hylick.  
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: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.  
*[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.

**PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. FRANCIS**

BCP 833

**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

Teach Me, O Lord

Thomas Attwood

Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes;  
And I shall keep it unto the end. (Psalm 119:33)

## THE DOXOLOGY Hymn 400, vs 7

Please stand, as able. Sung by all.

Hymnal 1982

Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor-ship him in hum-ble-  
ness, O\_\_ praise him, Al - le - lu ia! Praise God the  
Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:  
O - praise him, O - praise him, Al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **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.**

*Celebrant:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing...who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

## SANCTUS S-125 Sung by all.

Hymnal 1982

*The Celebrant continues...* Therefore according to his command, O Father:

*Celebrant and People:* **We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues...* And we offer our sacrifice...

*People:* **AMEN.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Prayed by all.*

BCP 364

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-155**

*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.

*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 #417**

This is the feast of victory for our God

*Sung by all.*

*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 #334**

Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing

*Hymnal 1982*

**THE DISMISSAL**

*Deacon:* Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

**VOLUNTARY**

Carillon

Herbert Murrill

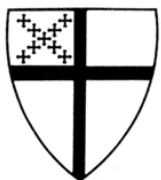
A lemonade and cookie reception will follow today's liturgy on the front lawn. All are invited.

Servers	Today	Next Sunday
Ushers	Bob Setzer, Andy Lund, Erik Lipscomb, Pennie Martin	Bob Setzer, Andy Lund Erik Lipscomb, Pennie Martin
Greeter	Andrew and Susanna Lund	Andrew and Susanna Lund
Emergency Response	Pennie Martin	Pennie Martin
Lectors	Davis Cooke, Jane White	Malachi Whitson, Penny Roemer
Chalicians	Chip Carter, Stephen Collins	Kathy Carter, Penny Roemer
Intercessor	Kathy Carter	Luke Hamaty
Verger	Davis Cooke	Greg Shields
Acolytes	Clara Tinsley, James Stephenson, John Graham Corriher, Jiselle Samolu	Malachi Whitson, Salem Griffith, Rachel Tinsley, Pierce Ellis
Choir	St. Luke's Choir	St. Luke's Choir
Nursery	Joynice Gladey, Danielle Corriher	Joynice Gladey, Tyler Breese
Children's Church	Caroline Stephenson	Not held
Wednesday Server	Ray Swann	Cathy Green
Vestry Deposit	Sarah Wooten, David Cline	John Cowan, Tyler Ellis
Altar Guild	Kay Ash, Rebekah Kelly, Laura Thompson	Ann Dunn, Alex Dunn, Dora Wood, Tyler Breese, Eliza Breese

**Eucharistic and Office Candles given by:** Holly Cormack in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Cormack Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Cormack Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin H. Taylor; Holly Cormack in memory of Godparents of Holly Cormack, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Gorrell, Mr. and Mrs. Robert V. Cormack, Maribelle Cormack

**Sanctuary Lamp given by:** Reg Boland in honor of people who are kind; Dr. Richard Brownell in memory of Lorraine Brownell and in honor of Elizabeth Brownell Duncan and Heather Elizabeth Duncan

**Altar Flowers given by:** Carol Palmer in memory of Franchot Palmer



## St. Luke's Episcopal Church

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### PARISH OFFICERS AND VESTRY

2026: Kathy Carter, Tyler Ellis (Jr. Warden), Andrew Jacobson, Jane White (Sr. Warden)

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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