



ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Third Sunday after the Epiphany:

January 22 & 23, 2022



Handmade tile in the Chapel at St. Luke's Church.

*Our Mission: **To know Christ and to make Christ known.***

*Our Vision: **To follow Christ's teaching in an atmosphere of love, joy, and healing.***

All are welcome!



Ushers can provide an audio receiver with adjustable volume to enhance your hearing of the service. Please, return them to the usher's table after the service.

Be still and know that I am God! Psalm 46:10

Please, as you enter the Church, **observe a sacred silence** to prepare yourself for the encounter with the Lord, and to allow others to do the same. You may want to use the following prayer...

O Almighty God, who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Prayer No. 64, Before Worship; BCP, p. 833)

Prelude

Meditation on Showalter

Ben Logan

The Word of God

Processional Hymn 537 vs. 1-3 *Christ for the world we sing!*

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(5:30 pm & 8am) Glory to God in the highest, *and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

(10:00 am) Hymn of Praise S280 *Glory to God*

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world

may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

A Reading from the Book of Nehemiah

¹All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 19

¹The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork.

²*One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.*

³Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

⁴*Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.*

⁵In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²Who can tell how often he offends? Cleanse me from my secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

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.

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

¹²Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body; Jews or Greeks, slaves or free; and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, the members of the

body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. ²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a}But strive for the greater gifts.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

(8 & 10 am) **Sequence Hymn 628 verses 1, 2** *Help us, O Lord*

The Gospel

Luke 4:14-21

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke ✠ *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

¹⁴Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

(10 a.m.) Sequence Hymn 628 verse 3 Help us, O Lord

Sermon

The Rev. Susan Schubert

The Nicene Creed

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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 *adapted from Trinity Episcopal Church in Bethlehem, PA*

The Deacon: Baptized into one body, let us pray for those who are members of the body of Christ, and for all the human family, saying, ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the Church, remembering especially Michael our Presiding Bishop and Jennifer our bishop, that we who are one in Christ, yet richly diverse in gifts and ministries, may reach out in compassion and love to all God's people, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For this Parish family, that we who hear God's word and are fed at God's table may find joy and strength for life's journey, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For nations grieved by conflict, and people everywhere who live in fear of violence and oppression, that God will open new paths for peace and justice, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the President and Congress, that the Spirit will guide them to new understanding of the issues before them and help them find new ways to move forward for the good of all, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those who have lost jobs or income, for the homeless and the hungry, for those who have no healthcare, remembering especially those in our prayer lists, and for those we now name silently or aloud (*silence*), that the healing and comforting love of God will be made known to them through family, friends, and the Christian community, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the birthdays of Phyllis, Hank, Jim, Sandra, Rachel, and Eva, and for the anniversaries of Bill & Rita, Ted & Barbara, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those who have died, remembering that in God's kingdom they may know the fulfillment of all that they believed on earth, let us pray to the Lord, *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer, with Luke and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. *To you, O Lord our God.*

Celebrant: God of all peoples, hear the prayers of your servants and let the Spirit that anointed Jesus send us forth to proclaim your freedom and favor. We ask this through your Son Jesus Christ, in the power of the Spirit, who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace: The peace of the Lord be always with you. *And also with you.*

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

O God, our times are in your hands: look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace. Send your blessings upon them, that their homes may be a haven of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

(10:00 a.m.) **Offertory Anthem** Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers Keesecker
The Choir of St. Luke's Margaret Houck, Accompanist

(8 & 10:00 am) **The Presentation Hymn 380 vs. 3** Praise God from whom all blessing flow

The Great Thanksgiving

Prayer B

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Said at 5:30 pm & 8 am, Sung at 10:00 am Hymn S129

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord 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 he 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, according to his command, O Father, *We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Luke and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

(5:30 pm & 8 am) Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

(10 am) Fraction Hymn S154 Alleluia. Christ our Passover

The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

(10 am only) In union with those who follow the service from home, let us say the Prayer of Spiritual Communion.

Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

All are invited to share in the banquet of the Lord's Supper.

(8 am & 10 am) Communion Hymn 321 vs. 1-3 My God, thy table now is spread

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Sending of the Eucharistic Visitors

In the name of this congregation, we send you to those who are homebound, that they share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. *We who are many are one body because we all share in one bread, one cup.*

Epiphany Season Blessing

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

(10:00 am) Recessional Hymn 616 vs 1, 4 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude

Toccata

Dubois

You may enjoy the Postlude offered by our gifted organist or leave the church as silently as possible. After the 8 & 10 a.m. service, you are warmly invited to join us for and a time of fellowship in the Parish Hall.

Special Dates this Week

Birthdays:

January 24: Phyllis Gee

January 25: Hank Leal, Jim Merriman, Sandra Stillwell

January 26: Rachel Crawford

January 29: Eva Klein

Anniversaries:

January 22: Bill & Rita Kraus

January 28: Ted & Barbara Sayle

For Those in Need We Pray:

For Healing: Jean Messick, Ileen Szelka, Rev. Susan Schubert, Tom Connors, Kathy MacCauley, Brandon Reynolds, Carol Glover, Mark Tuttle, Vera Mulnix, Jeanne Miller, Greg & Mary Bowers, Mary Berkheiser, Joan Preston, Frank & Phyllis Maruna, Etta Parson, Dave Cain, Brittany Waters, Christina Lisford, Arthur Reilly, Betty Gass, Jerry, William Forkner, Margaret & Bob, Susan, Karen

For those in our Armed Forces: Echo, Brian, Lopez, Dante, Florian, Ian, Beka

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

In Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Andrew's, Nogales

In the St. Luke's Outreach Cycle of Prayer: Operation Deep Freeze, Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity, Just Coffee

For the Yavapai Apache Nation

For Bishop Zak and Amagoro Junior Academy

For Our Companion Diocese of Western Mexico *Resolution 2020-1, of the 60th Diocesan Convention*

St. Luke's Calendar for the Week

Sunday, January 23	3 rd Sunday after Epiphany Holy Eucharist Adult & Children Sunday School Holy Eucharist Coffee Hour Youth Ministry	8:00 am 9:10 am 10:00 am 11:30-12:30 pm 2:00 pm
Monday, January 24	Kemper Small Group Brother Ernie Howell Memorial	11:00 am 1:00 pm
Tuesday, January 25	All Day Clergy Retreat (off site) Boy Scouts	ALL DAY 6:30 pm
Wednesday, January 26	Wednesday Healing Service All Day Clergy Retreat (off site) Bells Choir	CANCELLED ALL DAY 4:30 pm 6:45 pm
Thursday, January 27	All Day Clergy Retreat (off site) Men's Cursillo Group Food Drop-off @ Food Pantry Food Pantry Drop Off High Desert Ringers	ALL DAY 11:00 am 2:00-4:00 pm 4:30 pm
Friday, January 28	Food Pantry	9:00-12:00 noon
Saturday, January 29	Altar Guild Prep 4 th Sunday after Epiphany Adult Sunday School Holy Eucharist	8:00 am 4:45 pm 5:30 pm

We acknowledge the living culture of the Yavapai-Apache nation, the traditional custodians of the land we stand on, and pay tribute to the role they play in the life of this region. Resolution #2016-3, of the 56th Diocesan Convention