ST. LUKE'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH & SCHOOL

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2026 | 8:00 am

Welcome! If you have questions about life at St. Luke's, feel free to talk to a vestry member: Names are listed on the back page of the bulletin and photos are on the wall in the narthex. You may notice vestry members with red stripes on their name tags.

Opening Hymn, Hymn 574 "Before thy throne, O God, we kneel" (vv. 1 & 4)

THE WORD OF GOD

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***
Celebrant Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Kyrie

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.
People ***Christ, have mercy upon us.***
Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People ***And with thy spirit.***
Celebrant Let us pray.
O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. ***Amen***.

The Lesson..... 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

The Holy Gospel ..... Matthew 25:1-13

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People ***Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People ***Praise be to thee, O Christ.***

The Sermon ..... The Rev. Irv Cutter, *Rector*

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

Intercessor Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers [especially ___], that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [_____ and] all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Additional petitions and thanksgivings may be included here.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear [especially ____], beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of [_____ and of] all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. ***Amen***.

Confession of Sin

Minister Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

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

The Celebrant declares God's forgiveness.

The Exchange of Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People ***And with thy spirit.***

We take this time to greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Presentation Hymn, Hymn 380 v. 3 *(Please stand)*

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

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer One

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People ***And with thy spirit.***
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People ***We lift them up unto the Lord.***
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People ***It is meet and right so to do.***

The Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Here a Proper Preface is said.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

All ***Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:***
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people may kneel or stand. Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. ***AMEN.***

The Lord's Prayer

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

All ***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.

Breaking of the Bread

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God…

The Sharing of Holy Communion

Ushers invite people to come forward to receive the Sacrament in both kinds. As the chalice is offered, a person may sip from the chalice, or intinct (dipping the wafer in the wine), or abstain from receiving the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors

If Eucharistic Visitors are to be sent forth, they are commissioned with the following form:

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People ***We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.***

The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God,
we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries,
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us;
and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son,
the blessed company of all faithful people;
and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom.
And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace,
that we may continue in that holy fellowship,
and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory,
world without end. Amen.

The Celebrant declares God's blessing on the People.

Closing Hymn, Hymn 436 "Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates" (vv. 1 & 5)

A Minister dismisses the People, and the People respond, **"*Thanks be to God.*"**

Voluntary, *Solemn Prelude (For the Fallen)*…… …Edward Elgar

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God.

Prayer Requests

Those on the Prayer List, parishioners, family, and friends, are listed below. These names are prayed for daily by The Order of the Daughters of the King®.

We generally keep someone on the Public Prayer List for 4-5 Sundays. If you would like to extend that time, contact the church again, and submit a new prayer request. Since circumstances change, we think it is good to get regular updates on people who desire long-term prayers. Prayer requests submitted by *10:00am on Wednesdays* will be published in that Sunday's bulletins (given the exception of special holiday print schedules).

To submit a prayer request please fill out a Connect Card and place it in the collection plate or submit it on our website, slecsa.org.

Your prayers are requested for:

Healing

Marion Green
Marilyn Schrantz
Denise Chidgey
Kristen Acuna
Ava Acuna
Danny M.
Sarah Baker
Carol
Paul Pace
Larry Shepherd
Jax Brown
David Chidgey
Whitney Greenwood
Mary Ann
Katie Stephens
JoLynn Hofferkamp
Nelson Goland
Mary Albaugh Williams
Priscilla & family
Lynn W.
Kathryn W.
Jim Y.
Noah

Healing

Tristan Wingerter
Amy Rogers
Renee
A.H.
Baby Ruthie
Baby Lily
Larry B.
Clyde S.
Cyndi Schultz
Baby Kohen
Helen D.
Felicia Easley
Carlos Cano, Sr.
Christine Hausser
Bonnie Grubbs
Tish
Kimberly, Birdie, and family
James, Pat, and families
Renee H.

Comfort

All those impacted with the catastrophic floods in Texas

Cile Steward, her family & the area Search & Rescue Teams

Comfort

The Wingerter family
Gene Scott
Penny
Joett M.
Michael & Morgan
Sandi Giusti, Ryan Giusti, and Izzy Castillo
The family of Gloria Burch
The family of Lovie Ruth Alexander
Alex Grubbs and family
The family of Calhoun Bobbitt
Lynn, Elizabeth, and Mara Bobbitt
The family of John Freeman
Jessica Koontz and family
Christy M.
Renee and the Herb family
The family of Veronica Rouse
The family of Beverly Fuos

Guidance

Briana & Gregory Wingerter
Beth & Dave
A.H. & S.H.
Carol & John Michael
Amy & Rob
Cherie & Kenny
Summer, Amy & family
S & K
Cherry Morrill
Margaret & Clyde S.
Jamie & Larry B.
Julie & Dusty B.
Sylvie & John
Michael & Morgan
Dr. Ronald Williams
Courtney Curtis
The Brown family
Bonnie & Alex
Alfredo Tapia

General

The victims and families affected by gun violence
All Persecuted Christians

The family of Alina Moore



SAVE THE DATE!

THE ORGAN'S FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

Sunday, November 15, 3:00 PM

Russell Jackson, *Organist*

Favorite Classical Selections Include:
Bach's *Komm, süßer Tod*
Prokofiev's *The Love for Three Oranges*
Scott Joplin's *Bethena*

FESTIVE RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

Questions? Contact Russell Jackson at russellj@slecsa.org, *Director of Music*

PARISH LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S CHURCH

Adult Formation: Two New Classes Begin TODAY, Sundays at 10 am

As we move into November and December, our Adult Formation offerings will shift focus for the season:

Inquirer's Class *(Small Conference Room)*

Join Fr. Irv for a seven-part teaching series introducing the Episcopal Church, including its history, worship, theology, and structure. Newcomers and those preparing for Confirmation or Reception are especially encouraged to attend.

Wisdom Ways *(Large Conference Room)*

Join Fr. Eric for a discussion of Sunday's Scripture readings, exploring their meaning, context, and connection to our faith and daily lives.

Questions? Contact the Rev. Eric Holloway at: erich@slecsa.org.

Intercessory Prayer, TODAY, November 8

Intercessory prayers will be offered during all services on the 2nd Sunday of each month. A prayer team member will be available in the back of the Christ the King Chapel during Communion. All are welcome to come for prayer.

Good Samaritan Holiday Bag Drive

Join St. Luke's in supporting Good Samaritan Community Services this holiday season! Help provide Christmas dinner essentials and a turkey voucher for local families in need.

Ways to participate:

- **Bring a Bag:** Pick up a reusable bag and shopping list in the Narthex beginning Nov. 1. Return filled bags by Thursday, Dec. 3.
- **Donate Items in Bulk:** Sign up on the poster in the Narthex to contribute individual items. Drop off donations by Tuesday, Dec. 1.
- **Help Assemble & Distribute Bags:** Join us for bag assembly on First Wednesday in December, or help distribute them at Good Sam on Friday, Dec. 11 (morning & afternoon shifts).

Questions? Contact Bryan Gonzalez at bryang@slecsa.org.

Flock of Ages, Wednesday, November 11 at 6:30 pm

No longer young(ish), not yet old(ish), the Flock of Ages Group will meet for drinks and supper at 6:30 pm on Thursday, November 11. **TODAY, November 8**, is the last day to RSVP to slec.flockofages@gmail.com to reserve your place and obtain further details on the event.

Commitment Sunday – TODAY, November 8

Are you investing where your heart is?

Stewardship is more than giving. It's an opportunity to invest in the community we share, support the ministries that bring us together, and offer our God-given gifts in service to something greater than ourselves.

As we continue our Annual Stewardship Program, we invite every member of our St. Luke's family to participate in reaching our goal of 100% parishioner participation. Every pledge, regardless of size, makes a difference and helps sustain the ministries, outreach, and operations of our church.

Together, we can continue building a community where faith, generosity, and service flourish.

To make your 2027 Pledge:

Contact Angie Hudgins at:
210-828-6425

Use the provided QR code to make your pledge online

YANKees Friendsgiving Feast
Saturday, November 14 at 6:00 pm

Join the Yankees (Young Adults no Kids) for a Friendsgiving celebration hosted by Kennedy and Alex! Gather for an evening of food, fellowship, and gratitude with fellow young adults. The gathering will take place at their home, with the address and event updates shared through the Yankees GroupMe. **Join the GroupMe using the QR code** for details and to RSVP. For questions, text Alex at (512) 257-0857. We look forward to celebrating with you!

Dad's Night Out,
Sunday, November 15, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Dads of the parish: Join us for a casual evening of good food, drinks, and fellowship at Davis' house on November 15th beginning at 6:00 pm. This is a relaxed gathering for dads in the community to connect, unwind, and build relationships. A suggested donation of $25 per person will help cover food and drinks. But no pressure. You're welcome to join regardless of the donation! Hosted by Davis Staedtler — **text 210-602-2525 or use the provided QR code to RSVP.**

Connect with St. Luke's

10:00 am Faith Formation Classes

Children

- *Godly Play (Pre-K-2nd Grade)*, Room 201
- *Bible and Faith Lessons (3rd-5th Grade),* Room 201

Youth

- *Exploring Scripture*, Youth Room

Adults

- *Inquirer's Class*, Small Conference Room
- *Wisdom Ways*, Large Conference Room

NEW TO ST. LUKE'S?

Thank you for joining us today. If you would like to know more about St. Luke's you can find us online at www.slecsa.org. We would love to get to know you better, and invite you to fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews. You can leave it in the offering plate or hand it to a clergy person any time this morning. We are glad you are here.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Many people have special days during the year which they commemorate. Flowers on the altar of St. Luke's Church can mark the anniversary of a birth, baptism, confirmation, marriage, death, or be used as an expression of the joy of thanksgiving at any time.

Your donation of $100 for Altar Flowers helps offset the cost of the flowers, and your dedication is printed in the Sunday bulletin. Donate at www.slecsa.org/give or email Sara Spreen (saras@slecsa.org) for more information.

BAPTISM DATES

The following Sundays are set aside for baptisms at St. Luke's in 2026: **December 6**. If you are interested in baptism for yourself or a child, please visit our Life Events/Baptism page at slecsa.org/baptism or email Sara Spreen (saras@slecsa.org) for more information.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

- 8:00 am – Rite I
- 9:00 – Rite II contemporary service
- 11:00 – Rite II with organ and choir
- 6:00 – Rite II with prayers for healing

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