



## WELCOME TO ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA

Whether you are a long-time member or this is your first time here, it is a joy to welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ to St. Luke's this morning. Though we are not yet back to "normal" Sunday morning routines due to the ongoing pandemic, we are glad that we are able to gather physically again and online through our livestream.

- ❖ If you are our guest today in church, please speak with the clergy after the liturgy on the front steps. We want to be able to fully welcome you into our community of faith. If you are visiting with us, either online or in our church, we invite you to complete our Welcome Card at [www.SLS.church/welcome](http://www.SLS.church/welcome). Contact information for our clergy and staff may be found on the last page of this bulletin.
- ❖ All of the information that you need to fully participate in the liturgy is contained in this bulletin.
- ❖ In the Parish Hall building (most easily accessible through Baptistry doors), you will find the restrooms.
- ❖ Listening assistance devices are available from the ushers.
- ❖ St. Luke's is a Eucharistically-centered church in the Anglican tradition located in downtown Salisbury that exists to help people to "come and see the difference Christ makes" through abundant grace, beloved community, and intentional worship. Established by the Colonial Assembly in 1753, we are a parish in the Diocese of North Carolina.
- ❖ Our members are diverse in many ways, but we are united in Christ. Regardless of where you are in your life and faith journey, your specific theological beliefs, what your clothes look like, how you identify yourself, or what your family situation is- you are most welcome here.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 25, 2021 + 8:00 A.M.  
HOLY EUCHARIST

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*Please maintain 6+ feet of distance from other households.  
Please sit only in pews where a pew cushion is present.  
Keep your mask on at all times.*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People:* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

PASCHA NOSTRUM *Said by all.*

**Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast, Not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.**

**Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once; but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.**

**Christ is risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray: O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

*Please be seated.*

Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

' the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

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

**PSALM 23** *Said by all.*

**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.**

**SECOND READING**

1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us~ and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:*

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE GOSPEL**

John 10:11-18

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

*People:* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the

sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON *Please be seated.*

The Rev. Dr. Robert Black

THE NICENE CREED *Please stand, said by all.*

**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.**

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Celebrant:* Let us pray for the whole state of Christ’s Church and the world.

*Intercessor:* Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks... **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM *Said by all.*

**God of grace and glory, thou hast formed us in thy image and mercifully restored us in Jesus Christ. In baptism, we were buried with Christ and rose to new life in him. Renew us in thy Holy Spirit, that we may grow as members of Christ and temples of the Holy Spirit, and strengthen our union with all of Christ’s Body. May we, whom thou hast counted worthy, nurture this gift of thy indwelling Spirit with a lively faith and worship thee with holy living; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### THE PEACE

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

*Please greet those nearby with a bow, wave, or other physically distanced show of Christian fellowship.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please be seated.*

THE DOXOLOGY *Please stand.*

*Celebrant:* All things come of thee, O Lord.

*People:* **And of thine own have we given thee.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I

*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.**

*Celebrant:* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty... evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus *Said by 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 Celebrant continues...* All glory be to thee, Almighty God... 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.

*People:* **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.**

FRACTION ANTHEM *Said by all.*

*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....

*Please come forward to the chancel steps to receive Communion. Place one palm on top of the other and the priest will place a wafer on your palm. Return to your seat and then quickly lift your mask to consume the bread. Maintain distance from other households at all times.*

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Please stand.*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*All:* **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 BLESSING**

**THE DISMISSAL**

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

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

**Today, we especially pray for:**

**Those rejoicing in God's abundant blessings:** Thacher & Hayley Shields- married April 17

**Those who have died and the bereaved:** Martha Lou Gascoigne, mother of Lillian Gascoigne

**Those in crisis of health or circumstance:** Patricia Bradley, Steve Bradley, Kathryn Braisher, Ellery Carlson, Lillie Cowan, Erin Downing, Brenda Forbis, Diane Hundley, Noleen Mbuwayesango, Andrea Misenheimer, Chad Morgan, Mark Perry, Nancy Stanback

**Those who are away at school:** Nellie Brown, Ruth Clement, Aidan DeHaas, Heather Duncan, Jason Earnhardt, Caroline Forbis, Zach Huddleston, Mary Kaufmann, Abigail Lund, Cassandra Phoenix, Hans Roemer, Ellen Simons

**Those with ongoing needs due to health, circumstance, or civic service:** Dick Brownell, Patrick Carter, David Cline, Donna Gravely, Ellery, Emily Hain, David Hamaty, Betty Hedrick, Blair Joyner, David Kemp, Jason Koontz, Walker Latimer, Don Lyerly, Jane Maxwell, Nan Medley, Joanne Nichols, Jim Phillips, Nik Plumley, Ian Schulte, Oliver Scott, Dirk Steenwyk, Ruth Trollinger, Barbara Upright

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**Candles in memory or honor of:** People Who Are Kind, Lorraine Brownell, Elizabeth Brownell Duncan, Heather Elizabeth Duncan, Mr. & Mrs. Charles M. Cormack, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Charles M. Cormack, Sr., Mr & Mrs. Benjamin H. Taylor, Godparents of Holly Cormack, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph P. Gorrell, Mr. & Mrs. Robert V. Cormack, Maribelle Cormack

**Altar flowers in memory or honor of:** Forrest Mallory Davis, Jr., Rebecca Gladden Davis, Helen Bevins Thompson, Willard R. Thompson

**TODAY'S SERVER:**

Lector: Cathy Green

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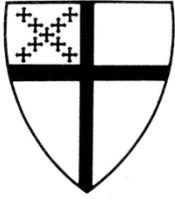
**UPCOMING SPECIAL LITURGIES:**

Thursday May 13<sup>th</sup>: Ascension Day-Holy Eucharist, 7pm

Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup>: Bishop's Visitation and Confirmation-Holy Eucharist, 10:30am

Sunday May 23<sup>rd</sup>: Pentecost and Youth Sunday-Holy Eucharist, 10:30am

Register to attend in-person at [www.SLS.church/worshipopportunities](http://www.SLS.church/worshipopportunities)



# St. Luke's Episcopal Church

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Come and See  
the *difference* Christ makes



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2023: Tory Curran, Kathleen Dunn, Mike Mills, Matt Storey

Parish Officers: Mark Bias (Secretary); Kathy Carter (Treasurer); Chip Short (Chancellor)

## PARISH PRAYER

O God, in your abundant grace you sent your Son to be the light of the world: Grant that we may come and see the difference that Christ makes in each of us as we seek to become your beloved community; and as we gather in intentional worship, may we ever be reminded of your transformative love which is the foundation of our faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.