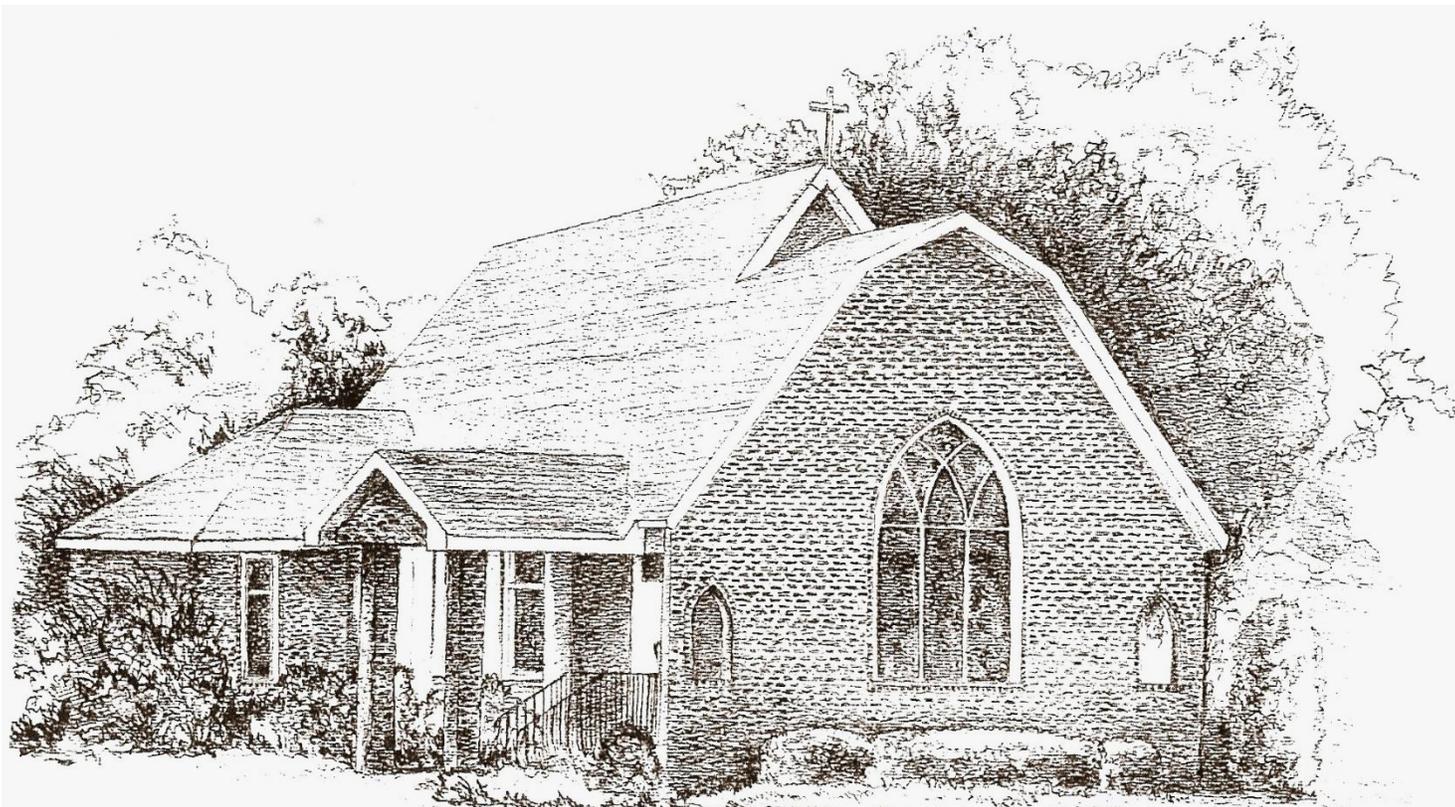


*St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Live Oak, Florida*



Wayne Edwards

**The Sixth Sunday
of Easter**

May 6, 2018

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

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The Rev. George L. Hinchliffe, Rector

The Rev. Phyllis Doty, Deacon

Sunday Eucharist: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Adult Sunday School: 9:50 a.m.

Wednesday Eucharist : 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Youth Group: . . 6:30 p.m.

Nursery Available Sundays 8:50a.m.-12:15p.m.

Vestry

Mike Cameron, Senior Warden

Barbara Mann

Marion Harvard, Junior Warden

Hal Airth

Lee Harvard, Treasurer

Cameron Simpson

Anne Doswell, Asst. Treasurer

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Processional Hymn – Hymnal 1982 - #204

The Word of God

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

The Celebrant says

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.

Hymnal 1982 - S280 - Gloria (*service music is located in the front of the 1982 Hymnal and prefixed with the letter "s"*)

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

A reading from Acts (10:44-48)

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days. The Word of the Lord.

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

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, * *for he has done marvelous things.*
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm * *has he won for himself the victory.*
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; * *his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.*
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, * **and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; * *lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.*
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, * **with the harp and the voice of song.**
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn * **shout with joy before the King, the LORD.**
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, * **the lands and those who dwell therein.**
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, * **and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.**
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world * **and the peoples with equity. *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen***

The Epistle

A reading from the First Letter of John (5:1-6)

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his

commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. The Word of the Lord
People: *Thanks be to God*

Gradual Hymn – Hymnal 1982 - #448 (vs 1-3)

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another." The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon Hymn – Hymnal 1982 - # 448 (vs. 4-6)

The Sermon - The Rev. George L. Hinchliffe

The Nicene Creed BCP Page 326

I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father;
 by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
 came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
 to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
 and glorified; who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Gracious and loving God, our heavenly Father, you have called us in this Diocese to a goodly community of faith. You have called us to bring others to know and love you, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Because it is only by your mercy that we can do those good things you require of us, we pray that you would give us a special measure of your grace as we seek to be obedient to your Great Commission. Assist us, O Lord, and help us as we set out to do those things you would have us to do to bring others to the knowledge and love of you. We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord, Amen

The Prayers of the People BCP Page 328

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, 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 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, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples 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.*

The Deacon: Let us confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Confession of Sin

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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.

Absolution

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Offetory-LEVAS- #189

Great Thanksgiving

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.***

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.

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

Sanctus – Hymnal 1982 – # S-114

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, ourselves, 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.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, Alleluia;

Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem (Agnus Dei) – Hymnal 1982 - #S-157

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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.

The Communion of the People *(All Baptized Christians are invited and encouraged to receive the Holy Sacraments of Bread and Wine)*

Communion Hymn – LEVAS- #152

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 Priest offers a blessing

Recessional Hymn – Hymnal 1982 - #344

Deacon Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in
 the power of the Spirit.

People ***Thanks be to God!***

PRAYER LIST St. Luke's The prayers of the parish are requested for: Elaine Fletcher, Craig Jacobsen, Diana Kosty, Dina James, Fran Richichi, Mildred Weaver, Tyla Edwards, Marjorie Harner, Jean Peters, Jane Davis, Gail Mickel, Martie Erskine, Barbara Mann, Laura Ann Fouraker Gardner, Linda Sealy, Linda Jernigan, Pat Finlin, Austin Richmond, Jackie Kent, Blake Ulmer, Hasan, Sister Maria Ann, Virginia Meeker, Susanne Walters, Russell Johnson, Don Noel, Nikki Landrum, Phyllis Taylor, Quinn Leibfried, Bob Stross, Janice Revet, Pat Ritter, Lillie and Jodie Hill, Robert Cannon, Chris and Kathy Thomas, The Thomas family, Cole Thomas, Gwyn Herrington, Carolyn Crosby, Mendy Morgan, Darlene Jones, Christine Bush, Sue Mobley, Randy Law, Louise Law, Mary Giddens, Nick Poulos, Jim Poulos, Annie Poulos.

Our soldiers deployed: Marshall Boggus, Kyle Deas, and James Smith, Casey Brewer and **stateside;** Lincoln Queale, Brent Trost, Dillon Ellis, Andy Chamberlain, Jennifer Sullivan, and Robert Ice.

Pray for the Diocese of Cuba, our companion church: Fielés á Jesus, and their rector Mtr. Tulia. Pray for Dukatole and the children. St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Madison, The Shepherd's Hands of the Suwannee Valley Free Clinic, St. Joseph's Episcopal Church - Newberry and their new school.

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER St. Pauls' in Jacksonville, St. John's Cathedral in Jacksonville, Community of St. Philip at Suwannee Correctional,

St. Cyprian's in St. Augustine, St. Luke's in Live Oak, Trinity in Melrose, Holy Comforter in Tallahassee, and San Jose in Jacksonville.

ALTAR FLOWERS given by The Mickel family to the Glory of God and the thanksgiving of family.

DEACON'S CORNER: Thanks to everyone and your prayers, we had a wonderful trip to Cuba!! There were no problems on either end going through Customs. We took tons of stuff even though we managed to leave one bag in Tampa at the hotel – sigh. We did get a chance to meet the Daughters of the King from Los Arabos. They have an incredible and very inspiring story to tell. You will hear all about it when we share our experiences with our church family at the celebration dinner on May 23rd. Bill Kosty has some wonderful pictures for you plus an incredible video of an impromptu concert that two musicians gave for us the day before we left. You will be interested to know that since January this year up to the time we left, there were 5512 people served with clean water. They took 13,466 liters of water during these first four months. Your ministry to them just keeps going on and on and they are very grateful! It was hard to leave, but it is good to be back.

DINNER ANGELS New angels needed to help feed the youth Wednesday nights. There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish hall if you would like to volunteer.

NEW MUSIC LEADERS Welcome, Bill and Linda Poplin! We are so blessed to welcome them today.

PANTRY SUNDAY is today! The generosity of the congregation has continued to bless the families of our community with donations of food. 82 bags of groceries were handed out in April!

THE VALDOSTA CHORAL GUILD PRESENTS “Listen to the Music”-a celebration of 40 years of music on May 6th at 4:30 p.m and May 7th at 7:30 p.m. at St. John Catholic Church in Valdosta. Our own John Dickert will be performing. For more information see the flyer in Parish Hall.

SHEPHERD'S HANDS CLINIC in Live Oak will be held this Tues, May 8th at 5:30 p.m.

GRADUATING SENIORS Following the 11 a.m. service on May 13th, the vestry will host a coffee hour honoring our graduating seniors, Emily Boggus and Bryan Turnan.

LET'S CELEBRATE- Please join us for a Celebration Supper on Wednesday May 23rd at 6:30 p.m., following the Wednesday night service. Come and enjoy a delicious dinner provided by the Men's group to welcome back the missionaries from Cuba, celebrate the completion of the parish projects, and celebrate all the ministries that St. Luke's has to offer. All food provided-just show up and celebrate with us! Please use the sign up sheet in the Parish Hall.