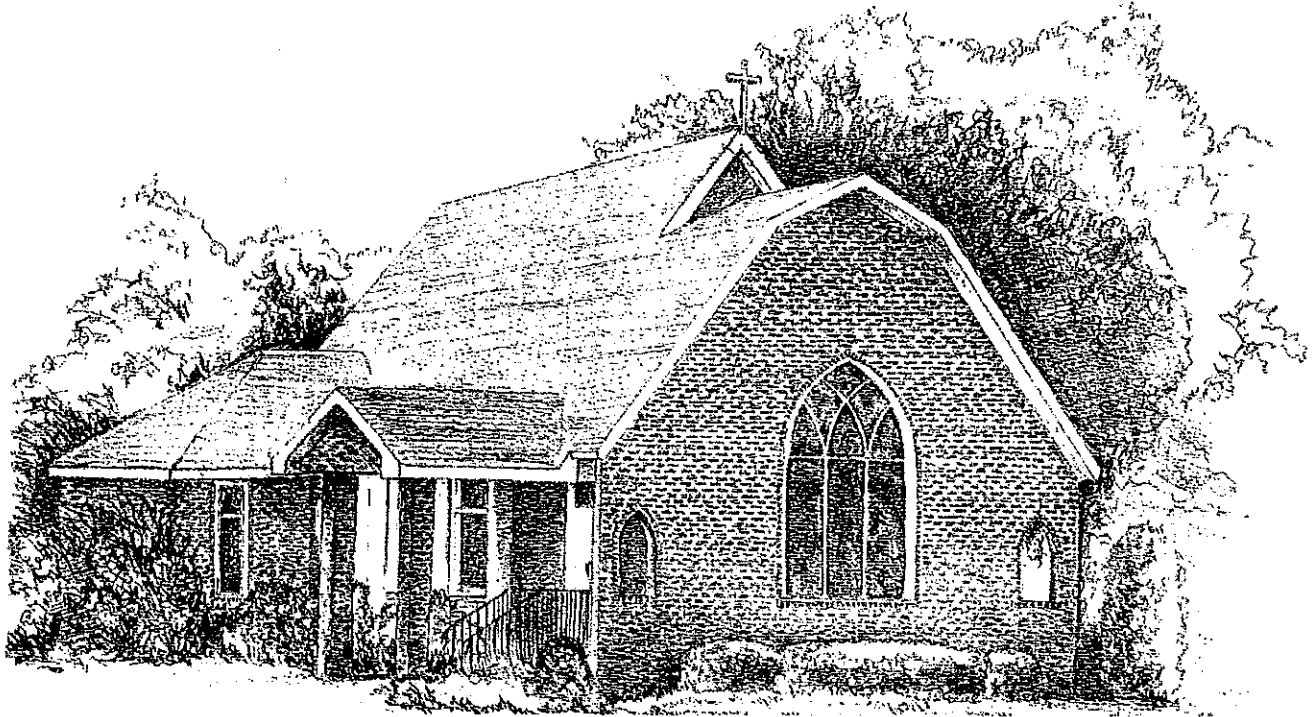


# *St. Luke's Episcopal Church*

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Organist/Choirmaster, Thom Thomas

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Sunday Eucharist... 9am & 11am  
Wednesday Eucharist: . . . . . 10:30 am

Ryan Felknor, Junior Warden  
John Tull, Treasurer  
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Tony Williams  
Janet Airth  
Graeme Dean

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Proper 28  
November 15, 2020

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 28) November 15, 2020  
Processional Hymn #551



1 Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with less - er things, give  
2 Rise up, ye saints of God! His king - dom tar - ries long: Lord,  
3 Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod; and



heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.  
bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.  
quick-ened by the Spi - rit's power, rise up, ye saints of God!

## The Word of God

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant may say*

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.**

***Gloria - Hymnal 1982 - S280***

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.*

## **The Collect of the Day**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant*        Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## A reading from Judges (4:1-7)

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

### Psalm 123

1 To you I lift up my eyes, \*  
to you enthroned in the heavens.

2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, \*  
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, \*  
until he show us his mercy.

4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, \*  
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \*  
and of the derision of the proud.

*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

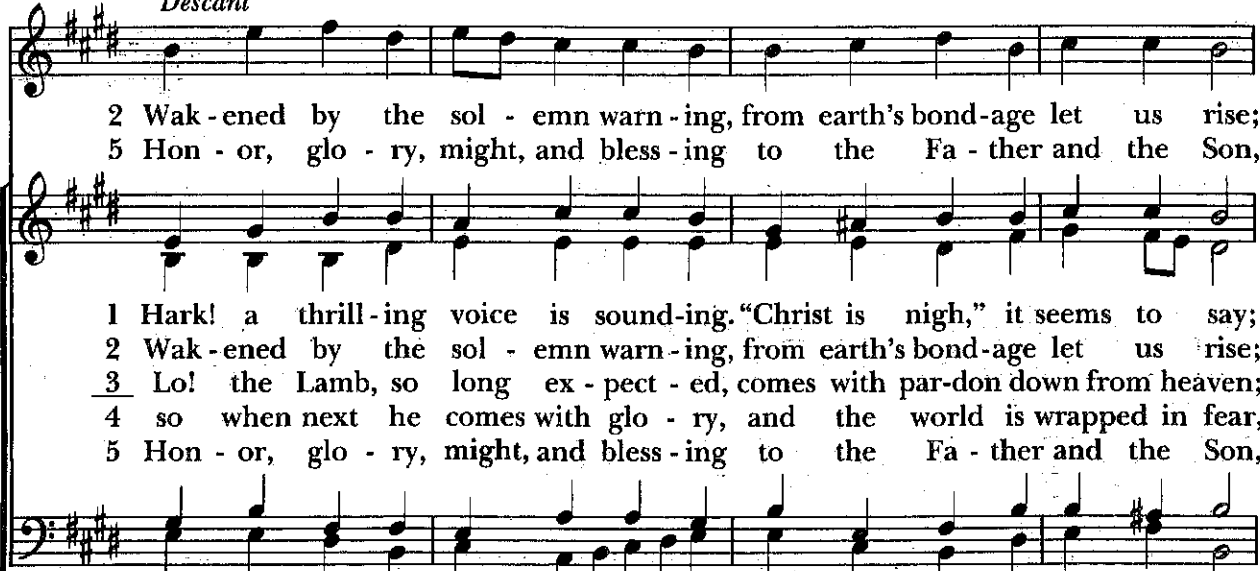
A reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians (5:1-11)

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

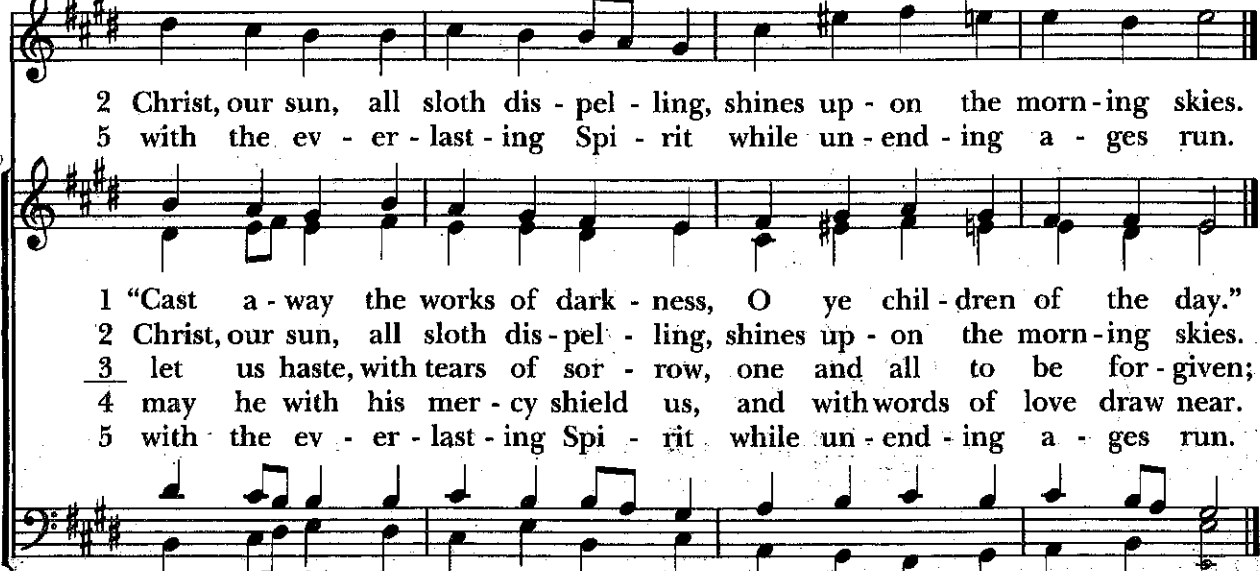
# Gradual Hymn – Hymnal 1982 - # 59(v 1-3)

*Descant*



2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;  
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing. "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;  
2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;  
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;  
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,  
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,



2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness, O ye chil - dren of the day."  
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;  
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.  
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

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

## **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (25:24-30)**

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same

way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

*People Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

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## The Sermon

The Rev. Cn. Don Woodrum

### 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 - Form VI**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For [N. our Presiding Bishop, and N. (N.) our Bishop(s); and for] all bishops and other ministers;  
*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

***For your mercy is great.***

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

***Who put their trust in you.***

## **Confession of Sin**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept. Minister and People*

***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.***

*The Priest says*

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

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

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

## The Holy Communion

### Offertory Hymn #680

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;  
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;

1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,  
and our eternal home.

# The Great Thanksgiving

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

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.***

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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.

*Here a Proper Preface is said on all Sundays*

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:

**Hymnal 1982 - S130 – Sanctus**

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us,

to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*People and Celebrant*

*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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
 Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

## Hymnal 1982 – S164 – Agnus Dei

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

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.

## Communion Hymn – Hymnal 1982 - #302

1 Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with -  
 2 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,

in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy  
guard it still, per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -

Son to us im - parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,  
formed un - to thy will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,

didst give us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the  
was in this bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands thy

Bread e - ter - nal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.  
Church be gath - ered in - to thy king - dom by thy Son.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

***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.***

**Blessing:** *The Priest offers a blessing.*

**Recessional Hymn – Hymnal 1982 - #561**

1 Stand up, stand up, for Je - sus, ye sold - iers of the cross;  
2 Stand up, stand up, for Je - sus; the trum - pet call o - bey;  
3 Stand up, stand up, for Je - sus; stand in his strength a - lone;  
4 Stand up, stand up, for Je - sus: the strife will not be long:

lift high his roy - al ban - ner, it must not suf - fer loss:  
forth to the might - y con - flict in this his glo - rious day:  
the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own:  
this day, the noise of bat - tle; the next, the vic - tor's song.





from vic-tory un-to vic-tory his ar-my shall he lead,  
 ye that are his now serve him a- gainst un-num-bered foes;  
 put on the Gos-pel ar-mor, and watch-ing un-to prayer,  
 To val-iant hearts tri- um-phant, a crown of life shall be;

till ev-ery foe is van-quished and Christ is Lord in-deed.  
 let cour-age rise with dan-ger, and strength to strength op- pose.  
 when du-ty calls, or dan-ger, be nev-er want-ing there.  
 they with the King of glo-ry shall reign e-ter-nal-ly.

*The Deacon, dismisses them with these words*

Alleluia, Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*The People respond Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

**In an effort to keep current needs on the prayer list, names will remain for a month. If you see a name that needs to remain longer, please call or email the church office.**

**PRAYER LIST** The prayers of the parish are requested for: The family of Jean Reach, Rosemary Eakins, Barbara Chaney, Kelli Cook, Jon Boggus, the family of James Kent, Dina James, Carol Sue Styles, Patty Ross, Terri Harmon, Mindy Morgan, Albert Sutton, Brent Trost, Dennis Roy, Craig Jacobsen, Dn. Phyllis Doty, Brad Green, DeLaine Cribb, and Brittany Smith.

Sustained Illness/Concern: Brandon Gaskins, Glenn Miller, Kris Cheatham, Vivian Bass, Bill Green, Susanne Walters, The Rev. Godsmark, Phyllis Taylor, Bob Stross, Sister Maria Ann, Kristen

Braddy, Russell Johnson, Glenn Miller, Jackie Kent, Gail Mickel, Mtr. Tulia, Chris & Kathy Thomas, Gwyn Herrington, Cole Thomas  
Our soldiers deployed: Jonathan Richichi, James Smith, Casey Brewer, Sean Beegle, Cody Beegle, Edward Owen and stateside; Brent Trost, Matthew Beegle, Lincoln Queale, Dillon Ellis, Andy Chamberlain, 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, and Shepherd's Hands of the Suwannee Valley Free Clinic

**ALTAR FLOWERS** The altar flowers today are given by Tammy & Tony Williams in Thanksgiving for Laine's 23rd birthday.

**GUEST ORGANIST-** Please welcome our guest organist, DL LaSeur. Today will be our last Sunday with DL. We are so grateful to have her play for St. Luke's.

**DEACON'S CORNER** Today is Cuba Sunday

**DIRECTORY UPDATE:** Please complete a directory update form that was emailed last week. You can also pick one up in the parish hall or contact the church office.

**THANK YOU** To my St. Luke's family, thank you so much for the cards, altar flowers, and singing. You all are so special to me. What a special Nov 8<sup>th</sup> birthday! Love, Marie Brian

**ANGEL TREE MINISTRY** We will be participating in Angel Tree Ministry, helping to connect children with their incarcerated parents and show them the love of Christ. This year there will be a virtual giving on an Angel Tree website where you can select your angel. The donation is set at \$22 per child. Angel Tree will mail a Walmart gift

card in a package to the child you selected. More information is coming. You may also contribute directly at church and our coordinator can access the site on your behalf. See bulletin insert.

**THANKSGIVING BASKETS** Once again, St. Luke's will participate in providing Thanksgiving boxes to 15 families in our community. There is a list/sign up for the items we will include in the baskets this year on the bulletin board in the parish hall. You can call/email the office to get your name on the list as well. You can drop off your items any time to the parish hall before Nov. 22nd (If refrigerated, please put in kitchen refrigerator marked for baskets). \*This year, we will limit the number of volunteers assembling the baskets so if you are interested, please call Jasmine@ 219-0122.

Our community thanks you for this special ministry.

### **ADVENT STUDY**

“Honor exactly where we are today – the good, the bad, the ugly, the beautiful.

Give our hearts permission to feel what they need to feel.

Open ourselves up to healing.

Listen for God's gentle whispers.

Take good care of ourselves.

Keep crawling towards the light together.

*Let our weary souls feel a little less alone.”*

Kathy Escobar, *A Weary World: Reflections for a Blue Christmas*

We welcome everyone to a gathering filled with conversations during the Advent Season. Beginning on Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> we'll be meeting at 10:00 am sharp in the parish hall and virtually! We pray you will spend time sharing in community with us!

A Weary World: Reflections for a Blue Christmas was written in this year for these times. The book is available for you at no cost. Just see Jasmine for a copy or stop in between the services and someone will give you a book. Ebooks are also available from Amazon.

Please Contact Deacon Lydia for added info and if you wish to come to the meeting by Virtual methods- 386 362-8737 ☎ We can hardly wait to see all of you during Advent!

God's Joy and Peace Be with You! Deacon Lydia <><

**CONGRATULATIONS!** Our own Brantly Helvenston has been selected as Suwannee Middle School's Teacher of The Year! Congratulations, Mr. Helvenston!!