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The Steeple



April 7, 2021

The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

The Great Fifty Days



Happy Easter my friends! And with it, The Great Fifty Days begins. As we enter the octave of Easter – seven days times seven (a week of weeks), plus one: the fiftieth day *Pentecost*, I give thanks to God for all of you. "In many texts of the ancient church, the word 'Pentecost' referred not solely to the fiftieth day, but often to the fifty days collectively," a capstone of the Great Easter and the birth of the Church – us. What a wonderful and joyous time.

Beginning this week our 10:00 a.m. mass will move to 10:30 a.m. This will allow us time enough to hold a faith forum in between our services in addition to other formation opportunities in the future. During the octave of Easter, however, we will be exploring the theology of Dr. Shelly Rambo of Boston University. In her work Dr. Rambo develops what she refers to as a theology of remaining. I not only find her work erudite and hopeful, but in some respects, it is cutting edge and highly original. I hope you will join me on Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in Metcalf Hall for the forum.

On April 12th, Teresa and I will be heading north to Michigan to attend to my mom's committal service and to work with my sisters in getting her home on the market there. Teresa and I covet your prayers as we head to Michigan to do the work that has been given to us to do. Looking ahead, I will most likely be away for service on Sunday the 18th. I am in the process of looking for a supply priest to cover while I am away. And as it stands right now, I would like to postpone our faith forum on April 18th and resume on the April 25th when I am back.

Our beloved friend, Dolores, will also be taking some vacation time with her family in sunny Florida for the next two weeks and we wish her every blessing! While away we are honored to have Mr. Mark Wright as our guest organist. Mark has been practicing for weeks and I can assure you, we are in for a treat. Thank you, Mark. Dolores, we will miss you!

Finally, thank you all for a wonderful and deep journey through the Triduum this year. I hope you all felt a sense of accompaniment through those holy days and that the intentionality behind our preparation and experience centered you and was deeply felt. Most of all, thank you to our intrepid audio-visual team, our ushers, the Altar guild, and of course our maestro – Dolores for leading us through this holy season.

Deep Peace,

Nick+



Prayerbooks and Hymnals will return to the pew racks this Sunday.

While not definitive, there is agreement that surface spread of the virus is not as much a factor as originally thought.¹

Since the congregation has one weekly in-person service, we will return to using books for worship and place them on a cleaning rotation during the week.

Service bulletins will still be available upon request from an usher.

If possible, please consider allowing newcomers or those new to the liturgy to have access to the bulletins first, as they can take the guess work out of the worship service to those who are unfamiliar with it. Thank you, my friends.



The Altar Guild invites all who wish to take an Easter lily home with you this Sunday after church. **Please leave the clay pot in place**. Inside each clay pot there is a plastic insert that will ensure you can get your lily home intact. Enjoy!

The Altar Guild is in need of immediate help with providing altar bread for the Eucharist. If you would like to help bake for one Sunday a month and need more info., please call Wendy Hall, bread chairman, at 918-440-4356.

2021 Bishop's Cup Golf TournamentMay 15

The Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma's mission is to transform lives in the love of Jesus Christ. One impactful way we do this is through the vital work we do with our youth. The Bishop's Cup (TBC) utilizes the funds raised during the golf tournament to assist St. Crispin's Conference Center and Camp. St. Crispin's is an inclusive camp where we strive to meet all physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. Campers leave St. Crispin's forever changed by the beauty, joy, and friendships found at camp.



This year, on Saturday, May 15, we will be holding the 6th Annual The Bishop's Cup at **Buffalo Rock Golf in Cushing, OK**. TBC allows us the opportunity to gather as a community in support of our beloved St. Crispin's Summer Camp. Whether you're a pro or a novice, all skill levels are welcome in this friendly tournament.

We are thrilled about this event and ask you to sink a winning putt by joining us as a sponsor. Enclosed is a sponsorship form detailing the 2021 levels and benefits. Please register below or send in a check by mail to 924 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, OK 73102. Please put "The Bishop's Cup" or "TBC" in the memo line.

The Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma understands the importance of investing in and empowering the youth of our region. Your participation is vital to making this event a success. We look forward to seeing you on **May 15**!

A foursome is \$360; tee box sponsor \$250; hole sponsor \$1,000; driving range and putting green sponsor \$1,500; cart sponsor \$2,500; birdie sponsor \$5,000; mulligans \$5.

Registration closes May 5th. All participants will receive a swag bag and the top 3 teams will receive top notch golf gear. Lunch IS included!

For additional sponsorships and to register, visit the Diocese website at https://www.epiok.org/eventcalendar.aspx and scroll down to 2021 Bishop's Cup Golf Tournament or call the diocese at 405-232-4820.



Friday, May 14, 2021 Adams Municipal Golf Club 5801 Tuxedo Blvd. Bartlesville, Ok

Proceeds benefit: Veterans Connection Organizations LTJG Jo Allyn Lowe Scholarship Fund

> Registration 10:00 am Lunch and Ceremony 11:30 am Shot-Gun Start 1:00 pm

\$100 - person or \$400 - team

(incudes green fee, cart, range balls, lunch, and prizes) Mulligans are 4 for \$20 (Limited to 4 per person)



www.vcobville.com

For more information and/or Sponsorship Opportunities Please call the Tournament Chair Charlie Pilkington at (918) 688-4002 or cpilkington@bankregent.com



Beginning April 11th, our Rite II service scheduled at 10:00 a.m. will go back to its originally scheduled time of 10:30 a.m.

Changing the time will allow us the opportunity to hold a faith forum in between the services from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. in Metcalf Hall.

Please consider adding the Faith Forum to your Sunday morning practice.

Sunday Services at St. Luke's beginning April 11th, 2021

8:00 a.m. Rite I (Traditional Language)

Faith Forum 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. (Metcalf Hall)

10:30 a.m. Rite II (Contemporary Language)



Emily Update: Prayers are requested the next hearing April 19 in Noble County Family Court. The final yard sale will be held Saturday, April 17, 8:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m., at Roseanne's house at 1328 S. Cherokee Ave. Items for the sale can be left on Roseanne's screenedin porch. Hot dog and chili dog combos will be \$4 and \$5 at the sale. Emily thanks everyone for their donations at the table at St. Luke's where Emily's masks, zipper bags and tablerunners are located.





Easter Faith Forum Series

Resurrecting Wounds

Session One: April 11th Reenvisioning Resurrection

No Faith Forum April 18th

Session Two: April 25th Erasing Wounds.

Session Three: May 2nd Touching Wounds.

Session Four: May 9th Surfacing Wounds.

Session Five: May 16th Discovering Wounds.

Session Six: May 23rd Communal Afterliving.

St. Luke's Easter Egg Hunt 2021











Regular Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Please note that even during office hours, the doors are locked per COVID-19 protocol.

If you need to come in, just ring the north entrance bell or call the office at 918-336-1212.

Agape Mission Volunteer Schedule

Thursday, April 8

10:45 am – 1 pm: Becky Liehr, Kris Bonner, Kathy Zervas, Dolores McCreary

Thursday, April 22

10:45 am – 1 pm: Darian Kedy, Becky Olsen, Jeff Birk



St. Luke's Prayer List

The prayer list can be found in the bulletin, which follows this newsletter in the Prayers of the People section.

Call or email our office with prayer requests at 918-336-1212 or office@episcopalbartlesville.org.

Bereavement Team 1

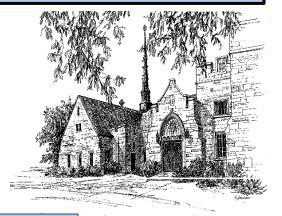
Susie Clark, Nancy Woods, Sally Lindsey, Jeanne Julstrom.

Planning to attend the upcoming Sunday service?

If you have a standing reservation, there's no need to call. However, if you've not been attending regularly in-person – Reserve your spot by emailing to office@episcopalbartlesville.org or by calling 918-336-1212.

Alert on solicitations...

Be aware – No one from St. Luke's will request gift cards or other monetary support through email. If you receive such a message in your email, it is spam. All financial requests/special appeals at St. Luke's go through normal channels and any special requests will be made by phone or in person.



Birthdays and Anniversaries, April 7 - 14

Birthdays

Anniversaries

Grace Mitchell, April 7 Diana Crawford, April 7 Jean Davidson, April 10 Karen Emmott, April 11 Chad & Blair Ellis, April 8 Russell & Shari Eslick, April 8

Nora Boyle, Molly Ferguson and Mary Stewart, April 12

If your or a loved one's name doesn't appear on the list, please email or call the office, and we will add your birthday or anniversary!

Carol Murphy has a new phone number. Call the office if you need it.



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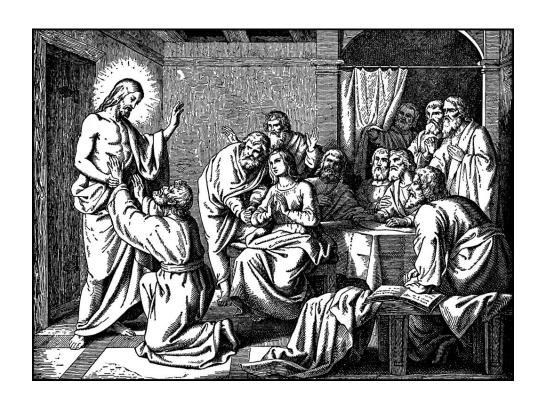
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Connecting with St. Luke's

To learn various ways to connect at St. Luke's, visit our website at: http://episcopalbartlesville.org/



The Second Sunday of Easter April 11, 2021 St. Luke's Episcopal Church Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Prelude

Hymn

"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

Hymn 199

THE WORD OF GOD



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.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

The Lessons

The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

A Psalm, hymn, or anthem may follow each Reading.

Ecce, quam bonum!

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, * when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head * that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, * and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon * that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: * life for evermore.

A Reading from the First Letter of John

1 John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life~ this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us~ we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;

and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

Sequence Hymn "We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight"

Hymn 209

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.**

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

After the Gospel, the Reader says
The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.
The Sermon

Fr. Nick Phares

On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows, all standing

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

God of love, we rejoice with angels, and all the host of heaven as we celebrate the Resurrection of your Son. Bless today's joyful celebration and turn our hearts to you with new delight and commitment.

We praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia. Amen.

God of mercy, bring your church to new life. Awaken in us faithfulness that manifests itself in joy, in dedication to work and reconciliation in the world, in care for your creation, and in awe of your glory.

We praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia. Amen.

God of wholeness, bring those who suffer to new life. We pray for those who bear the burden of pain and anxiety, whose relationships are shattered, and whose lives are full of despair. Lead us to find ways to be present with them and reflect your love for them.

We praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia. Amen.

God of light, bring those in authority to new life in the ways they lead the nations. Show them the path of integrity and truth that their people may live in peace, that all may have security and plenty.

We praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia. Amen.

God of eternity, we give thanks for those who have gone before us and have entered into new and everlasting life in your presence.

We praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia. Amen.

Celebrant

O God make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship, and most of all your heavenly care and narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride, and hatred. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to our children nor to straying feet but rugged enough to turn back the tempter's power. Through your almighty power make this place a gateway to thine eternal kingdom. **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: "That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright"

Hymn 193

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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

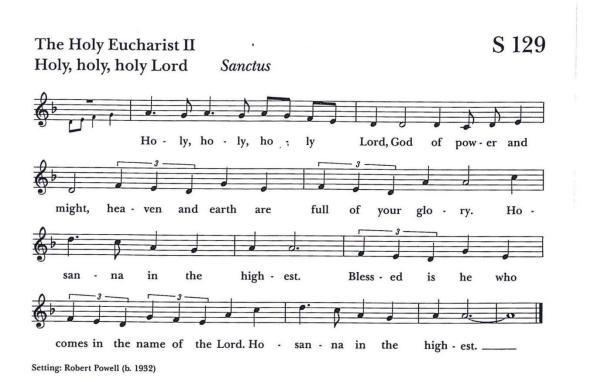
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has

taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:

Celebrant and People



The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

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 _____ 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*.

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.

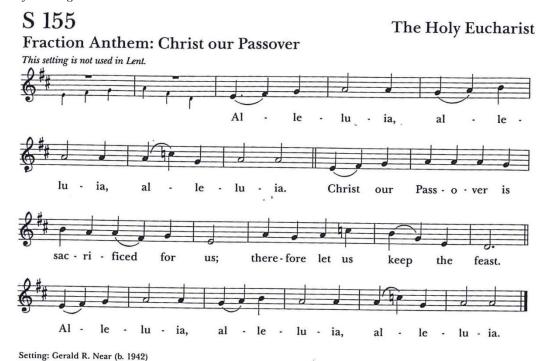
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said



Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and Take them in remembrance that Christ died for

may you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith,

add with thanksgiving.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread is given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

During the ministration of Communion, hymns, psalms, or anthems may be sung.

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.

Dismissal Hymn: "The Day of Resurrection, Earth Tell It Out Abroad" Hymn 210

Organ Postlude

Celebrant: The Rev. Nick Phares
Guest Organist: Mark Wright
Usher: Brian Ferguson
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Today's altar flowers are given to honor the Risen Christ.

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Milton Enderlin, Mary Gillett, Linda Piper, Terry Piper, Leaona Dobbs, Connie Woods, Tracy Dobbs, Liz Green, Matt French, Shellie Greggs, Emily DeGraffenried, Joseph Louis, Lynetta Jackson, Lorrie Loy, Kyle Frohlic, Michelle Sheffield, Catherine Sheffield, Sydney & Ed Beasley, Rob Boyle, Marcia Zervas, Luke Karel, Ada Grillot, Kaye McGinty, Annie Harris, William Joe Harden, Tom & Jacque Martin, Sven Wilhelm, Allen Oliphant, David King, Carolyn French, Bruce, Clara, Peggy, Joe, Sandra, Helen, Kristin, and Scott.