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The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



Congratulations to Our Lay Catechist!

St. Luke's is thrilled to celebrate the news that Tom Reyburn has recently completed the Lay Catechist Program through the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma. This is no small achievement, it represents months of dedicated study, spiritual formation, and preparation for a vital ministry in the life of the Church.

But what exactly is a Lay Catechist?

The word catechesis comes from a Greek term meaning "to echo" or "to teach by word of mouth." In the Church, it refers to the ministry of forming others in the Christian faith. Catechists help others grow into the full stature of Christ through teaching, formation, and spiritual guidance.

According to the Diocese of Oklahoma, a Lay Catechist is "a lay person licensed to prepare adults, youth, and children for Baptism, Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows, and to support others in Christian formation." This role is deeply rooted in the teaching mission of the Church and helps to shape disciples who are grounded in Scripture, tradition, and the life of the Episcopal Church.

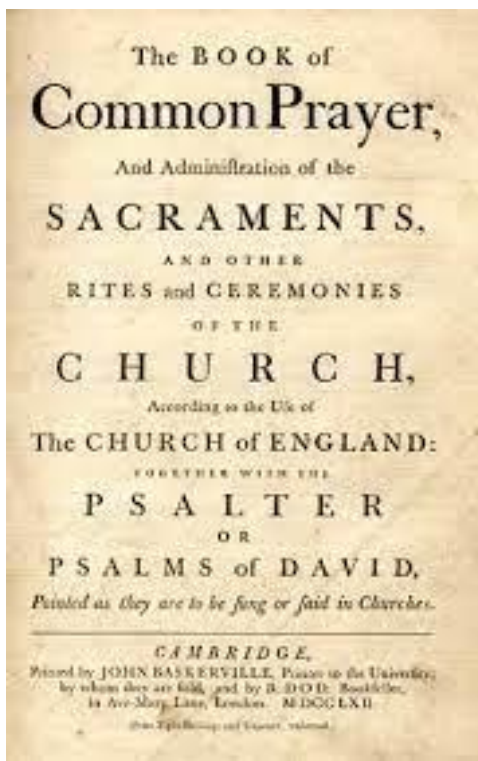
What will this look like at St. Luke's?

Tom, alongside others, will now serve among us as a guide and teacher in our parish's formational life. You might see him leading a confirmation class, walking alongside newcomers as they explore the Episcopal tradition, or facilitating small group studies that invite us deeper into our baptismal calling. This ministry is not about having all the answers. The heart of this ministry is about cultivating the kind of faith that grows through curiosity, conversation, and community.

We give thanks to God for Tom and Martha's faithfulness and dedication. We give thanks to the Diocese of Oklahoma for providing robust training for lay ministers. And we give thanks for the Spirit who continues to call forth new leaders in every generation. May this moment inspire each of us to ask: How am I being called to grow in my faith? Whether through Bible study, prayer, service, or simply asking new questions, we all share the journey of becoming more fully the people God has created us to be.

Faithfully,
Nick+

Theologians Corner:



The First Book of Common Prayer

In 1549, under the reign of Edward VI, successor to Henry VIII, the primary language of public worship in England and other areas ruled by Edward was changed from Latin to English, and the first Book of Common Prayer came into use. It was first used on Pentecost Sunday, 9 June 1549. The Book was the work of a commission of scholars, but primarily of Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury. It was based primarily upon the Latin worship tradition of the Use of Sarum (similar to, but not identical with, the Roman rite used by most Roman Catholic between 1600 and 1950), with some elements taken from the Greek liturgies of the Eastern Church, from ancient Gallican (French) rites, from the new Lutheran order of service, and from the Latin rite of Cologne.

Previously the services of the Church were difficult to follow (the priest often needed to juggle up to a dozen books to get through a single service). This new order pruned and simplified so that only one book other than the Bible was necessary, and so that even the laity could follow the service and participate without difficulty. Moreover, the quality of the English was outstanding. All Christians who worship in English, from Roman Catholics to Southern Baptists and beyond, are in some measure influenced by it, and all to whom it is important that the people of God understand the worship of the Church and take an active part therein have cause to be grateful for the Book of Common Prayer.

At the time, however, the book had its drawbacks. It was resented in non-English-speaking areas ruled from London, such as Ireland, Wales, and Cornwall. If a Gaelic version had been produced

simultaneously, the religious history of Ireland might have been radically different. Nevertheless, as it was, the Prayer Book and the English Bible were viewed as part of an attempt to impose the English language upon Ireland. Similar sentiments were common in Wales and Cornwall, but with less drastic consequences.

Friday marks the day when the Church reflects on its heritage of common prayer – both its challenges and its wonders.

Together we pray: Almighty and everliving God, who, through the Book of Common Prayer didst restore the language of the people in the prayers of thy church: Make us always thankful for this heritage; and help us so to pray in the Spirit and with the understanding, that we may worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer List

Please pray for: Ben Baker, Steve McCraw, Josh Harris, David Swindell, Connie Finch, Terry Grogan, Tyler Roberson, Jerry Nezam, Miriam Petrovich, Lynette Beebe, Jack Smith, Danny Clem, David McAtee, Shawn, Stephanie Gallegos, Pat Sare, Steve Linn, Jean Mason, Adam Thomas, Tom Oakes, Bill Pendley, Mary Wallace, Lynda Stephens, Marcie Zervas, Audrey Harris, Peggy Rockey, Lauren Barlowe, Ken Harvey, Nan Buhlinger, Bill Birk, Carol McSpadden, Dionna Cameron, Betty Rogers, David Anderson, JoAnn Gallery, Freda Bretz, Kathleen Turner, Susan Dick, Susie Manley, Steve Clark, Sue Sherrill, Lauren Gandy, and Kim Kingsbury.

Please add the following to your prayers for the Week of Pentecost

St Luke's, Idabel St Mark's, Hugo The Anglican Church of Melanesia



Birthdays and Anniversaries June 15TH – June 21TH, 2025

Birthdays



Dan Droege (6/19)
Tom Reyburn (6/21)



Anniversaries

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!

At Luke's Place: June 13th – June 19th, 2025

June 15th Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:00am, Chapel
Faith Forum, 9:15am, Metcalf
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30am, Nave
June 19th Men's Fellowship, 7am, Metcalf Hall
Bible Study, 9:15am, Metcalf Hall
Green Country Eucharist, 1pm, GCV

St. Luke's Family takes great joy in the live flowers that are on the High Altar every Sunday except Lent and Advent. Sadly July and August Sundays are basically empty of memorials/honorariums this year. Please consider the important dates to your family that occur in summer, and then decide to place fresh flowers using those names/dates.

Notify Jo Baughman, Flower Fund Chairman and Penny Williams, church secretary of the date(s) you have selected. Required contribution to the Flower Fund is \$55, but we appreciate it if you wish to give even more for your Sunday flowers. Please clearly state the wording that you wish to have in the Sunday Bulletin, and your checks (with Flower Fund noted) can be put in the offering plate or left/mailed to the church office., 210 E. 9th, Bartlesville, OK 74003

Thank you very much for assisting us in continuing to have fresh flowers each Sunday at St. Luke's.

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June Pack the Backpacks Item Chisel Tip (any size package)



EXPO Dry Erase Markers, Chisel Tip, Black, 8 Count

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Concern's current needs - Vienna sausage, canned tuna, toothpaste and for the homeless - single-serve proteins.

Communiuon Bread Baker Needed



Altar Guild is looking for a bread maker for first week. If anyone is interested and would like to be a part of altar guild in making bread please call or text Wendy Hall at 918-440-4355.

Our Family's Home



and I have found at St. Luke's. The words are:

Our Family's Home
I come from the land of the Northern Lights.
Some come from the Southern Hills,
Others traveled here from Coast to Coast
With hearts and dreams to fill.

We have gathered here at St. Luke's place
In the City of Bartlesville.
We're the fathers, mothers, sons and daughters,
Doing God's will.

I am one
But we are many
And from all the different walks of life we come.
To share our Faith,
With arms wide open.

I am
You are
We are God's children.

This place
Right now,
This is our family's home.

I have been remembering memories of the past that I had with Janice, good times and bad. The one thing that brought us closer was when we both started coming to St. Luke's. When Janice first came to the 8am service with me, on the way home she was silent. When I asked her how she liked the service, she informed me that it was like the service when she was growing up, word for word. She asked me if she had to become a member of St. Luke's, I informed her no because we have open arms for everyone. From that time forward to now, I still remember talking to her about all the things that she could volunteer for and help with. She did this with a joy and commitment that she

didn't have the chance to do before. Both of us agreed that we had finally found our home. As it states in Ephesians 2:19-20; "Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone."

-Robert Lonski



Check out the Bookstore for Father's Day Gifts! Devotionals, Books, study guides, and Bibles are available. Remember **FATHER'S DAY, June 15th**

Trinity Sunday

Feast that celebrates "the one and equal glory" of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, "in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being" (BCP, p. 380). It is celebrated on the first Sunday after Pentecost. Trinity Sunday is one of the seven principal feasts of the church year (BCP, p. 15). The proper readings and collect for Trinity Sunday are used only on the feast, not on the weekdays following. The numbered proper which corresponds most closely to the date of Trinity Sunday is used (BCP, p. 228). The BCP also provides the proper "Of the Holy Trinity" for optional use at other times, subject to the rules of the calendar of the church year (see BCP, pp. 251, 927). The Hymnal 1982 presents ten hymns in a section on The Holy Trinity (Hymns 362-371), including "Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!" (Hymn 362), "Come, thou almighty King" (Hymn 365), and "Holy Father, great Creator" (Hymn 368).

Celebration of Trinity Sunday was approved for the western church by Pope John XXII in 1334. This feast is associated with Thomas Becket (c. 1118-1170), who was consecrated bishop on Trinity Sunday, 1162. His martyrdom may have influenced the popularity of the feast in England and the custom of naming the remaining Sundays of the church year "Sundays after Trinity." The Sarum Missal and editions of the Prayer Book through the 1928 BCP named these Sundays the Sundays after Trinity. The 1979 BCP identifies this portion of the church year as the season after Pentecost, and names these Sundays the Sundays after Pentecost (see BCP, p. 32).

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