



The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

# *The Steeple*



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### **I love the drive between Bartlesville and Pawhuska**

By Guest Columnist Mother Andrea Jones

I love the drive between Bartlesville and Pawhuska. The best of the drive is the scenery: open skies, rolling hills, grasses, rocks. Now some could say, "There is not much spectacular about Oklahoma countryside; it is rather ordinary." And I would say, "Friend, you just haven't looked closely!" Or far enough! The stretch between the two cities is full of dramatic views. For one, I love seeing the folds of the land. At one part of the drive my car winds around the edge of a small canyon, green trees below and rock wall to my right and it never fails -- hanging on the wind just to my left is a buzzard. I can almost look him in the eye as we pass each other. Now how many people get to do that outside of a zoo? Just this week I saw a tarantula stepping onto the road, each hairy leg slowly tapping its way. It looked big as I passed it at 60 mph. I wondered how big it would have been if I had not been driving! And then, up ahead, there was a doe and her fawn standing at the edge of the road. I slowed a bit, they had plenty of time to cross before I got too close, but you can never tell. The mother walked sedately across and then the little one skipped behind, really, it skipped until it went ahead of its mother.

Bill has had many encounters with deer in Iowa, even had a few attack his car! He warned me, "When you see one deer on the road, there are probably one or more in the ditch so watch out!" Sure enough, just as I came to that spot, another doe leaped up to the edge and, praise God, slid to a halt. Another eye-to-eye encounter! They are so lovely, all ears and eyes and legs. The image is one of those mind-snapshots I will keep and take with me to heaven.

Yes, you just have to be alert and ready to be surprised by what is right there all the time. Isn't that what our life is like with God? God is always there, but somehow can be unseen in those daily trips to work or encounters with colleagues. It takes practice to see beyond the ordinary or better said, into the wonder of the ordinary. In Christian spirituality it is called "attentiveness." Living in expectation. After all God is not hiding, too often we are not looking. And when we do not look, we will not see. There are many ways to practice attentiveness. Fr. Edward Hays in his book, *The Magic Lantern*, suggested dusting the furniture in this way: *focus on dusting. Do not think of the next chore, or what you need to do tonight, just be present in your dusting.* The idea is to center on what you are doing to the fullest. When I do that, somehow, God is present. When I appreciate the food on my plate, its color, its taste, texture (and not think about the dessert to come), the food is transformed. How amazing is that?

Yes, I love the drive back and forth between Pawhuska and Bartlesville. The land is a broad canvas which God set out for me to enjoy as I drive each way. God is good. Amen.



# St. Luke's Episcopal Church Senior 2020

## Ruth Todd

**St. Luke's Memory:** Making up a song about God and singing it at the 10:30 AM service when I was 9.

**Future Plans:** Attend Kansas State University, tryout for the Kansas State Marching Band, and major in Biology



**Season 3 of The Episcopal Church's podcast *The Way of Love with Bishop Michael Curry***, is now available. These weekly conversations, featuring Bishop Curry, podcast host Sandy Milien, and a variety of guests, center on ways to live a life committed to living the way of God's unconditional, unselfish, sacrificial and redemptive love.

Season 3 changes include longer conversations between Bishop Curry and his guests: faith leaders, authors, and thinkers who are committed to following the Way of Jesus in the world today. Framed by the Way of Love – those seven practices of turning, learning, praying, worshipping, blessing, going, and resting – listeners will hear stories and lessons about how they can grow closer to God in daily life.

In Episode 1, Bishop Curry sits down with New York Times best-selling author and podcast host Jen Hatmaker to discover how, among many changes, opportunities, setbacks, and even a television show, she and her family have paused, listened, and reoriented themselves again and again toward Jesus and his Way of Love. Hear about her shift from a self-centered to an other-centered faith, and how one unconventional fast deeply impacted her. Hatmaker's latest book is *Fierce, Free, and Full of Fire*. This episode of the Way of Love podcast is sponsored by **Trinity Church Wall Street**, which offers streamed live and on demand in high definition six days per week.

*The Way of Love with Bishop Michael Curry*, is available on most podcast apps and at [episcopalchurch.org](https://episcopalchurch.org). Visit the [Way of Love podcast webpage](#) to subscribe to the podcast through Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts or Spotify and to sign up for notifications of new seasons and episodes as well as additional featured content.

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Nick Olsen has been on the honor roll all four years of high school. He was a member of the school's cross country and track teams and also participated in club rugby. Nick played the cello in the symphonic orchestra.

At St. Luke's, Nick has been an acolyte since the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. Nick's favorite St. Luke's memory is a trip to St. Crispin's during a Young Disciples weekend retreat. Nick is grateful for St. Luke's congregation, his former Sunday school teachers and YD advisors.

In his spare time, Nick enjoys playing guitar, climbing, and exploring the outdoors. Nick plans to attend Pitt State University in Kansas in the fall.

#### Ordination and Consecration News

In March, during the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic and the decision to suspend large in-person gatherings, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry announced the rescheduling of ordinations and consecrations of bishops previously scheduled for April. Today, Curry announced his appointment of the chief consecrators for Ordinations and Consecrations of Bishops in the Episcopal Dioceses of Georgia, Minnesota, and Oklahoma:

The Right Rev. Scott Benhase, vice president of Province IV, will serve as chief consecrator at the ordination and consecration of The Rev. Canon Frank Logue as the 11th Bishop of Georgia on May 30, 2020.

The Right Rev. Larry Benfield, president of Province VII, will serve as chief consecrator at the ordination and consecration of The Rev. Poulson Reed as the Bishop Coadjutor of Oklahoma on May 30, 2020.

The Right Rev. Brian Prior, president of Province VI, will serve as chief consecrator at the ordination and consecration of The Very Rev. Craig Loya as the 10th Bishop of Minnesota on June 6, 2020.

In making this announcement, Curry said, "In the midst of this COVID-19 pandemic, we are now at one of those threshold moments when important and significant decisions must be made on all levels of our global community for the good and the well-being of the entire human family. Federal, state, and local authorities continue to issue new guidelines on travel and in-person gatherings. I ask your prayers for the Church, our suffering world, and all dioceses awaiting consecration of their next bishop."

## Online & Mobile Giving Now Available

Online giving application is now available to St. Luke's members through the Tithe.ly mobile application or directly online from your home device. You can utilize either method of giving by going to this [Tithe.ly web page](https://get.tithe.ly/download-tithely-app) (<https://get.tithe.ly/download-tithely-app>). Complete instructions for using this convenience are provided on the home page of the [St. Luke's website](http://episcopalbartlesville.org) (<http://episcopalbartlesville.org>) or by picking Online Giving in the right-side menu.

Regardless of whether you can manage all or some of your normal giving, please continue to support our community of faith. And if you're not comfortable with virtual giving, there's always the old-fashioned way of mailing a check to the church office: St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 210 E 9th St, Bartlesville, OK 74003 *or* dropping a check into our locked mail slot to left of the north church doors.

### Step-by-Step Instructions for Giving through Tithe.ly

- 1) Get started by going to Tithe.ly (yes, there's a dot between the "e" and the "l") and download the application. [Click here](#) or go to: <https://get.tithe.ly/download-tithely-app>
- 2) From the above link, you may donate directly from your home computer (vs. your phone/mobile device) by picking the Give Online option OR you may donate from your phone or other mobile device by selecting either the Apple or Android (Google Play) version.
- 3) Open the application and enter your name and email, and then create a personal password and PIN.
- 4) In the Find a Church window at the top, type in: St. Luke's Episcopal Church (several St. Luke's Episcopal Churches will pop up, so be sure to pick ours in Bartlesville)
- 5) Select the method of payment at the bottom: credit, debit, or bank account withdrawal.
- 6) Enter the amount of your gift and indicate whether you would like it to be Recurring and at what frequency.
- 7) Pick General Fund as the destination.
- 8) If you want to provide the full amount of your gift to the church, check Cover Fees box and the Tithe.ly service charge will not be deducted from your gift to the church. There service charge is 2.75% + 0.30 per credit/debit card transaction, which reflects a slight discount through association with The Network for Episcopal Stewardship.
- 9) The application will save your donation information for the next time you give. All you have to do is enter your PIN. Both the Give Online and mobile methods of Tithe.ly giving are secure. If you have questions, they will probably be answered by [clicking here](https://get.tithe.ly/faqs) (<https://get.tithe.ly/faqs>).



**Office Info:** Roseanne McKee, office manager/assistant to rector, is in the office Monday – Thursdays 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. The north doors will be locked, but if you need anything, please call the office at 918-336-1212.

**Chapel Schedule:** The chapel will be open Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. and Sundays 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

### Agape Mission Volunteer Schedule

#### Thursday, May 7:

9-11am: Jeanne Julstrom, Becky Liehr  
10:45am – 1pm: Kris Bonner, Rita Childers, Becky Liehr,  
Kathy Zervas, Dolores McCreary  
1:00 – 2:45pm: Peter Julstrom, Miriam Petrovich,  
Wendy Hall

#### Thursday, May 21:

9-11am: Jim Liehr  
10:45am – 1pm: Jeff Birk, Dean Zervas  
Glenda Garrison, Darian Kedy, Jen Peterson,  
1:00 – 2:45pm: Carol Murphy, Radomir Petrovich,  
Becky Olsen

### **CONCERN Food Drive at St. Luke's:**

To ensure these items are available to those in need of food, St. Luke's will have a food drive through May 15. The following items may be dropped off in the chapel during office hours: sugar, flour, cornbread mix, pancake mix (that just needs water added) and dry milk. Items may be left on the back chapel pews.

This is not an emergency call for help, so there is no need to make a special trip to the store for this. Instead, just get one or more of these items during your regular shopping trips as your budget allows.

Father Steve can also pick up these grocery items from your porches. Just call the office and let Roseanne know where and when to pick up the items. Office phone is 918-336-1212.



### *St. Luke's Prayer List*

Please keep the following persons in your prayers:

*Elizabeth, Jenny, Georgia, Diana, Millie, Bryson, Suzanne, Sydney, Ed, Evelyn, Toni, Milton, Joseph, Lyndee, Alan, Bill, Karen, Ethan, Elaine, Marjean, Helen, Mark, Cynthia, Steve, Barbara, Brent, Katie, Ruth, Glenn, Marsha, Jerry, D.J., Sarah, Mary, Emily, Whitney, Lloyd, Melt, Belinda, Wendy, David, Tracy, Linda, Terry, Leaona, Connie, Tracy, Mark, Diana F., Jim, Bid, Ada, Lisa, Helen, Nan, Patricia, and all members of our armed forces and their families.*  
If you have a prayer request, contact our Prayer Ministry Coordinator Thelma Blackburn 918-333-7902 or [TPBGEN@aol.com](mailto:TPBGEN@aol.com) or the church office at 918-336-1212 or [office@episcopalbartlesville.org](mailto:office@episcopalbartlesville.org).

**Habits of Grace:** A new video meditation will be posted on Mondays through May. They can be found on YouTube by typing in the search bar: Habits of Grace by Bishop Curry.

#### **Bereavement Team 1**

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

Daily Devotionals for May-July are available in the chapel.

# Other thoughts...

- Be aware -- Father Steve will not request gift cards or other monetary support through email. 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.
- FYI: Bishop Ed has inhibited the distribution of communion by the clergy to any parishioner (title IV violation). Additionally, Bishop Ed has prohibited public in-person gatherings of any kind including gathering in parking lots or other open spaces.
- **St. Luke's is now on Instagram! Follow St. Luke's at [episcopalbartlesville](#).**

## Central Oklahoma Funders' Roundtable COVID 19 Emergency Relief Fund

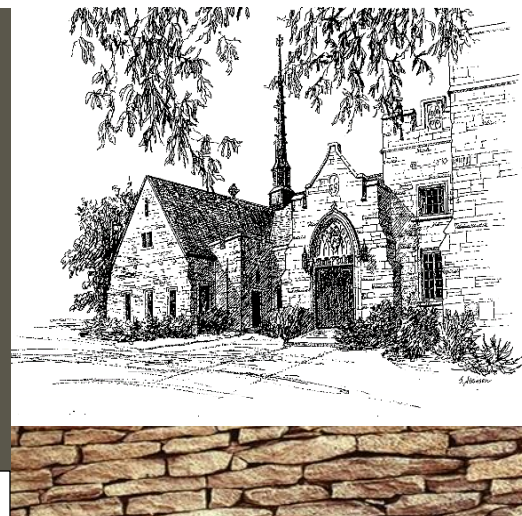
The Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma wanted to make churches aware of an important grant opportunity for nonprofit organizations that provide food, shelter, medical or essential childcare needs in and around the OKC area.

"Central Oklahoma Funders' Roundtable (COFR) has opened a weekly grant cycle benefiting organizations effected by the COVID19 disaster. Coming together to collaboratively fund the needs of central Oklahoma nonprofits, the COFR is comprised of philanthropic funders committed to ensuring maximum impact for organizations most in need.

Nonprofit organizations providing food, shelter, medical or essential childcare needs within Oklahoma county and the contiguous counties will be considered. The grant cycle will open each Monday and close each Friday at noon with recipients being notified within two weeks following submission of their application.

The initial philanthropic funders are McLaughlin Family Foundation, Sarkeys Foundation, Inasmuch Foundation and United Way of Central Oklahoma."

To apply for this grant visit [www.cfok.org/grant](http://www.cfok.org/grant)



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## Connecting with St. Luke's

The parish staff and volunteers are working hard to keep the parish connected. Here are the resources available to you to stay connected:

- Parish phone tree—a phone tree has been set up to keep our members connected. If you have a need or concern, please let your phone tree captain know. If you aren't receiving calls from the phone tree, please let Jeff Birk know @ [jbirk54@gmail.com](mailto:jbirk54@gmail.com)
- Follow St. Luke's on Instagram. You can find us @ [episcopalbartlesville](#). Also, like our content so it will appear in your Instagram feed. Typically, the content on Instagram is also posted on Facebook, although not all of the photographs posted on Instagram will appear on Facebook.
- Follow St. Luke's on FaceBook. Search for St. Luke's Bartlesville on Facebook and like our Page. Also, once you start seeing our content in your FaceBook feed, please like it and share it. This helps others to see it, but it also keeps St. Luke's content coming into your feed. If you don't "like" our content, you won't see it. Facebook is about engagement, and you will see the things you engage.
- Friend Father Steve on FaceBook. He will friend you back and you can follow him and see his shenanigans.
- Subscribe to the St. Luke's YouTube channel [HERE](#). (If the HERE link does not work, go to <https://bit.ly/2QIgY7c> in your computer's browser.) Subscribing helps us gain followers which allows the content to be seen by a wider audience. The content includes recordings of our Zoom worship services. You can also access this content on your television with streaming devices (like FireTV) that have the YouTube app included.

- Check out the St. Luke's website for updates on a regular basis. The website is found here: [www.episcopalbartlesville.org](http://www.episcopalbartlesville.org). We are working hard to update it frequently, so the content is current.
- Receive *The Steeple* and other updates via Mailchimp. Please send Roseanne your current email @ [office@episcopalbartlesville.org](mailto:office@episcopalbartlesville.org), and you can receive updates and the newsletter. *The Steeple* is usually published on Wednesday or Thursday and is often followed up with a weekend highlights on Fridays (not every Friday). We will also continue to mail a hardcopy of *The Steeple* to those who prefer to receive things via USPS.

### **Worship:**

Worship services are live on the Zoom app on Sundays at 10 am.  
The weekly bulletins can be found at [www.episcopalbartlesville.org](http://www.episcopalbartlesville.org).

Please note that there are three ways to participate in Worship:

- 1) Listen to the service by telephone. (This can be a home phone, or a flip phone, smartphone, etc.)
  - To do this:
  - Dial 1-346-248-7799
  - When asked to enter the Zoom Meeting ID, enter 9365095026#
  - When asked to enter a Participant ID, just enter the # sign
  - When asked to enter the Meeting Password, enter 251445#
  - That's it. You should now be in the meeting, by phone.
- 2) Use Zoom on a computer or smartphone.
  - Click [HERE](#) to go to the Zoom website. (If the HERE link does not work, go to <https://zoom.us/j/9365095026> in your computer's browser.)
  - When asked to enter the Meeting Password, enter 251445
  - **Please mute your device during the worship service.**
- 3) Service will be uploaded to the St. Luke's YouTube channel on Sunday afternoons. Audio recording of the sermon will be found on St. Luke's website.





**Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two**

**Opening Hymn**

*The Officiant begins the service with one or more of these sentences of Scripture beginning on page 77 of The Book of Common Prayer (BCP)*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
*The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice  
and be glad in it. *Psalms 118:24*

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory  
through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
*1 Corinthians 15:57*

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek  
the things that are above, where Christ is,  
seated at the right hand of God.  
*Colossians 3:1*

Christ has entered, not into a sanctuary made  
with hands, a copy of the true one, but into  
heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of  
God on our behalf. *Hebrews 9:24*

You shall receive power when the Holy Ghost  
has come upon you; and you shall be my  
witness in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and  
Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. *Acts 1:8*

**The Invitatory and Psalter** *BCP 80*

*All stand*

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your  
praise.

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the  
Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!

**Venite** *Psalms 95:1-7* *BCP 82*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for  
joy to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come  
before his presence with thanksgiving and raise  
a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King  
above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of  
the earth, and the heights of the hills are his  
also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his  
hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God, and we are the people of his  
pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that  
today you would hearken to his voice!

**Psalms 31: 1-5, 15-16** *BCP 622*

1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me  
never be put to shame; \* deliver me in your  
righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; \* make haste to  
deliver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \* for  
the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly  
set for me, \* for you are my tower of strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, \* for  
you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of  
truth.

15 My times are in your hand; \* rescue me  
from the hand of my enemies, and from those  
who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant,  
\* and in your loving-kindness save me."

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the  
Holy Spirit: \*as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be for ever. Amen.



## The Lessons

### A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (7: 55-60)

But filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

*The Reader says* Here ends the the Lesson.

**Canticle 15**    The Song of Mary    *BCP 91*  
Luke 1:46-55    Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; for he has  
looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me  
blessed: the Almighty has done great things for  
me, and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him in every  
generation. He has shown the strength of his  
arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their  
thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, and  
the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel,  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, to  
Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

### A Reading from the Gospel According to John (14:1-14)

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

*The Reader says* Here ends the the Lesson.

Canticle 21 You are God BCP 95

You are God: we praise you;  
You are the Lord; we acclaim you;  
You are the eternal Father:  
All creation worships you.



To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and  
might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
Throughout the world the holy Church  
acclaims you; Father, of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal  
Son of the Father. When you became man to  
set us free you did not shun the Virgin's womb.  
You overcame the sting of death and opened  
the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come and be our judge.  
Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood and  
bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

**Homily**                      The Reverend Steve Hood

**The Apostles' Creed**                      *BCP 96*

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator  
of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy  
Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,  
died, and was buried. He descended to the  
dead. On the third day he rose again. He  
ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right  
hand of the Father. He will come again to  
judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic  
Church, the communion of saints, the  
forgiveness of sins the resurrection of the  
body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Hymn**

**The Prayers**                      *BCP 97*

*The People stand or kneel*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

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.

*Then follows the following Suffrages A:                      BCP 97*

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. And grant us your salvation.  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. Let your people sing with joy.  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. For only in you can we live in safety.  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. And guide us in the way of justice and  
truth.  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. Your saving health among all nations.  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

*The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects*

*The Collect of the Day*

Almighty God, whom truly to know is  
everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know  
your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth,  
and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his  
steps in the way that leads to eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who  
lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*A Collect for Sundays*

O God, you make us glad with the weekly  
remembrance of the glorious resurrection of  
your Son our Lord: Give us this day such

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blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### *A Collect in a Time of Isolation\**

Almighty God: Our times are in your hand. We call upon you in this hour of our need, when we are lonely and must stand apart. Be our strength, O Sovereign Lord, our calm in the midst of raging seas, our refuge and our dwelling place. Sanctify to us this time drawn away from others, even as your Son, O Father, drew away to a lonely place for prayer. Deepen our need of you, O Lord, that every breath may be a whisper of the Spirit's prompting, a renewed searching of the deep things of God. Stir up in us the great act of intercession, that we may spend our time apart in prayer for the world you created and sustain. Bless us in our turning toward you, and make us a blessing to those who stand in need of you, the whole fragile earth. All this we ask in the name of the great Physician, even Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Then, this prayers for mission is added*

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Prayers of intercession and thanksgiving are offered here and silence is observed*

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all churches in our diocese, for their mission and ministry, and for their proclamation of the Good News in cities and towns across the state; in our parish, we pray for those requesting prayer including Elizabeth, Jenny, Georgia, Diana, Millie, Bryson, Suzanne, Sydney, Ed, Evelyn, Toni, Milton, Joseph, Lyndee, Alan, Bill, Karen, Ethan, Elaine,

Marjean, Helen, Mark, Cynthia, Steve, Barbara, Brent, Katie, Ruth, Glenn, Marsha, Jerry, D.J., Sarah, Mary, Emily, Whitney, Lloyd, Melt, Belinda, Wendy, David, Tracy, Linda, Terry, Leaona, Connie, Tracy, Mark, Diana F., Jim, Bid, Lisa, Ada, Michelle, and Patricia. We also remember those who have died, especially Stephen Goforth. Let perpetual shine upon Stephen, and all your Saints who we remember this morning.

We also pray for doctors, nurses, aides, and all other health care professionals and service employees entrusted with the health and wellness of our community; and for our elected officials and those given the public's trust to make prudent decisions for the care of this city, state, and nation. We also pray for the men and women of the armed services, for those serving in other areas of national service, for those who are traveling or homebound or recovering from illness, surgery, or some other affliction. For all of these and for prayers spoken and for prayers left unspoken, let us pray to the Lord.

### *The General Thanksgiving*

*BCP 101*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

*Then may be said*

Fifth Sunday of Easter



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Let us bless the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

*The Officiant may then conclude with one of the following*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*  
*2 Corinthians 13:14*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*  
*Romans 15:13*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.* *Ephesians 3:20,21*

**Closing Hymn**

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