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The Steeple



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The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Welcome to the Watkins!

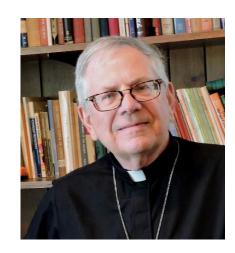
They're back. But just for this coming Sunday only! The Reverends Lauri and Mike Watkins, the deacon duo we've missed so much, are going to be officiating at this Sunday's service of Morning Prayer.

The Watkins are in town on a vacation of sorts, visiting family in Bartlesville. During the announcement segment of the service, they'll be telling us what they've been up to in Eugene, Oregon, as deacons serving two different churches.



Lauri has been serving as a deacon at the Church of the Resurrection since September 2019. At the same time, Mike joined as a deacon at St. Thomas Episcopal Church. Both were ordained at St. Luke's – Lauri in 2013 and Mike in 2015. Together, their areas of involvement have included homelessness, housing, families in poverty and in crisis, Christian education, hospice and palliative care, and the LGBTQ community. And, as at St. Luke's, they regularly take part in the services at their respective parishes. Welcome, Watkins!

Progress continues on our search for a priest in charge. As I announced last Sunday, the vestry has narrowed the field to two candidates, which will be interviewed by the vestry via Zoom next week. As we take this step, we are closely following the needs and desires of the congregation as they were expressed in our Parish Profile. If you'd like to review the qualities we're looking for in a priest in charge, CLICK HERE, which will take you to an online copy of the profile, then look at pages 6-7, entitled "The Priest in Charge We Seek..."



Welcome to the Watkins -- continued

Remember that priest in charge doesn't mean "interim" or temporary. This arrangement can, and often does, turn into a long-term commitment between the priest and the congregation. That decision is typically made after a one-year period, at which time the priest in charge can be called as the rector if all parties agree.

The vestry is enthused about where we're headed. Meanwhile, please pray for us and for our community of faith, now and for the future.

Dan Droege, Sr. Warden on behalf of the Vestry

Arms Wide Open -- Update on Emily

As many of you know, Office Manager Roseanne McKee has organized a series of fundraisers for a mother in need. On Sept. 30, the Murray Law Firm in Stillwater mailed the filings to the court to enforce the existing custody/visitation agreement of Emily, the divorced mother of two, who has not seen her children since COVID-19 began over 7 months ago.

Since the fundraising began in July, \$3,000 have been raised through donations and four yard sales. Part of the fundraising efforts are Christmas table runners made by Roseanne McKee, St. Luke's office manger, and her mother-in-law. The table runners cost \$10 each. Decoupaged match boxes with matches are \$2. The table runners and a payment jar will be in the narthex on Sunday. Pay by cash or check made payable to Murray Law Firm.



Information from Roseanne, Office Manager:

Roseanne's Office Hours 9:30 – 2:30 Roseanne's fall schedule is to work 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. with an hour lunch break somewhere. 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 or Roseanne's cell 918-287-8784.

Chapel Schedule: Closed until the new lock has been installed. The Chapel lock is worn out. A new one is on back order from Indian Lock & Key. Roseanne checks order status regularly.

Agape Mission Volunteer Schedule

Thursday, Oct. 8:

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, Oct. 22:

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

St Luke's Prayer List

St. Luke's Prayer List

Please keep the following persons in your prayers:

Milton, Elizabeth, Georgia,
Millie, Bryson, Suzanne, Linda,
Terry, Leaona, Connie, Tracy,
Michelle, Catherine, Thelma,
Sydney, Ed, Cheri, Rhonda, Liz,
Evan, Joseph, Belinda, Mary,
Emily, Madelyn, Maxwell, and
all members of our armed forces
and their families.

If you have a prayer request, contact the church office at 918-336-1212 or office@episcopalbartlesville.org.

Bereavement Team 1

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

Online & Mobile Giving 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 <u>Tithe.ly web page</u> (https://get.tithe.ly/download-tithely-app). Complete instructions for using this convenience are provided on the home page of the <u>St. Luke's website</u> (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, you can always mail a check to the church office: St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 210 E 9th St, Bartlesville, OK 74003 *or* drop a check into our locked mail slot near north entrance.

Other thoughts...

• 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 October 1 - 10

Birthdays

Greta Olsen, Oct. 2 Oliver Ellis, Oct. 3 Cheryl VanAken, Oct. 3 Elizabeth Boyle, Oct. 4 Mary Martin, Oct. 5 Madelyn Stuart, Oct. 6 John Hood, Oct. 7 David Wiseman, Oct. 8 Robin Wiseman, Oct. 8 David Nelson, Oct. 10

Anniversaries

Raymond & Dolores Theis, Oct. 7 Gene & Janet Holland, Oct. 10



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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 Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost: Proper 22

October 4, 2020 10:00 a.m.



St. Luke's Episcopal Church 210 Southeast Ninth Street Bartlesville, Oklahoma



The Eighteenth Sunday after

Pentecost: Proper 22

Daily Morning Prayer: Rite II

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Organ Prelude

Processional Hymn #518

"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

See page 13

- Please stand when the bell rings
- Opening hymn will be played during procession
- Opening Hymn

Officiant

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Phillipians 1:2

Remain standing

The Invitatory and Psalter

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!

Jubilate Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; * serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with song, Know this: The Lord himself is God; * he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; * give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;

His mercy is everlasting; *

And his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Sit for the reading of the Psalm and Lessons (including Gospel text), stand for the reading or singing of the Canticle(s)

Psalm 19

Caeli enarrant

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, * and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, * and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, * and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, * and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; * it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; * nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; * the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; * the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; * the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, * sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, * and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? * cleanse me from my secret faults.

- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; * then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, *
 O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

The Lessons

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

The Reader says: Here ends the Lesson.

Canticle 10 The Second Song of Isaiah

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; * call upon him when he draws near.

Let the wicked forsake their ways *

and the evil ones their thoughts;

And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, *

and to our God, for he will richly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, * nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, * so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *

and return not again, but water the earth, Bringing forth life and giving growth, * seed for sowing and bread for eating,

So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; * it will not return to me empty;
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, * and prosper in that for which I sent it.

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*.

Lesson - Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Reader says: Here ends the Lesson.

Canticle 17 The Song of Simeon

Nunc dimittis

Lord, you now have set your servant free * to go in peace as you have promised; For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, * whom you have prepared for all the world to see: A Light to enlighten the nations, * and the glory of your people Israel.

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 Matthew 21:33-46

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

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The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord's doing,

and it is amazing in our eyes'?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet. *The Reader says:* Here ends the Lesson.

Homily

Dolores McCreary

Stand

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together

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 WLP #757 "Will You Come and Follow Me"

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Kneel or sit

The Prayers

Suffrages A

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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;	

The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects

And sustain us with your Holy

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

Spirit.

The Prayers of the People Form III

Lay Reader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others especially: Milton, Elizabeth, Georgia, Millie, Bryson, Suzanne, Linda, Terry, Leaona, Connie, Tracy, Michelle, Catherine, Thelma, Sydney, Ed, Cheri, Rhonda, Liz, Evan, Joseph, Belinda, Mary, Emily, Madelyn and Maxwell.

We pray also for the candidates who have been presented for consideration as our Priest in Charge. We pray that through your grace and by seeking your wisdom and discernment, our Vestry, keeping their eyes upon you, will be directed to the priest you have chosen for St. Luke's.

May your word give a lamp to their feet, and a light to their path.

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

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*.

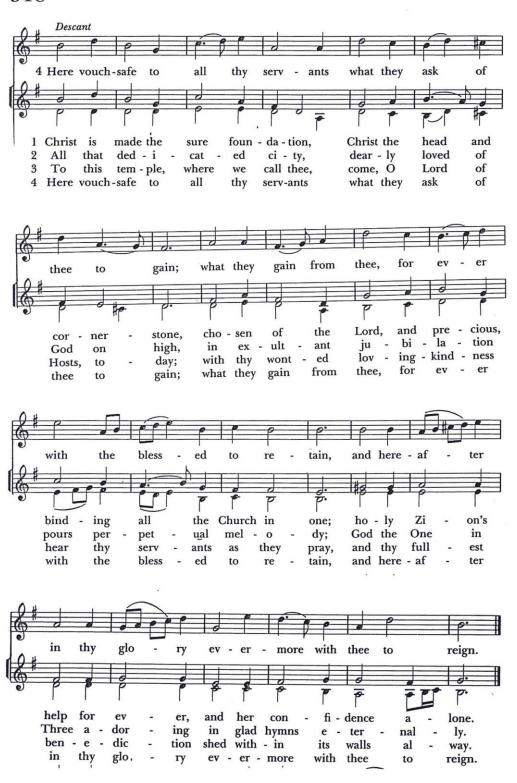
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

Announcements: Dan Droege and the Watkins

Blessing

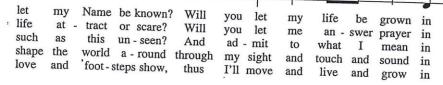
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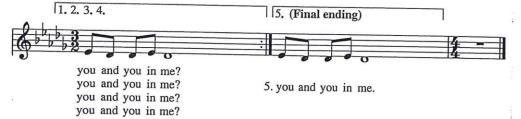
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Text: from the Iona Community John L. Bell and Graham Maule

Tune: Mary Alexandra John L. Hooker (b.1944)

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