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## *The Steeple*



Nov. 5,  
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### The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

## Calm in Unsettled Times

This week has been a moment of high anxiety for just about everyone, regardless of where you stand politically. And as I write this, the anxiety continues. But regardless of the outcome of the national election, we continue to pray now and will continue to pray each Sunday:

*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.*

At this unsettled time, the St. Luke's worship team, which plans each Sunday's service, found great comfort and inspiration from Presiding Bishop's Michael Curry's powerful message from the national church's ["Holding on to Hope: A National Service for Healing and Wholeness"](#) held just prior to the election.

This coming Sunday morning, Kris Bonner and I will be presenting some selected excerpts from the Presiding Bishop Curry's sermon as the homily for this Morning Prayer service. Before or after that, you may if you have internet access hear his sermon ["Our Values Matter"](#) in its entirety. We heartily recommend it. We feel his message must be ever-present in our minds and in our actions as we move forward as a church, community and nation.

Please continue to take care of each other and your loved ones as the pandemic continues to spread in our state. Yesterday, new Oklahoma cases reached an all time high of 2,101 and hospitalizations for COVID-19 or suspected cases of the virus surpassed 1,000. Health care workers are under great stress. Even if hospital beds are physically available, that's only a number if there isn't enough staff to provide adequate care.

As you know, St. Luke's (thanks to Margaret's meticulous help) has been taking every precaution to keep our church home safe for everyone. But we must continue to be vigilant elsewhere, wherever we go in the community. To be sure, we are weary of the restrictions. But we cannot tire of caring for neighbors, just as we care for ourselves. We owe it to one another.

Dan Droege, Sr. Warden  
On behalf of the Vestry

## Christmas Star Update

After a conversation with Debbie Jabben, our contact with DHS, we have decided that our Star Tree gift program cannot be accomplished this year due to a number of factors. But, as a way to continue in the St. Luke's tradition of providing Christmas gifts to children in need in our community, we are going to partner with the Salvation Army in their Angel Tree program. We will provide more details in the coming weeks. Thanks to all for your past support and we hope we can provide joy to children in the coming Christmas season.

Steve and Cheryl Van Aken

## Santa Shop at Jane Phillips Elementary

The 8<sup>th</sup> annual Santa Shop at Jane Phillips Elementary will be held Dec. 19, 9-11 a.m. Due to COVID-19, this year's Santa Shop will be a drive-through "Winter Wonderland, Where Your Dreams Come True."

Monetary donations mailed to Jane Phillips at 1500 S. Rogers, Bartlesville, OK 74003, are requested by Nov. 30 to help purchase the following:

- Blankets and pillows
- Underwear and socks
- A pair of gloves and a winter hat for each participant
- Toothbrush and toothpaste for each participant
- Gently used or new items for our students to give as gifts to their parents/grandparents
- Processing of selfies with Santa, Mrs. Claus and Peppermint, the Elf
- Christmas gift bags to wrap presents for family members

Last year 320+ students and their families were touched by the outpouring of community support.

This year parents will pre-select a new toy for each of their children to be gifted to them on Christmas, and the children will receive a new outfit that has been purchased by a member of the community, and a Christmas dinner bag will be given to each family.

If you have questions, call Santa Shop Committee members Karla Cunningham at 918-519-0223 or via email at [cunninghamkl@bps-ok.org](mailto:cunninghamkl@bps-ok.org) or Melinda Butterfield at 918-331-6407 or via email at [butterfieldml@bps-ok.org](mailto:butterfieldml@bps-ok.org).

### Information from Roseanne, Office Manager:

**Roseanne's Updated Office Hours 9:30 – 1:30.** 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 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

### Agape Mission Volunteer Schedule

#### Thursday, Nov. 12:

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, Nov. 26:

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

Please keep the following persons in your prayers:

**Milton, Elizabeth, Georgia, Millie, Suzanne, Linda, Terry, Leaona, Connie, Tracy, Michelle, Catherine, Thelma, Sydney, Ed, Cheri, Rhonda, Liz, Evan, Joseph, Belinda, Mary, Emily, Madelyn, Maxwell, Bruce, Clara, Ann, Marty, Juanita, Peggy, Joe, Dale, Shellie, 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

#### **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 [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, 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.

# 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 November 5 - 15

### Birthdays

Glenn Blackburn, Nov. 5  
Ezra Ingram, Nov. 7  
Raymond Theis, Nov. 7  
Fr. Steve Hood, Nov. 7  
Laura Birk, Nov. 8  
David King, Nov. 10  
Nancy Vanduker, Nov. 11  
Steve Clarkm Nov. 13  
Wendy Hall, Nov. 13  
Claire Hood, Nov. 15  
Nicki Ingram, Nov. 15  
Josephine McIver, Nov. 15  
Penny Williams, Nov. 15

### Anniversaries

Bob & Melinda Wesneski, Nov. 10  
Russell & Shari Eslick, Nov. 15

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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 Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost:  
Proper 27**

**November 8, 2020  
10:00 a.m.**



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





**The Twenty-third Sunday after  
Pentecost: Proper 27**

**Daily Morning Prayer: Rite II**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Organ Prelude**

**Opening Hymn**

**“God the Sculptor of the  
Mountain” #746 WLP**

*See page 14*

*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 78:1-7**

***Attendite, popule***

1 Hear my teaching, O my  
people; \*  
incline your ears to the  
words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in  
a parable; \*  
I will declare the  
mysteries of ancient  
times.

3 That which we have  
heard and known,  
and what our  
forefathers have told  
us, \*  
we will not hide from  
their children.

4 We will recount to  
generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds  
and the power of  
the LORD, \*  
and the wonderful  
works he has done.

5 He gave his decrees to  
Jacob  
and established a law  
for Israel, \*  
which he commanded  
them to teach their  
children;

6 That the generations to  
come might know,  
and the children yet  
unborn; \*  
that they in their turn  
might tell it to their  
children;

7 So that they might put  
their trust in God, \*  
and not forget the  
deeds of God,  
but keep his  
commandments;

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**

### **Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25**

Joshua gathered all the  
tribes of Israel to Shechem,

and summoned the elders,  
the heads, the judges, and  
the officers of Israel; and  
they presented themselves  
before God. And Joshua said  
to all the people, “Thus says  
the LORD, the God of Israel:  
Long ago your ancestors—  
Terah and his sons  
Abraham and Nahor—lived  
beyond the Euphrates and  
served other gods. Then I  
took your father Abraham  
from beyond the River and  
led him through all the land  
of Canaan and made his  
offspring many.

“Now therefore revere  
the LORD, and serve him in  
sincerity and in faithfulness;  
put away the gods that your  
ancestors served beyond the  
River and in Egypt, and  
serve the LORD. Now if you  
are unwilling to serve  
the LORD, choose this day  
whom you will serve,  
whether the gods your  
ancestors served in the  
region beyond the River or  
the gods of the Amorites in  
whose land you are living;  
but as for me and my  
household, we will serve  
the LORD.”

Then the people answered,  
“Far be it from us that we  
should forsake the LORD to

serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to

the LORD, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

*The Reader says:* Here ends the Lesson.

### **Canticle 9 The First Song of Isaiah**

Surely, it is God who saves me;\*  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold  
and my sure defense,\*

and he will be my Savior.  
Therefore you shall draw water  
with rejoicing\*

from the springs of  
salvation.

And on that day you shall say,\*

Give thanks to the Lord  
and call upon his Name;  
Make his deeds known among  
the peoples;\*

see that they remember  
that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for  
he has done great things,\*

and this is known in all  
the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion,  
ring out your joy,\*



for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of 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.*

**Second Lesson – 1**  
Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever.

Therefore encourage one another with these words.

*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 25:1-13**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept.

But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

*The Reader says:* Here ends the Lesson.

**Homily** -- Excerpts from The Presiding Bishop Curry's Sermon "Holding on to Hope" Read by Kris Bonner and Dan Droege.

*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 "We All are One in Mission" WLP #778**

*See page 15*

*Kneel or sit*

### **The Prayers**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

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.*

### *Suffrages A*

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 Collect of the Day**

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

### **Prayers**

*Lay Reader and People pray responsively*

O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth.

*Lord, keep this nation under your care.*

To the President and members of the Cabinet, to Governors of States, Mayors of Cities, and to all in administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties.

*Give grace to your servants, O Lord.*

To Senators and Representatives, and those who make our laws in States, Cities, and Towns, give courage,

wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations.

*Give grace to your servants, O Lord.*

To the Judges and officers of our Courts give understanding and integrity, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served.

*Give grace to your servants, O Lord.*

And finally, teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name.

*For yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Amen.*

And let us pray for our own needs and those of others especially: Milton, Elizabeth, Georgia, Millie, Suzanne, Linda, Terry, Leaona, Connie, Tracy, Michelle, Catherine, Thelma, Sydney, Ed, Cheri, Rhonda, Liz, Evan, Joseph, Belinda, Mary, Emily, Madelyn, Maxwell, Bruce, Clara, Juanita, Lynetta, Shellie, Ann, Marty, Peggy, Joe and Dale.

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**

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.*

**Announcements: Dan Droege**

Let us bless the Lord

*Thanks be to God*

**Dismissal**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

**Closing Hymn “Go Forth for God”**

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This week's altar flowers are given by Jim & Becky Liehr in loving memory of John & Emily Sapp and John & Emily Liehr.

**Usher:** Brian Ferguson

**Layreaders:** Kris Bonner and Dan Droege

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# God the sculptor of the mountains

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1. God the sculp-tor of the moun-tains, God the mil - ler of the sand,
2. God the nui-sance to the Pha-raoh, God the cleav - er of the sea,
3. God the un - ex - pect - ed in - fant, God the calm, de - ter-mined youth,
4. God the dress - er of the vine-yard, God the plant - er of the wheat,



God the jewel - er of the heav - ens, God the pot - ter of the land:  
 God the pil - lar of the dark - ness, God the bea - con of the free:  
 God the ta - ble turn - ing pro - phet, God the res - ur-rect-ed Truth:  
 God the reap - er of the har - vest, God the source of all we eat:



you are womb of all cre - a - tion, we are form - less; shape us now.  
 you are gate of all de - liv' - rance, we are sight - less; lead us now.  
 you are pres - ent ev - ery mo - ment, we are search - ing; meet us now.  
 you are host at ev - ery ta - ble, we are hun - gry; feed us now.

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## We all are one in mission



1. We all are one in mis' - sion, we all are one in call,
2. We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.
3. We all be - hold one vi - sion, a stark re - al - i - ty;
4. Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
 Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent, our pur - pose is the same:  
 the stew - ard of sal - va - tion was nailed up - on a tree.  
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
 Yet res - ur - rect - ed Jus - tice gives rise that we may share  
 We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
 so peo - ple of all na - tions may feel God's warm em - brace.  
 free re - con - cil - i - a - tion and hope a - mid de - spair.  
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

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# Go Forth For God

1. Go forth for God; go to the world in peace;  
 2. Go forth for God; go to the world in love;  
 3. Go forth for God; go to the world in strength;  
 4. Go forth for God; go to the world in joy;

be of good cour - age, armed with heav'n - ly  
 strength - en the faint, give cour - age to the  
 hold fast the good, be ur - gent for the  
 to serve God's peo - ple ev - ery day and

grace, in God's good Spi - rit dai - ly to in - crease,  
 weak; help the af - flict - ed; rich - ly from a - bove  
 right; ren - der to no one e - vil; Christ at length  
 hour, and serv - ing Christ, our ev - ery gift em - ploy,

till in his king - dom we be hold his face.  
 his love sup - plies the grace and power we seek.  
 shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his light.  
 re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spir - it's power.

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