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The Steeple



Feb. 10, 2021

The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



Lent

As much as I am reminded to live in the moment, the planner in me looks ahead. Ash Wednesday is one week away and with it, the beginning of the season of Lent. We will have two services this year to mark the beginning of this penitential season, one at 12:00 p.m. and another at 5:30 p.m. on February 17th. Both of the services will be in the church and will be Holy Eucharist, Rite II with the imposition of ashes. I

invite you to consider which one of these services will best fit your schedule, and then either call or email the office to reserve a seat in the nave.

Beginning on February 18th, I will be offering the office of Evening Prayer from my home every weeknight at 5 p.m. via Facebook Live. Be sure to like and follow the St. Luke's Facebook page so you can participate. I hope you will join me and see if this might be a practice that you would like to add to your Lenten disciplines. I've come to appreciate this office, in particular, as it is one that really marks a transition in the day for me. For those of you considering this option, I would recommend having your own copy of the Book of Common Prayer as well as a Bible handy so that you can fully participate. You can also access the Book of Common Prayer online at beponline.org.

On Sunday the 21st our Rite I service will return at 8:00 a.m. For those of you who are considering this quiet, contemplative service as an option, please bring your own Books of Common Prayer with you to service. Also, if it is your practice to follow along with the sacred reading during the Liturgy of the Word, I encourage you to bring a Bible with you. I believe that getting back into the habit of using our resources for worship again will allow us to get the books we so love back into our hands, while also breaking us free from creating an extra bulletin each week. Be assured that as we do this with intention, we will follow all the recommended protocols for the sanitation of shared materials.

Finally, I will offer a book study on the final three Wednesdays of Lent beginning on the 10th of March. We will have to gather via Zoom and decide on a time,

however, I think we can manage that. We will read *Meeting God in Mark* by Rowan Williams. Originally published as a Lenten book study, I find that it gives a very cogent and pastoral overview of Mark's gospel. The book is inexpensive and can be purchased online for approximately ten dollars. *Meeting God in Mark* is a wonderful introduction that I am fond of reading at the beginning of the lectionary cycle, and particularly leading up to Holy Week in year B. It is my hope that you will love it too. Please email me at RevPhares@outlook.com to sign up for our study.

During these final days of the season after the Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ, may you all continue to know a profound sense of God's presence in your lives. "May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may continue to be a light to the world."

Every Blessing,

Fr. Nick+

Young Disciples Casserole Fundraiser Information

The day to pick up casseroles ordered is Monday, Feb. 15. Buyers have a choice of egg or French toast casseroles of approximately five servings each.

There is a suggested donation of \$10 for each casserole. Please reserve a casserole by contacting the church office at (918) 336-1212 or (office@episcopalbartlesville.org) by Thursday at 1 p.m.

Orders can be filled two ways: first, by driving through the alley on the east side of the church, where Young Disciples will be waiting to hand them to buyers; second, because weather may be snowy, casserole deliveries are also available upon request. Just email your address the office.



A Celebration for All of Us

On Wednesday, Feb. 24, Bishop Poulson Reed will join us for the Celebration of New Ministry. This is a time, first and foremost, to celebrate the arrival of Fr. Nick and for him to be formally invested by the Diocese as our new rector.

But this event also is a *time for us to* celebrate each other...for all of us to rejoice that our family of faith has stayed strong in face of the enormous challenges of the year past. Moreover, this event will celebrate the future...a future now infused with optimism as Fr. Nick walks with us to wherever God leads us.

The Celebration will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the nave with the normal pandemic precautions in place. It will also be live streamed on Zoom and YouTube, with the link posted next



week on the <u>St. Luke's website homepage</u> (episocpalbartlesville.org). Community leaders and local clergy will be invited to join us on this special occasion.

The celebration service, which in addition to the formal induction ceremony includes communion, is anchored in the Gospel message from John 7: 16-18. Quoting Jesus, John tells us:

My teaching is not mine but his who sent me. Anyone who resolves to do the will of God will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own. Those who speak on their own seek their own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and there is nothing false in him.

Dan Droege, Senior Warden On Behalf of the Vestry





COVID PRECAUTION REMINDERS

When in the St. Luke's Building...

- 1) Wear your face mask
- Exercise the 6-foot social distance rule.
- 3) Follow the pew seating guidelines.
- 4) Wash/sanitize your hands frequently.
- 5) Avoid coming if you feel ill or "not quite right."



Office Hours

9:30 am - 1:30 pm **Monday - Thursday**

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, Feb. 11

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

Thursday, Feb. 25

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

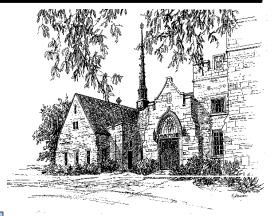
Susie Clark, Nancy Woods, Sally Lindsey, Georgia Gates, Jeanne Julstrom.

Planning to attend the upcoming 10 a.m. 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.



Feb. 10-17 Birthdays and Anniversaries Birthdays Anniversaries

Fred Pierce, Jr., Feb. 12 Nancy Woods, Feb. 12 Stephen Conner, Feb. 13 Shawn Clem, Feb. 16 Sarah Finch, Feb. 17 Wayne & Robin Wiseman, Feb. 14 Donn & Rhonda McCallister, Feb. 14



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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 Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 14, 2021

10:00 a.m.



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

210 Southeast Ninth Street Bartlesville, Oklahoma

THE HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II

Organ Prelude

Opening Hymn: #372 "Praise to the Living God"

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,

And peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,

Almighty God and Father,

We worship you, we give you thanks,

We praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

You take away the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father:

Receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,

You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

With the Holy Spirit,

In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of 2 Kings 2:1-12

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of

Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50:1-6

Deus deorum

1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; * he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, * God reveals himself in glory.

3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; * before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.

4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above * to witness the judgment of his people.

5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, * those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; * for God himself is judge.

Second Lesson: A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

Hymn: #129 "Christ, Upon the Mountain Peak" See page 13

The Gospel Mark 9:2-9

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon: The Reverend Nick Phares

The Nicene Creed

(Please stand as you are able)

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;

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

One 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

Lay Reader and People pray responsively

Lord, let us hear your voice as we stand before this day. May we be forever changed in heart and mind as you reveal your glory to us. It is with great joy we reach out our hearts in love to you this day.

Call us to be at peace with one another. Call us to work for justice and to care for the welfare of all your children: in our homes, in our workplaces, in our neighborhoods, in your Church, and in the world. Shine your light in the dark places of our lives and into the world. Lord in mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Call us to be a compassionate and prayerful presence for those whose hearts ache from grief, whose souls are weary and wounded. Overshadow us with your awesome presence. Walk down from the mountaintop with us and walk before us into the places you would have us serve as witnesses to your healing love. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord we pray for those who have commended themselves to our prayers: Milton Enderlin, Mary Gillett, Linda Piper, Terry Piper, Leaona Dobbs, Connie Woods, Tracy Dobbs, Liz Green, Matt French, Georgia Gates, Shellie Greggs, Suzanne Reed, Cheri Schneider, Emily DeGraffenried, Joseph Louis, Lynetta Jackson, Lorrie Loy, Kyle Frohlic, Matt French, Michelle Sheffield, Catherine Sheffield, Sydney & Ed Beasley, Rob Boyle, Marcia Zervas, Aaron Williams, Bruce, Clara, Peggy, Joe, Sandra, Lysa, Helen, Kristin, and Scott. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We lift up to you all caregivers. Bless them with wisdom, patience, skill, and courage so that they may minster your love to the suffering. Embrace them with your loving mercy so that they know they are not alone in the unrelenting challenges they are facing. Bless them with times of rest and renewal. Comfort them when they are burdened with sorrow. And always, may your words speak through them and sustain them. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Finally Lord, we pray for all those who have died, especially Bernie Meadows, and Robert Babcock, that they may know the fullness of your love in the life you have prepared for them. Comfort those who grieve their loss, and give them the confidence of your love that knows no limits of time or space. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect

Confession

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept

Celebrant and People

Most Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements: Father Nick Phares

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offeratory Hymn: #135 "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" See page 14

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant 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.

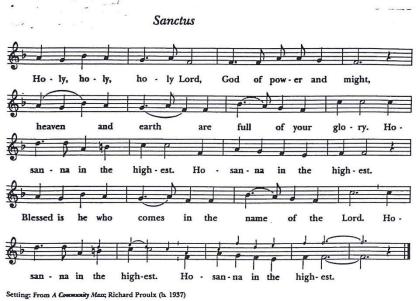
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

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.

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.

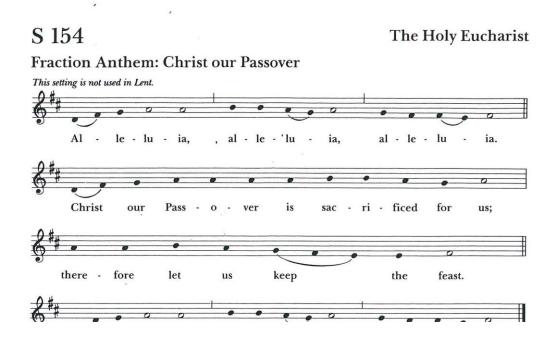
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

for ever and ever. 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,



Invitation to Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for You, and feed on him in your hearts by faith,

With thanksgiving.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the people will receive the bread only.

Post Communion Prayer

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*.

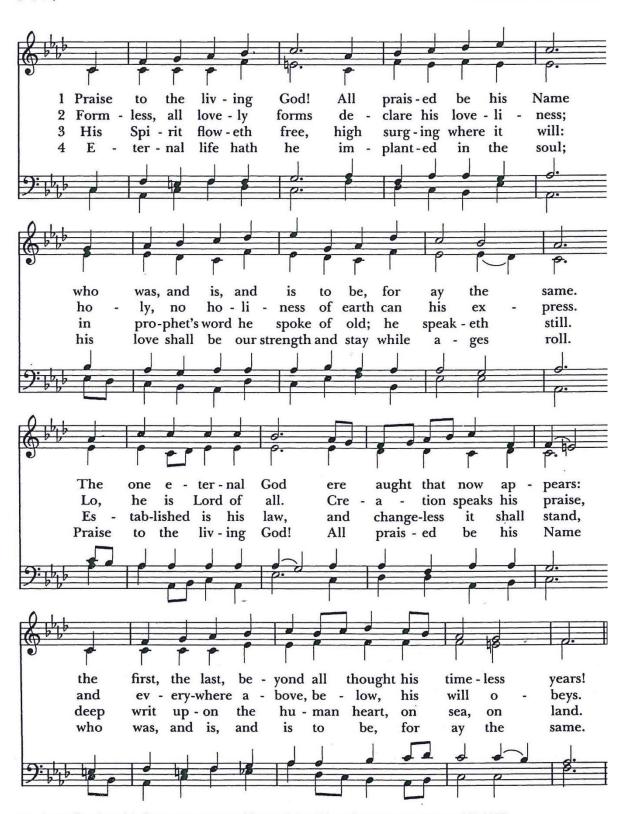
Blessing

Dismissal Hymn: #477 "All Praise to Thee, For Thou, O King Divine"

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Dismissal

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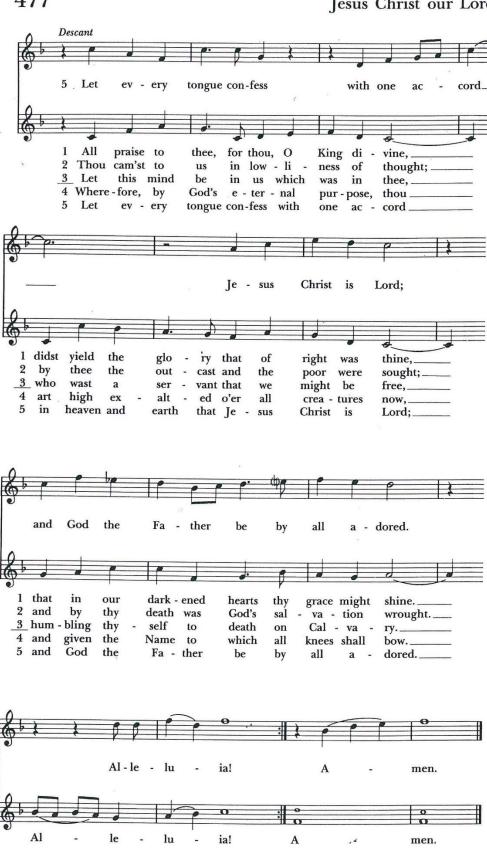
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