



ST. LUKE'S
Episcopal Church

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Holy Eucharist Rite II

St. Luke's Vision Statement

To know and grow in Christ, through education, dedication and service.

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: 1982 Hymnal #93 “Angels, from the realms of glory”

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye, who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain:

come and worship, come and worship
worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with you is now residing; yonder shines the infant Light: *Refrain*

Sages, leave your contemplations; brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star: *Refrain*

Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear: *Refrain*

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

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

People: **And Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

Gloria

Hymn 421

All glory be to God on high; and peace on earth from heaven,
And God's good will unfaillingly be to all people given.
We bless, we worship you, we raise for your great glory thanks and praise,
O god, Almighty Father.

O Lamb of God, Lord Jesus Christ, whom God the Father gave us,
who for the world was sacrificed upon the cross to save us;
and, as you sit at God's right hand and we for judgment there must stand,
have mercy, Lord, upon us.

You only are the Holy One, who came for our salvation,
and only you are God's true Son, who was before creation.
You, only, Christ, as Lord we own and, with the Spirit, you alone
share in the Father's glory.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

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Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Psalm 84 *(reading responsively by half verse)*

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the LORD withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 LORD of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

Epistle Hebrews 2:14-18

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

Response: **Thanks be to God**

Sequence Hymn: 1982 Hymnal #517 "How lovely is thy dwelling place" (vv. 1-2)

How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts, to me!
My thirsty soul desires and longs within thy courts to be;
my very heart and flesh cry out, O living God, for thee.

Beside thine altars, gracious Lord, the swallows find a nest;
how happy they who dwell with thee and praise thee without rest,
and happy they whose hearts are set upon the pilgrim's quest.

Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed~ and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon: The Rev. Todd Young, Rector

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;
he suffered death and was buried.
On 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.

Form IV (*The Leader and People pray responsively*)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world by responding, “Hear our prayer.”

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Katharine, our Assisting-Bishop; Todd, our Priest; Karen, our Deacon; and all our lay ministers.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; especially Donald, our President; Mark, our Governor; Shane, our Mayor; the United States Congress, the Wyoming Legislature, our court systems, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping Robin and Kolton, along with all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially: those affected and killed by the California wildfires, our Diocesan staff, those on our prayer list, and those whom we now name silently or aloud *(pause)* . Give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially for Mr, & Mrs. F.G.S. Hesse, Mr. & Mrs. Fred W. Hesse, Miss Vivienne Hesse, and Fred E. & Dorothy Hesse, in memory of whom the flowers on the altar are given today by Karen & Dennis Boggs, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

The Confession of Sin

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We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. (*Silence may be kept.*)

(Leader 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**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Birthdays, Baptisms, & Anniversaries

Pew Sheet

Birthdays: Dylan Kesler (5), Horizon Hanson (5), Heather Ecklund (7)

Baptisms: Sue Shambaugh (2)

Anniversaries: none

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Celebrant: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the most High.

Offertory Hymn: 1982 Hymnal #324 "Let all mortal flesh keep silence"

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the Body and the Blood
he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of Light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim, with sleepless eye
veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

The Great Thanksgiving

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The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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,

The Lord's Prayer (*Traditional version*)

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People and Celebrant

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread (*A period of silence is kept*)

Fraction Anthem

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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.

Holy Communion is the sacred meal of the Christian faith and a foretaste of the heavenly banquet.

Baptized Christians of all denominations are invited to receive Holy Communion in this church.

Post Communion Prayer (*said in unison*)

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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 1982 Hymnal #493 “O for a thousand tongues to sing”

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim
and spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy Name.

Jesus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He speaks; and, listening to his voice, new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; ye voiceless ones, your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold, your Savior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

Glory to God and praise and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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Karen Boggs, Marie Miller, JoAnn Pearson, Amanda Kaufmann & Sandra Fortier, Vesting the
Altar for February

Weekly Prayer List

Healing of body, mind and soul for: The Diocesan staff, the parish family, Adrian, Andrea,
Bob & Diana, Brooklyn, Christy, Cole, Dan, Dana, Dave, Dawn, Elyse, Emily, Helen, Ivan,
Jayne & Steve, Jennifer, Joy, Julie, Kathy, Linda, Mary, Nancy, Nikki, Orde, Owen, Pat, Pat M.,
Peggy, Pitchie, Roger, Sara, Steve, Tara, Terri, Terry, Tom, and Tyler

Military: Robin Poehls, GSMC, deployed on Wayne E. Meyers DDG 108. and Kolton
Watson, U.S. Marines Please keep all members of the Armed Forces in your prayers.

Diocesan prayer list: All Soul's, Kaycee

For the departed: The flowers on the altar are given today by Dan Grace in memory of his
parent's, George & Virgie Grace; George & Silvia; and George's brother, Don

Useful website information:

LiveStream links are on our website: www.stlukesbuffalo.church/services

If you have a comment about the service, please email the church at stlukeswyo@gmail.com

The Diocese: www.episcopalwy.org

**** Food pantry baskets are available at the church front door. Items needed are: soups, canned meats, canned meals (stews), and baby wipes.**

In the Life of the Church

Weekdays: Noonday Prayer 12:00–1:00pm
Today: Service at 9:00am/Rite II
Followed by breakfast and the Annual Meeting
Monday: St. Luke’s Prayer Group 9:00am in Onderdonk Hall
Tuesday: Evening Prayer at Amie Holt 4:00pm
Wednesday: Holy Eucharist 7:00am
1:00 Prayer shawl knitting group in Onderdonk Hall
Thursday: Daughters of the King 1:00pm
Friday: Compline at Amie Holt 4:00pm
Sunday: Services at 8:00am/Rite I and 10:00am Rite II
Adult class 9:00am and Rector’s Forum following coffee hour
Youth group 3:00pm in Onderdonk Hall

Bread of Life Food Pantry

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:00–1:00pm & 5:00–6:00pm

Today’s Announcements

Thank you for worshiping with us today.

- ◇ Fr. Todd will order daily Lenten meditations in February at \$10.00 a book. Please sign up on the bulletin board or call the office if you want one.

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