##  The Holy Eucharist ~ January 28, 2024

*The 4th Sunday after the Epiphany*

*Annual Parish Meeting*

# *St. Luke’s Episcopal Church*

*North Main at Fourth Street*

*Jamestown, New York*

***The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, Bishop***

 *The Rev. Luke Fodor, Rector; The Rev. Deacon Cathy Smith;*

 *Mr. Paul Johnson, Verger; Mr. Loren Masanque, Minister of Music:*

 *The Rev. Deacon Jessica Frederick, Curate for Children, Youth & Families*

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*The mission is simple:  to* ***Connect*** *all people, help them* ***Discover*** *God's love, empower them to* ***Serve*** *and watch them* ***Grow****.”*

#### **WELCOME TO ST. LUKE’S**

 *We welcome you this morning to St. Luke’s Church and are delighted to have you join us for worship today. If you are* ***visiting*** *for the first time, or are looking for a church home, please fill in a pew card and place it in the offering plate.*

 *At the time of Communion, all are invited to God’s Table. In addition to the altar rail, at the 10 a.m. service a floor-level Communion station is made available, which includes gluten-free wafers and grape juice. Please indicate your preference.*

 *Available to children is Children’s Chapel downstairs during the 10am service, a visit to the Children’s Corner, or the use of a “Children’s Activity Bag” found near the front of the church nave (ask an usher). Join us downstairs for refreshments. All are welcome! Audio transmitters are available for those who have difficulty hearing the service; please ask an usher.*

 *~ Copies of today’s sermon are available at the doors. ~*

***PRELUDE: Sarabande*** *-JP Rameau*

**Opening Hymn #594 God of Grace and God of Glory** *- 1982 pew Hymnal*

**Opening Acclamation**

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

 *People:* **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

**Collect for Purity**, *said by all*

 **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**, *8:00 AM said by all****; 10:00 AM, see insert*** *for song of praise, “O God Beyond All Praising,” v. 1 & 3*

 **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s 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.**

**The Collect of the Day**: The Lord be with you. *Response:* **And also with you.**

*Let us pray*: Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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### **The First Reading is from Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

### Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” Then the Lord replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.” The Word of the LORD. ***Thanks be to God.***

### **Psalm #111** *Please join in saying the Psalm responsively by whole verse. -The Saint Helena Psalter*

1 Alleluia! I will give thanks to you, O God, with my whole heart, \*

in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

**2 Great are your deeds, O God; \*they are studied by all who delight in them.**

3 Your work is full of majesty and splendor, \* and your righteousness endures for ever.

**4 You make your marvelous works to be remembered; \***

**you are gracious and full of compassion.**

5 You give food to those who fear you; \* you are ever mindful of your covenant.

**6 You have shown your people the power of your works \***

**in giving them the lands of the nations.**

7 The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; \* all your commandments are sure.

**8 They stand fast for ever and ever, \* because they are done in truth and equity.**

9 You sent redemption to your people; you commanded your covenant for ever; \*

holy and awesome is your Name.

**10 The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom; \* those who act accordingly have a good**

**understanding; God’s praise endures for ever.**

**Sequence Hymn *#480, When Jesus Left His Father’s Throne v. 1 & 2*** *- 1982 pew Hymnal*

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark 1:21-28**

 *Response before the Gospel:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. The Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

**Sequence Hymn *#480, When Jesus Left His Father’s Throne v. 3*** *- 1982 pew Hymnal*

**Annual Meeting Presentation -***The Rev. Luke Fodor, Rector*

**Nicene Creed,** *said by all, standing in body or in spirit.*

**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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly**

**human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.**

**Prayers for Ourselves and Others**

*Leader:* Let us pray for the Church and the world. Loving God, enliven the Church for its mission.

*People:* **That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

*Leader:* Breathe fresh life into your people.

*People:* **Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**

*Leader:* Creator of all, lead us and every people into the ways of justice and peace.

*People:* **That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

*Leader:* Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

*People:* **Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

*Leader:*  God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others.

*People:* **That all may act with integrity and courage.**

*Leader:* Give grace to all those whose lives are linked with ours.

*People:* **May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.**

*Leader:* We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Sean, the Bishop of our Diocesan Partnership,

 for the Episcopal Partnership churches of Emmanuel, Corry, Our Savior, DuBois, St. John’s

 Grace, Buffalo and St. Mark’s and All Saints, Buffalo, for the Anglican Church of Southern

Africa, for Luke, Jessica and Cathy, our clergy.

*Leader:* Please join me in saying the names of those who have requested our prayers:

**Tim Pickett, Carol Boling, Pete Nagle, Joyce Crate, Mary Holton, Deacon Pierce, Mac Dawson, Bob Stewart, Casey, Mark Fiore, for the people of the Ukraine and the People of the Holy Land, and those others we now name.***Silence.*

*Leader*: Lord, you have called us to serve you.

*People:* **Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills, until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Deacon:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Confession of Sin**, *said by all, kneeling as able*

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

**Absolution**

**The Peace** *Let us exchange the Peace of Christ with one another!*

The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People:* **And also with you.**

**Announcements**

##### **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**OFFERTORY**



*10:00 AM:***Anthem: Where True Charity and Love Dwell, God Himself is there***-St. Luke’s Choir*

**Doxology**, *sung by all*

 **Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below,**

 **praise God above, ye heav’nly host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:** *Eucharistic Prayer:* *Enriching Our Worship 3*

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people toyourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.” And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

*Celebrant and People:*

**Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Saint Luke, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

*Celebrant and People:* **Blessed are you now and forever.** *8:00 AM:* **Amen.** *10:00 AM sing Amen below:* ****

**The Breaking of the Bread** *Silent moment*

*8:00 AM:* Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. *People*: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*10:00 AM, sung by all,*

**Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: Have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace. Give us your peace.**

**The Communion**

*Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, all are invited to receive Communion. Gluten-free wafers, as well as grape juice, are available, please indicate your preference.* If you have difficulty coming forward, communion can be brought to you at your seat. *You are invited to light a candle for a person or concern in your prayers. A candle station is located at the rear of the Chapel; and to the right of the pulpit in the Church.*

**Communion Music**

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**Post Communion Prayer**, *said by all*

 **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**

**Sending Hymn *#495, Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus v. 1, 2 & 5 -****1982 pew Hymnal*

**Dismissal** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

  *Response:* ***Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!***

**Postlude: Offertoire sur les Grands Jeux**  *-Francois Couperin*

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Beth and Duane Richetti in loving memory of Beth’s parents.*

**Announcements**

**It’s Soup-er Chili Sunday!**

Following the final session of the Annual Meeting at the 10 am service this Sunday, St. Luke’s hosts an annual Soup-or Chili Cook-Off: Chefs donate their best soups and chilis, while St. Luke’s community votes for the best culinary creation. Participants pay $2 to purchase a bowl and spoon – plus $1 per scoop of soup. The soup and chili (one in each category) which receive the most “votes” (that is, scoops of soup) wins! All proceeds from the fundraiser benefit St. Luke’s Youth Service and Pilgrimage trips. This year’s funds will support a particularly exciting opportunity: St. Luke’s youth pilgrimage to Italy in February. Eight of St. Luke’s youth (from the Confirmation Classes of 2022-24) will be walking the Via Francigena, an ancient pilgrimage route from Viterbo to Rome. Can't stay but still want to support the cause and take some soup with you? Take out containers will also be available for purchase: $3 for 8 oz., $5 for 16 oz., and $10 for a quart.

**Service on the Slopes**

If you enjoy a snowy mountaintop experience on Sundays, be sure to visit Holiday Valley for the Service on the Slopes, a brief ecumenical service of prayer, scripture reading and communion with a conversational sermon on the slopes. We meet in the Warming Hut on top of Cindy's lift weekly on **Sundays at 2:30pm beginning January 7 until March 10.**

**Save the Date 2/10!**

The Reverend Deacon Jessica Frederick, Curate for Children, Youth and Family Ministry will be ordained (God willing and the people consenting) to the priesthood on **February 10th at 11am St. Luke's!** Stay tuned for more details.

In celebration of her ordination, we are collecting donations towards a gift from the parish. If you'd like to donate, please write a check with "Jessica's Ordination gift" included in the memo line and mail it to the church or include it in the offering plate.

**Global Perspectives Book Club**

Dina Nayeri’s acclaimed book, “The Ungrateful Refugee, What Immigrants Never Tell You,” Is the first selection for a new book club formed by the New Neighbors Coalition to be hosted at St. Luke’s. We'll be meeting on **Monday, February 12 at 7pm in the Fenn Library in St. Luke's Undercroft.** Nayeri, an Iranian refugee, writes of difficulties fitting into Western culture as she describes her firsthand experiences and those of other immigrants.If you wish to purchase the book online, we recommend purchasing through Good Neighbor Bookstore, a local bookshop in Lakewood. You can opt to have it shipped to you for a fee or choose the free pick-up option (which we highly recommend so you can peruse all the other wonderful things Good Neighbor has to offer) once it has arrived.For additional details or to let us know you’re coming, please contact Momina at **momina@stlukesjamestown.org** or (716) 483-6405.

**Ash Wednesday Services**

The season of Lent will begin on **February 14** with Ash Wednesday, a service that reminds us of the beauty of reconciliation with God and our own mortality. St. Luke’s offers many ways to prepare for Lent on 2/14:

* 7 AM in the Chapel
* Noon in the Chapel
* A Spanish Service at 5pm in the Chapel
* 7 PM in the Church with Music

St. Luke’s also offers Ashes to Go outside of the church from 1-3pm if you can’t make it for a whole service.