## Holy Eucharist ~ September 29, 2024

*8am in the Chapel; 10am in the Church*

# *Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

# *St. Luke’s Episcopal Church*

*North Main at Fourth Street Jamestown, New York*

*The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, Bishop, Presiding Bishop-Elect*

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

*Mr. Paul Johnson, Verger; Mrs. Cindy Lind Hanson, Organist*

*Ms. Karen Hewes Suber, Dir. of Music Ministry & Comm. Arts*

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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**

*Welcome to St. Luke’s Church! Your presence at worship is a delight. If you are* ***visiting*** *for the first time, or are looking for a church home, please complete 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. Children are encouraged to visit the Children’s Corner, and/or use “Children’s Activity Bag” found near the front of the church nave (ask an usher). Nursery care and children’s chapel is provided downstairs during the 10am service. Clergy and members of the congregation look forward to greeting you after services. Join us downstairs for refreshments. Audio transmitters are available for those who have difficulty hearing the service; please ask an usher. There is a hearing loop installed on the left side of the church nave. If you need to leave the nave during the service, please use the side aisles.*

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

**prelude**

**opening hymn: #545 lo! what a cloud of witnesses** *-Blue 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**, *said by all at 8am, sung at 10am. -S280, Blue Pew Hymnal*

**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. O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.***Amen.***

### **The First Reading: esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22**

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, “What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.” Then Queen Esther answered, “If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.” Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?” Esther said, “A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!” Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, “Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high.” And the king said, “Hang him on that.” So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm #124** *please join in saying the psalm in unison. -St. Helena Psalter*

**1 If God had not been on our side, \* let Israel now say;**

**2 If God had not been on our side, \* when enemies rose up against us,**

**3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive \* in their fierce anger toward us;**

**4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \* and the torrent gone over us;**

**5 Then would the raging waters \* have gone right over us.**

**6 Blessed be God, \* who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.**

**7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \* the snare is broken, and we have escaped.**

**8 Our help is in the Name of God, \* the maker of heaven and earth.**

**The Second Reading****: james 5:13-20**

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel sequence hymn: #635 if thou but trust in god to guide thee v. 1** *-Blue Pew Hymnal*

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to mark 9:38-50**

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

John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. “For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.” The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Gospel sequence hymn: #635 if thou but trust in god to guide thee** *-Blue Pew Hymnal*

**Sermon** *-The Rev. Luke Fodor, Rector*

**Nicene Creed,** *said by all, standing as 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, 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 of the People: Form II** -*BCP 385*

In the silence that follows each bidding, I invite your prayers, both spoken and unspoken.

I ask your prayers for God’s people throughout the world; for Michael our Presiding Bishop; for Sean the Bishop of our Diocesan Partnership and Presiding Bishop-Elect; for the Episcopal Partnership churches of Grace (Lake City); St. Paul’s (Harris Hill) and St. Paul’s (Holley); for the Church of Pakistan; for Luke, Jessica, Cathy and Tom, our clergy; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; For Joe, our President; Kathy, our Governor; Kim, our mayor; for the members of the Congress and Supreme Court; for the people of our armed forces, for the people of Ukraine, the Holy Land, and the Sudan; for all who work for justice, freedom and peace; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. For those who suffer from any illness, grief or trouble. Please join me in saying aloud the names of the people on our prayer list: **Tim Pickett, Joyce Crate, Mary Holton, Carol Boling, Mac Dawson, David Small, Dennis Lassi, Beth Kresge, Kim Butler, Jennifer Pierce, Jill Woody, Sharon Threadgill, Marvin Schilining, Ruth Phillips, Cara Costello, Dave Dracup, Kay Stahlman, David Parker, Christina Allincic-Dominick,** and those others we now name. *Silence. The people are invited to say names aloud or in their hearts.*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God; Pray that they may find and be found by God. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed; Pray for those who have died. *Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *Silence*

*The celebrant adds a concluding Collect;*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.**Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor;

*Said by all, kneeling as able;*

**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.**

**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.**

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

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**8am Offertory****: All things come of thee, O Lord. And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

**10am offertory anthem: Seasons of Love from Rent** *-St. Luke’s Choir, J. Larson*

**10am doxology,** *sung by all*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving:**  *Eucharistic Prayer: Enriching Our Worship 2*

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

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

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

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

**Sanctus & Benedictus**, *spoken at 8am, sung at 10am*  *#S125 Blue pew hymnal*

**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 and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and

risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and

ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body

and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation,

the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with

Saint Luke and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast

at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and

in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, forever and ever.

***Amen*.**

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

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| **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** *Silent moment* | **Padre nuestro, que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre, venga tu reino, hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y libranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén.** |

**8am:** Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**10am: fraction anthem** -S164 Blue Pew Hymnal

**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 back of the Chapel and to the right of the pulpit in the Church.*

**Communion music:**  *Please feel free to enjoy listening to the first hymn while you receive Communion.  All are welcome to join in song for the second communion hymn.*

**god our creator** *-J. Bell*

**in the bulb there is a flower** *-see next page*

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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: #344 lord dismiss us with thy blessing** *-Blue Pew Hymnal*

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

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

**postlude: seasons of love reprise** *Please be seated for the postlude.*

**Five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes**

**Five hundred twenty-five thousand moments so dear.**

**Five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes**

**How do you measure, measure a year?**

**Remember the love (x3)**

**Measure in love...**

**Seasons of love.... (repeat)**

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God in celebration of the marriage of Tyler Uber & Kait Richardson.*

*Today’s Lay Ministers*

*8am: Usher-Kurt Gustafson Lay Reader/Eucharistic Minister-Sheryl Brunecz*

*10am: Ushers-Doug Mann, Chris & Gavin Anderson*

*Lay Readers/Eucharistic Ministers-Ryan Card (1st reading, Psalm), Paul Johnson (2nd Reading),*

*Karl Costello (Prayers of the People)*

*Acolytes: Karl Costello, Myrick Matthews, Selah Mason, Jolene Oreski, Emmory Pickett, Zachary Pickett, Judson Rink*

*Altar Guild: Paul Johnson, Darcy Kell, Deb Cardone, Janet Card*

**Announcements**

**Loyalty Lunch/Welcome Back, Deacon Cathy!**

After the 10am service, the Rector, Wardens and the Vestry welcome you to special loyalty luncheon in the Undercroft, where we will offer a detail financial presentation about St. Luke’s Church, launch the stewardship campaign and welcome back Deacon Cathy from sabbatical. It will be **WORTH** your time.

**Monday Night Café is Tomorrow!**

September’s Monday Night Café is tomorrow at 6pm in the Undercroft. The menu includes butter chicken and homemade naan! As always, the meal is free and made with fresh, local ingredients, and everyone is welcome. If you’re interested in volunteering, email Nick at [nick.weith@stlukesjamestown.org](mailto:nick.weith@stlukesjamestown.org).

**Creche Fall Rummage Sale 10/1-10/4 in the Undercroft**

Shop for gently used clothes for the entire family along with household goods sold at fantastic prices. Every sale supports the work of Creche to provide for families when they need it most. Stop in anytime during the following hours: October 2, 9am - 5pm; October 3, 9am – 5pm; October 4, 9am-Noon. All proceeds help Creche assist kids in our community.

**Rhythms of Grace: 10/5 @ 10am in the Undercroft**

St. Luke’s Ministry for Children, Youth, and Families offers Rhythms of Grace as a church experience for busy families and for those may not feel comfortable in a traditional worship setting - on Saturday, October 5, 2024 at 10am in the Undercroft. A simple, family-friendly brunch will follow the service.

**Oct. 6 Blessing of the Animals**

Tell your friends and grab your leashes, pet carriers, tanks and cages - we will be having our annual St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals on **Sunday, October 6th at 4pm in the Church.** We will have a brief service of blessing with Communion. If your animals do not travel well, feel free to bring a picture or a stuffed animal representation and we'll make the blessing ‘transferable.’

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**“Fix the Bricks Fundraiser” on October 18th**

On **Friday, October 18th from 6-9 pm,** Bishop Overs Guild (BOG) is sponsoring a major fundraising event called *Fix the Bricks — The Front Porch Project,* to raise funds toward the next capital project, which will include reconnecting the crumbling front porch of St Luke's to the church’s main structure. A $50 donation includes one event ticket and refreshments. The event will begin with hors d’oeuvres and time to browse the stage area to identify items up for bid. After the first hour, the live and silent auctions will begin. Use the QR code to buy your tickets to the event or to donate to the cause! If you have a talent or experience you’d like to offer for auction, contact Cathy Johnner.

**Flu Shot Clinic 10/20 9am-Noon, Undercroft**

Don't miss our FREE Flu shot clinic on October 20th. Sponsored by the RiteAid Pharmacy, pharmacists will be in the Undercroft from 9am-noon to administer flu shots to all who desire to protect themselves and our wider community.