



## ST. LUKE'S CATHEDRAL

The Episcopal Diocese of Maine

Portland, Maine

Celebrating 150 Years

### **The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 15, 2021**

**7:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Chapel)**

**10:00 Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Nave & Livestream)**

**Welcome to St. Luke's Cathedral!** We are a community of faith with ancient worship and modern thought, catholic traditions and progressive theology, a Biblical perspective for thinking people, a respect for reason, science, and diversity of perspective, compassion and care for the wider community and one another, and a commitment to radical welcome and inclusion... all modeled on the Kingdom of God that Jesus proclaimed. Whoever you are and wherever you may be in your journey through life, we welcome you! Our Sunday School and Adult Programs are currently being offered on-line. Please see our website for links and ways to participate in the life of the congregation. We thank you for coming today and hope you will make the Cathedral your spiritual home.

The Cathedral of St. Luke sits on land our Wabanaki neighbors previously occupied for millennia. As a descendants of European immigrants, we acknowledge that we continue to benefit from the exploitation and subjugation of those whom our forebears failed to understand and honor. That failure centuries ago is related to the crises of our times. By grace, we pledge to work harder at learning from our human and non-human neighbors in hope of healing and wholeness. Such work must involve our advocacy and action on behalf of the Wabanaki as well as the lands, waters, and non-human inhabitants of this beautiful place many call Maine.

#### **A few notes about or worship during this time of Covid-19**

1. We ask that everyone wear masks. Please follow specific instructions for receiving communion.
2. Please ask permission before shaking hands or hugging. We suggest bowing or using a "Namaste" greeting at the peace.
3. All those who are fully vaccinated are welcome to sing, keeping their masks on.
4. If you have a fever or aren't feeling well, we ask that you stay home and watch our services on line.

**Our mission:** As a "believe out loud congregation," St. Luke's welcomes all people to share in the Episcopal Church's mission to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Jesus Christ. As a cathedral, St. Luke's is the seat of the bishop and the chief mission church of the Diocese and people of Maine. With its first service held on Christmas Day in 1868, St. Luke's continues 150 years of reaching out to the city and people of Portland. The Cathedral Church of St. Luke is proud to be part of the 2.5 million member Episcopal Church USA and the 75 million member world-wide Anglican Communion.

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Hymn 420  
Engelberg

When in our music God is glorified

1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 So has the Church, in lit - ur - gy and song, \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night \_\_\_\_\_  
 5 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise! \_\_\_\_\_

1 and a - dor - a - tion leaves no room for pride, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 a new di - men - sion in the world of sound, \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 when ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the Light? \_\_\_\_\_  
 5 Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise! \_\_\_\_\_

1 it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - ery tongue, \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight, \_\_\_\_\_  
 5 And may God give us faith to sing al - ways \_\_\_\_\_

1-4 Final Ending  
 — Al - le - lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Opening Acclamation

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

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

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**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.**

**Celebrant:** Lord have mercy.

**People:** Christ have mercy.

**Celebrant:** Lord have mercy.

**Celebrant:** May God be with you

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

## The Collect

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### First Lesson

Reader: Ray Davis Murdoch Curry

Proverbs 9: 1-6

Wisdom has built her house,  
she has hewn her seven pillars.  
She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,  
she has also set her table.  
She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls  
from the highest places in the town,  
"You that are simple, turn in here!"  
To those without sense she says,  
"Come, eat of my bread  
and drink of the wine I have mixed.  
Lay aside immaturity, and live,  
and walk in the way of insight."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.      People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 34: 9-14

*Benedicam Dominum*

Plainsong Tone V.1



Those who seek the LORD lack noth - ing that is good.

- 9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, \*  
for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, \*  
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
- 11 Come, children, and listen to me; \*  
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
- 12 Who among you loves life \*  
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?
- 13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking \*  
and your lips from lying words.
- 14 Turn from evil and do good; \*  
seek peace and pursue it.

Cantor: Ray Davis Murdoch Curry

**Second Lesson**

Reader: Ray Davis Murdoch Curry

Ephesians 5: 15-20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches. People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn 467 (vs. 1,2)**

*Sing my soul, his wondrous Love*

St. Bees

1 Sing, my soul, his wondrous love, who, from yon bright throne a - bove,  
 2 Heaven and earth by him were made; all is by his scep - ter swayed;  
 3 God, the mer - ci - ful and good, bought us with the Sa - vior's blood,  
 4 Sing, my soul, a - dore his Name! Let his glo - ry be thy theme:

ev - er watch-ful o'er our race, still to us ex - tends his grace.  
 what are we that he should show so much love to us be - low?  
 and, to make sal - va - tion sure, guides us by his Spi - rit pure.  
 praise him till he calls thee home; trust his love for all to come.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

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

**The Gospel**

John 6: 51-58

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord. People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Hymn 467 (vs. 3,4)**

*Sing my soul, his wondrous Love*

St. Bees

**The Sermon**

The Very Rev. Benjamin Shambaugh, Dean

**The Nicene Creed**

from Enriching our Worship

**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.**

**The Prayers of the People, Form VI**

led by Susan McCuller

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In peace, we pray to you, O God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Within the Anglican Cycle of prayer we pray for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa. Within the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Ann's, Windham and St. Philip's by the Sea, Fortunes Rocks. For

the Maine Episcopal Public Policy Network. For the staff and campers of Camp Bishopswood. For the people and clergy of our Companion Diocese of Haiti.

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation; we pray especially for the people of Haiti, of the Tigray region, Ethiopia, and all areas at war or in political turmoil. We pray for those affected by climate change.

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Let us pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Thomas our Bishop, and for our Cathedral clergy.

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs of our congregation. We offer prayers of healing and comfort for those on our parish prayer list:

Eliot Field and his wife Taffy	Susanne Morin	Lisa Belshaw
Anne Schink	Jim Messmer	Hazel and family
Karen Perry	Cindy Houghton	Suezan Moore
Ludek (Lou) Strnad	Sarah	Michael Knowland
Lynn Dalheim	Nancy Allen	Julia MacDonald
Bruce Deuel	Diana, Norma and Nola	Joe Edgar, Jr.
Leslie Dallas Cooper	Chris Perkins	Jeff Saenz
Jaquie Libby	Pam Stolte	Olivia Wigfall
Pat Fowler	Mikala	Matthew Johnson
Spencer	Victor Wakefield	Judd Hume
Cindy Maloney	Lamees Rahma	William J. Deane, Jr.
Jeanette Henry	Sharon and Paul Hallenbeck	Diane Wilbur
Caryl McCoy	Pamela Bartol	Irene Jensen
Fran Riggall	Nazeleh Jamshidi and the people of Afghanistan	

Please add your own prayers of intercession and thanksgiving (*pause*)

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, God, for all the blessings of this life. We pray for our postulants, George Cooper, Lisle Blind, and Jon Radtke. We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We pray especially for Cong Van Nguyen. We also pray for Marilee "Mimi" Clegg, Don Anspach and William Gowen, whose memorial services were held at St. Luke's this past week. We pray for victims of gun and racial violence and all victims of Covid-19. We continue to acknowledge and repent all of the children anonymously and needlessly killed at Indigenous boarding schools and the deep and long lasting effects on their communities. **Amen.**

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

Deacon: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful God. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit, that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our savior. Amen.**

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

Celebrant: May the Peace of the Christ be always with you. People: **And also with you.**

### **Parish Announcements**

#### **Offertory Anthem**

*What Wondrous Love is This*

words - American folk hymn  
music arr John Dixon

*What wondrous love is this, o my soul?  
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the heavy cross for my soul?*

*When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.*

*To God and to the Lamb, I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.*

*And when from death I'm free I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
And through eternity, I'll sing on.*

Cantor: Ray Davis Murdoch Curry

1 Songs of praise the an - gels sang, heaven with al - le - lu - ias rang,  
 2 Songs of praise a - woke the morn when the Prince of Peace was born;  
 3 Heaven and earth must pass a - way; songs of praise shall crown that day;  
 4 And shall Chris-tians fail to sing till on earth Christ come as King?  
 5 Saints be - low, with heart and voice, still in songs of praise re - joice,

1 when cre - a - tion was be - gun, when God spoke and it was done.  
 2 songs of praise a - rose when he cap - tive led cap - tiv - i - ty.  
 3 God will make new heaven and earth; songs of praise shall hail their birth.  
 4 No; the Church de - lights to raise psalms and hymns and songs of praise.  
 5 learn-ing here, by faith and love, songs of praise to sing a - bove.

6 Borne upon their latest breath,  
 songs of praise shall conquer death;  
 then, amidst eternal joy,  
 songs of praise their powers employ.

**The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A - Expansive Version)**

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Celebrant: May God be with you.  
 Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.  
 Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God.

People: **And also with you.**  
 People: **We lift them to the Lord.**  
 People: **It is right to give our thanks  
 and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus S128

Setting: William Mathias



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*The people stand or kneel. Then the celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all.

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

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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 Jesus 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

**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.**

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

### Agnus Dei S165

Setting: William Mathias



Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God. Let us take them in remembrance that Christ gave himself for us, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Deacon: Please join me in this prayer of Spiritual Communion with all who cannot now receive.  
**God of infinite mercy, we thank you for Jesus our Savior, our true Mother who feeds us and gives us eternal life. Though I cannot consume these gifts of bread and wine, I thank you that I have received the sacrament of Christ's presence, the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of**

**Christ's passion. Grant that we may continue forever in the Risen Life of our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*(From Enriching our Worship 2)*

**About receiving communion.**

1. Communion will be served at the altar rail. It will be bread only. We return to two lines and kneeling at the altar. Please stay a foot apart from each other as you kneel.
2. Gluten free hosts are available for those who wish.
3. It is perfectly acceptable to stay in your pews and pray.
4. Those who do not wish to receive but desire a blessing instead may also come forward, remaining masked. The priest will offer a blessing without the laying on of hands.
5. Please remain masked while the priest drops the host in your hands, then lift your mask to consume. Let the mask cover your mouth again and return to your pew.
6. Those who wish communion and are physically challenged should indicate their desire to the ushers, remain in their pews and let the priest come to them.

**Communion Anthem**

*Come, follow me, the Savior spake*

words: Johann Scheffler  
music: Sigfrid Karg-Elert

*"Come, follow Me", the Savior spake, "all in My way abiding;  
Deny yourselves, the world forsake,  
obey My call and guiding.  
O bear the cross, whate'er betide,  
Take my example for your guide."*

*My heart abounds in lowliness,  
My soul with love is glowing;  
And gracious words my lips express,  
With meekness overflowing.  
My heart, my mind, my strength, my all,  
To God I yield, on Him I call.*

Cantor: Ray Davis Murdoch Curry

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the  
 2 By this pledge, Lord, that you love us, by your  
 3 As our bless - ed ones a - dore you, seat - ed  
 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our

wine which you have poured, for the words which you have  
 gift of peace re - stored, by your call to heaven a -  
 at our Fa - ther's board, may the Church still wait - ing  
 hearts keep watch and ward, in the world to which you

spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
 bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
 for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
 send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

**Post Communion Prayer**

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: **Eternal God, 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.**

**The Blessing**

May the peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God. And may the blessing of God, who created you, redeemed you and sustains you be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**



1 Sing - ing songs of ex - pec - ta - tion, on - ward  
2 One the light of God's own pres - ence, o'er his  
3 One the strain the lips of thou - sands lift as

goes the pil - grim band, through the night of  
ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the  
from the heart of one; one the con - flict,

doubt and sor - row, march - ing to the prom - ised land.  
gloom and ter - ror, bright - ening all the path we tread:  
one the per - il, one the march in God be - gun:

Clear be - fore us through the dark - ness gleams and  
one the ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the  
one the glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the

burns the guid - ing light: trust - ing God we  
faith which nev - er tires, one the ear - nest  
far e - ter - nal shore, where the one al -

march to - geth - er step - ping fear - less through the night.  
look - ing for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.  
might - y Fa - ther reigns in love for ev - er - more.

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**Organ Postlude**

*Andante vivo*

Dom Paul Benoit OSB

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## Announcements

**Welcome Visitors:** There are greeters at the door who are available to answer any questions you might have about the Cathedral. Please sign our guest register! Please join us for Lemonade hour after the 10:00 am service this morning.

**Please welcome organist and St. Luke's parishioner Harold Stover** who is filling in for Albert while he is on summer vacation. Now retired from full time church work after serving churches in New York City and Portland, Harold now is the conductor of the a capella chorus Renaissance Voices, a member of the faculty of the Portland Conservatory of Music, and Organist and Director of Music of the Episcopal summer chapel of St. Peter's by-the-Sea in Cape Neddick.

**The Elevator is currently inoperable.** We are in the process of getting it repaired and apologize for any inconvenience. Those with mobility issues are encouraged to use the front tower entrance .

**Tuesday Worship:** Join us in Emmanuel Chapel each Tuesday at 12:10. You can also join us via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86450798041>.

**Noon Zoom summer schedule!** Join us for a time of prayer and check in each Wednesday at <https://zoom.us/j/98005038807?pwd=NEw4Vlc0VEt0TWxuWFJYdGp0K0xCQT09>  
Meeting ID: 980 0503 8807, Passcode: 531349

**Summer registration is open for Pray, Play, Connect LIVE!** The last event is in August at Camp Bishopswood in Hope on the 29th from 1-4 pm. All youth graduating 5th-12th grade are welcome! If you haven't participated in a diocesan youth event, this is a great opportunity to check one out. [Contact Sara D'Angio White at sdangiowhite@episcopalmaine.net](mailto:sdangiowhite@episcopalmaine.net) to register!

**Summer Finale Day for Youth, Individuals and Families:** Sunday, August 29 at Camp Bishopswood  
This day-long opportunity for youth will be paired with an opportunity for individuals and families to engage in faith formation while enjoying all camp has to offer. Folks will have the optional chance to spend Friday and/or Saturday night, August 27-29, at camp. FMI: Contact Sara D'Angio White.

**Compline Returns soon!** Compline is an ancient service of night prayers that stretches back to Saint Benedict. A perfect way to have a meditative end to the day and prepare for the quietness of night. Starting Monday, September 6, we'll meet online Monday - Friday at 8:00 pm. Join our evening service via zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/767328983>.

Monday & Wednesday, led by Tom and Emma Flinn

Tuesday & Thursday, led by Jon Radtke

Friday, led by Ray Davis Murdoch Curry

**Taizé returns to St. Luke's starting on September 22:** 5:30 pm gathering, service at 5:45 pm in Emmanuel Chapel. We will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month.

**St. Luke's will host our 13<sup>th</sup> annual Holiday Fair** on November 13 from 9am-3pm. If you would like to participate, please email Dawn Brennan-Daly at [dbrennandaly@gmail.com](mailto:dbrennandaly@gmail.com).

**Volunteers are needed to usher at upcoming concerts at St. Luke's:** Ushering is a great way to represent St. Luke's to concert-goers, help raise funds through our new Intermission concession and enjoy the concert. Ushers are needed on Dec. 18 (Renaissance Voices Christmas); and Jan. 2 (Lessons and Carols). Please contact Dawn Brennan-Daly at [dbrennandaly@gmail.com](mailto:dbrennandaly@gmail.com).

**Thank you, Tim Reiniger:** Because of demands of a new job, Tim Reiniger is stepping down from his positions as treasurer and member of the vestry. We wish Tim all the best on as he takes this opportunity. We, however, will sorely miss his leadership, skills, and caring heart in these positions. During Tim's time as treasurer, procedures have been updated, a new bookkeeper has been fully trained, clean audits have been received, budgets have been planned, and the cathedral's financial position has been and continues to be stronger than ever. On top of all that, Tim's leadership with the PPP process helped not just St Luke's but the entire diocese of Maine. In the words of John Watson, the chair of our finance committee, *"It goes without saying that Tim will be very much missed. His work with the PPP loan application for instance was not only highly beneficial for St. Luke's but for the diocese as well - indeed it is not going too far, I think, to say that the diocese owes its PPP success almost entirely to his efforts! I would also single out the fact that Tim has worked closely with Nina (our Bookkeeper) in the preparation of a new finance manual which will be very valuable as we move forward. So thank you so much, Tim!"*

**Gifts that Diversify the Art of the Cathedral:** I don't know about you, but I grew up seeing pictures of Jesus with white skin and long blond or brown hair. He was usually skinny, often in a white robe with a lamb on his shoulder, and blue eyes gazing into heaven. That Jesus didn't have the swarthy muscled look of a Middle Eastern stone mason or shepherd of the first century. He, however, looked right at home in a suburban Midwestern church of 50 or so years ago.

That image shows more about the artists and their culture than it showed about Jesus himself. While we are created in God's image, we also create God in our own.

As a result, the vast majority of images in St Luke's - Jesus and Mary, as well as various biblical characters, saints and angels - tend to be white. This speaks to the artists and the culture and time in which these images were created. It, however, does not reflect the diversity of our current culture, our theology of inclusion, or our understanding of the Kingdom of God.

Thanks to the Rev. Eleanor Prior, a nicely framed photograph of Bishop Curry now hangs with the other bishops in the parish hall. And, thanks to a member of the Sacred Ground Group, the nave is graced with print of a Madonna and Child by Vermont painter Janet McKenzie who challenges traditional Christian images by using women and people of color in depictions of Jesus, Mary, and other Biblical figures.

The original, "Mary and Jesus with the papel picado," is part of the permanent collection of St. Paul's Cathedral in Burlington, VT which Dean Shambaugh saw on a recent visit.

We thank the artist for her work, the donor for her generosity, and the dean of St. Paul's for her hospitality and contagious enthusiasm for this piece and all that it represents.

For a video about artist Janet Mckenzie, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tCYTIBHzQBA>.

## **New Covid Guidelines**

- There are no more distancing or capacity requirements in the nave or in cathedral spaces. Programs and meetings may resume. (Sunday school is planning to resume in September)
- We will have no wine at the Eucharist for the time being. Eucharistic visiting and pastoral visits may resume. (Please call if you would like a visit)
- People are instructed to ask permission of others before sharing the peace or greeting one another, and encouraged to “elbow bump” and otherwise avoid hugging or actions that may make others uncomfortable.
- For the time being, parishioners will be asked to remain masked during worship but those fully vaccinated may unmask outside during Lemonade hour. Those fully vaccinated may sing with masks on. Even if we don't have to, we will remain masked (unless speaking or reading) so that we are welcoming and inclusive of young children, people who are immunocompromised or otherwise cannot get the vaccine for health reasons, and those who are not completely comfortable being in public settings again.
- The choir has begun singing, with masks on (all coming have been fully vaccinated). We are now scheduling concerts and events with programming on the calendar now through December.
- Dinners/breakfasts/other food related fellowship will resume in September. This allows time for us to develop guidelines and training for use of the kitchen. We'll continue lemonade hour outside on the lawn or in the cloister if it rains.

## **Service Participants**

**Celebrant/Preacher:** The Very Rev. Benjamin A. Shambaugh, Dean;

**Cathedral Musician:** Harold Stover; **Deacons:** The Rev. Alice Goshorn, The Rev. Rebecca Grant;

**Vergers:** Thurl Headen, Joe Duclos; **Ushers:** Peter Bingham, Melissa Coy, Susan McCuller, Deb Marcoux;

**The Flower Guild; The Altar Guild**