

The Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday 17 November 2024



The Cathedral Church of St. Luke in the Episcopal Diocese of Maine and the City of Portland

Whoever you are, and wherever you may be on the journey of the spirit, The Episcopal Church welcomes you.

> Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:00ам in the Nave & Livestreamed

Welcome to St. Luke's Cathedral!

We are a faith community with ancient worship and modern thought, catholic traditions and progressive theology. We proclaim a Biblical perspective for thinking people, a respect for reason, science, and a diversity of perspective. This empowers compassion and care for both the wider community and one another. Our commitment to welcome and inclusion is central to our mission modeled on the Kingdom of God and proclaimed by Jesus Christ. We are part of the 1.7 million-member **Episcopal Church** in the United States, and the 85-million-member worldwide **Anglican Communion**.



New to St. Luke's? We are delighted to welcome you to the cathedral and are grateful for your presence with us today. We invite you to fill out our visitor's register at either entrance of the cathedral nave.

Our Mission: St. Luke's welcomes every person 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. St. Luke's first service was held on Christmas Day in 1868, and continues over 150 years of reaching out to the city and people of Portland.

How we worship: Throughout the bulletin, the congregation is invited to say all **bolded** text aloud, and to sing all music printed in the order of service. There are also times when it is customary to make the sign of the cross by touching your forehead, chest, left shoulder, and right shoulder. If you wish to do so, the \square indicates that. Instructions for how to receive communion are provided later in the bulletin, at that point in the liturgy.

Where are the restrooms? There are four restrooms in the parish house, through the doors at the front left corner of the church. Men's and women's restrooms are across the large room at the top of the ramp: walk straight across, through the double doors and to your left. On the lower level, there are two accessible, single-stall (non-gender) restrooms, one on either end of the large room. If you need help finding them, please ask an usher.

Visit our child-friendly gathering space: beside the baptismal font on the east wall of the nave, a place where children and their guardians can move around and engage with soft toys, books, yet still participate in worship.

Worship Resources: Except where otherwise indicated, all spoken texts used in worship are from *The Book of Common Prayer* (1979). And, except where otherwise indicated, all music not in the public domain is reprinted and streamed with permission under OneLicense.net #A-713087 and/or RiteSong.

Sunday parking for St. Luke's: Off-street parking is available in two locations for those attending Sunday services: our lot adjacent to the Parish Hall, accessed from Park St.; and the Cumberland Club's (Spring Street between Park & High Sts.). We are grateful to the Cumberland Club for sharing their space with us (except on Easter and Mother's Day). In addition, limited handicap parking is available in the traffic circle in the State Street churchyard.

St. Luke's Territorial Acknowledgement

St Luke's acknowledges that we are worshiping on "unceded territory taken by force and previously occupied by the **Wabanaki people**." (Amended City Charter, Portland, Maine). Some of the resources that built this cathedral came from industry related to the slave trade in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries. We join our fellow residents in honoring the Wabanaki knowledge and culture that continues to thrive in the Tribal Nations. We ask for Blessing and Peace upon all indigenous peoples that have called, and always will call, this place—"The Dawnland"—HOME.

We invite you to pray this morning for... members of our parish family Sarah Braik, Maggie Gardner

members of our extended parish family

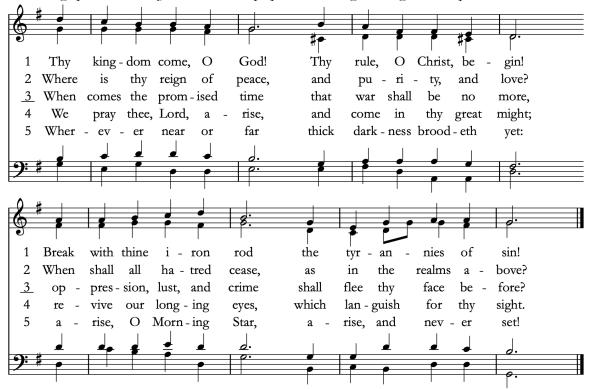
Lisa Gorham (friend of Peter & Connie Bingham), Alice Brown (niece of Gail Swanton), Jan Giroux (colleague of Gail Swanton), Will Armitage (son of Nancy Armitage), Joe (son of Jeri Edgar), Janice (sister of Terry Foster) Prelude

Words of Welcome

The Reverend George Stevens, Interim Dean

The Word of God

When the tower bell rings, please stand as you are able. The people are encouraged to sing all music printed in the bulletin.



The Hymnal 1982 - #613 "Thy kingdom come, O God"; Words: Lewis Hensley (1824-1905), alt.; Music: St. Cecelia, 66. 66, Leighton George Hayne (1836-1883)

Opening Acclamation

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

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

Collect for Purity

People 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 Savior. Amen.

Song of Praise





translation: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Music: from Mass for St. Bartholomen's, William K. Trafka (b. 1956)

CelebrantMay God be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLet us pray.

Celebrani Let us pra

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
 People Amen.

Please sit.

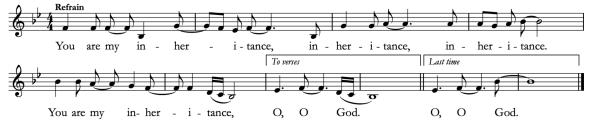
First ReadingDaniel 12:1-3ReaderA reading from the twelfth chapter of Daniel.

The Lord spoke to Daniel in a vision and said, "At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

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

Psalm 16 at the Gradual

The Choir introduces the Refrain, which all then repeat together. The Choir sings the verses of the psalm. The People join in singing the Refrain where indicated.



Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the Holy One, "You are my God, my good above all other."

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people. Refrain

But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied. Their libations of blood I will not offer, nor take the names of their gods upon my lips. *Refrain*

O God, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot. My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage. *Refrain*

I will bless you, O God, who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. I have set you always before me; because you are at my right hand I shall not fall. Refrain

My heart, therefore, is glad and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope. For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the Pit. You will show me the path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. Refrain

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Second Reading Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

Reader A reading from the tenth chapter of Hebrews.

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.



The Hymnal 1982 – #286 "Who are these like stars appearing"; Words: Theobald Heinrich Schenck (1656-1727); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897), alt. Music: Zeuch mich, zeuch mich, 87. 87. 77, melody from Geistreiches Gesang-buch, 1698; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

At the \blacksquare below, you are invited to trace crosses over your forehead, your mouth, and your heart.

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

People Glory to you, O Christ.

Gospel

Mark 13:1-8

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am hel' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs."

DeaconThe Gospel of our Savior.PeoplePraise to you, O Christ.

Please sit. **Sermon**

The Reverend George Stevens, Interim Dean

Please stand as y	you are able.
Nicene Cree	from Enriching our Worship
People	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 will the Father and the son is worshiped and glothled, 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, nd the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the <i>Leader</i>	People Form V In peace, let us pray to God, saying, "Lord, have mercy."	
	For the holy Church of God, remembering especially the Trustees, Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, and other bodies of the Diocese of Maine; that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.	
People	Lord, have mercy.	
Leader	For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Thomas our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.	
People	Lord, have mercy.	
Leader People	For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy.	
Leader	For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.	
People	Lord, have mercy.	
Leader	Remembering especially Ukraine, Haiti, Sudan, Gaza, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Israel, Lebanon and Palestine, all places torn by war and violence, and all victims of war, we pray for the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.	
People	Lord, have mercy.	
Leader	For those in positions of public trust, remembering especially Joseph, our President; Donald our President Elect; Janet, our Governor; Mark, our Mayor; and all members of local, state, and national government; for all who serve and have served in the armed forces of our country; that they may serve with justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.	
People	Lord, have mercy.	
Leader	For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, for the victims of human trafficking and those working to combat it; and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.	
People	Lord, have mercy.	
Leader People	For this congregation that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy.	
Leader	For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors;	
	that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health.	
	The Leader reads the names from the parish prayer list, printed on the inside cover of your bulletin. During the silence that follows, you are invited to add names, silently or aloud.	
People	In remembering our loved ones, friends, and family in prayer, we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy.	
Leader People	For all who have \blacksquare died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy.	
Leader	Rejoicing in the fellowship of blessed Luke and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one	
People	another, and all our life to Christ our God. Lord, have mercy.	

Confession of Sin

Deacon People	 Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen. 	
Celebrant People	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.	
Peace Celebrant People	The peace of Christ be always with you. And also with you.	

The People may greet one another in the name of God. Afterward, please sit.

Announcements The Holy Communion

Celebrant

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, as an offering and sacrifice to God.

A free will offering in support of the mission and ministry of the Cathedral is taken at this time. All quarters in the offering plate go to support lunches for the school children in Duny, Haïti. Online giving is available at <stlukesportland.org/give/>; or scan the QR at left.

The choir sings

"All Shall Be Well"

God has called us: and how can we but raise our voices, echoing God's praise? God has called us: and let us answer with our lives. God has changed us: and how can we but live as servants of the Spirit's gift? God has changed us: and let us worship with our lives. God has charged us: and how can we but ask for wisdom for the Christly task? God has charged us: and let us labor with our lives.

Words: Susan Palo Cherwien (1953-2021), Music: Robert A. Hobby (b. 1962)

Please stand as you are able.





The Hymnal 1982 – #307 "Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor"; Words: George Hugh Bourne (1840-1925), alt. Music: Bryn Calfaria, 87. 87. 12 77, melody William Owen (1813-1893); harm. Christian Hymns, 1977

Prayer over Offertory Gifts for Stewardship Season

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Celebrant Creator God, may these gifts honor the work you have given us to do here in this place. May we bless, break, and share these gifts of time, talent, and treasure with our neighbors, walking in love as you have walked with us.

People Amen.

Celebrant

People

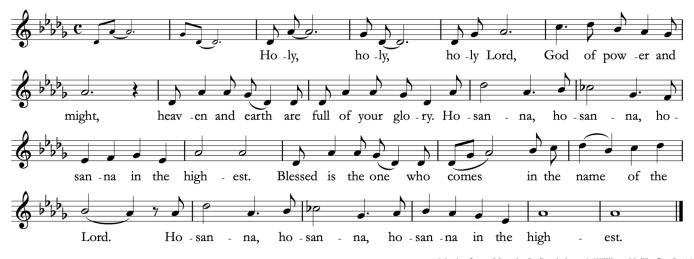
The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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- *Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.
- *People* We lift them to our God.
- *Celebrant* Let us give thanks to God.
- *People* It is right to give God thanks and praise.
- *Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Music: from Mass for St. Bartholomew's, William K. Trafka (b. 1956)

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our 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 he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

PeopleWe remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.

People

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Creator of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

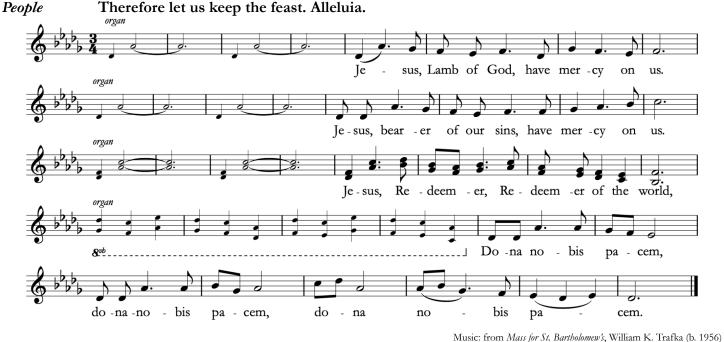
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being \clubsuit sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with blessed Luke and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

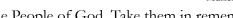
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. AMEN.

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, People 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.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;





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.

Communion of the People

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. As the Iona Community says, "Come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been here in a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here."

Ushers will assist you to approach by the center and return by the side aisles. You are welcome to receive the bread and/or the wine when presented; we believe that the divine presence is fully present in both the bread and the wine, and you may refuse either. For example, you may choose to receive only the bread, and then walk away; or, if you would like, you may touch the chalice with your hand, and not actually consume any wine. If you would like to receive the blessing of the Church, but not communion, indicate to the clergy by crossing your arms when approached. If you are not able to come forward, please motion to an usher, and communion will be brought to you. Per Diocesan guidelines, the cathedral does not practice intinction (dipping the bread into the wine) at this time.

Prayers of Healing are offered in All Saints Chapel (to the right of the kneeling rail). Members of the prayer team will assist you in offering prayer of healing for yourself or a loved one.



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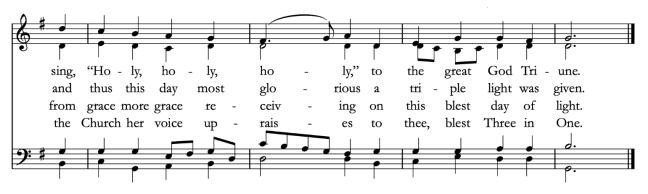
Postcommunion Prayer

CelebrantLet us pray.PeopleEternal 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 Celebrant blesses the people with these words

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us, so be quick to love and make haste to be kind. And may the P blessing of God who made us, and who loves us, and who travels with us, be with you this day and forevermore. — *Henri Frederic Amiel (1821-1881)*





The Hymnal 1982 – #48 "O day of radiant gladness"; Words: Sts. 1-2, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1835), alt.; st. 3, Charles P. Price (1920-1999); st. 4, ver. Hymnal 1982. St. 3, Copyright © 1982, Charles P Price. St. 4, Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. Music: Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein, 76. 76. D, German folk song; harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848-1934)

The Deacon dismisses the people with these wordsGo in peace to love and serve our God.PeopleThanks be to God.

Postlude

Service Participants

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Preacher ጵ Celebrant	The Reverend George Stevens, Interim Dean
Assisting	The Reverend Rebecca Grant, Deacon
Music Leader ở Organist	Christian M. Clough, Canon for Liturgy & Music
Verger	Randi Hogan
Crucifer	Alec Thorne
Ushers	Peter Bingham, Chester Bishop, Mary Linneman, Gail Swanton
Reader	Peter Carleton
Prayers Leader	William Salomon
Live Streaming	Jack Swanton, Sam Allen
Eucharistic Ministers	Joseph deKay, Maggie Gardner
Contributing Ministries	Acolytes, Vergers, Flower Guild, Altar Guild, Kneeler Guild,
	Cathedral Choir, Healing Team

The Altar Flowers for today's services are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the 205th Convention of the Diocese of Maine

HAPPENING TODAY

Coffee Hour: Please join us after the 10AM service for fellowship and refreshments in the Upper Hall, through the doors to the left of the altar. All are welcome. Interested in hosting? This important part of our common life provides us with a time for connection. Hosting is fun and easy; it requires only bringing in a baked good and brewing coffee. Please consider volunteering; a lot of gratitude comes with it. Thank you! Check the hosting schedule by visiting http://tinyurl.com/coffeeatstlukes, and choose a date, then contact Meredith Cough http://tinyurl.com/coffeeatstlukes, and choose a date, then contact Meredith Cough http://tinyurl.com/coffeeatstlukes, and choose a date, then contact Meredith Cough http://tinyurl.com/coffeeatstlukes, and choose a date, then contact Meredith Cough http://tinyurl.com/coffeeatstlukes, and choose a date, then contact Meredith Cough http://tinyurl.com/coffeeatstlukes, and choose a date, then contact Meredith Cough http://tinyurl.com/coffeeatstlukes, and choose a date, then contact Meredith Cough http://tinyurl.com/coffeeatstlukes, and choose a date, then contact Meredith Cough

Young and the Restless Gathering: Join Young and the Restless at 5:30PM in the Lower Parish Hall for our annual Friendsgiving! Rotisserie chicken, rolls, beverages, and paper goods will be provided. Please bring a veggie side dish and/or dessert to share. Contact: Phoebe Blume oprblume@gmail.com>

5:15PM Sunday Worship You are most welcome to join us this evening in Emmanuel Chapel for worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Transition Team Volunteer and Nomination Form Final Submission Reminder: In October the Rev. George Stevens shared a summary of discussions with the Rev. Pamela Mott, and outlined next steps in preparing to call new clergy leadership, which will entail populating four teams that will work to bring our next Dean to CSL.

A form identifying the different teams and their job responsibilities is paired with a nomination form and guidelines regarding how to return the completed materials to the office by the deadline—tomorrow—Monday 18 November.

The form is available in the back of your bulletin, online at <https://stlukesportland.org/vestry>, in hard copy at each entrance of the church, and in the most recent publication of the E-pistle.

The November meeting of the Lesser Chapter ("Vestry") will be held next Wednesday, November 20, at 6:00 p.m. in the Loring House Conference Room. Interested parishioners are welcome to attend as guests. As outlined in the recent lesser chapter guest policy which was shared with the congregation (available at https://stlukesportland.org/vestry/) ten minutes are allotted at the beginning of each meeting for guests to address the group on issues of interest or concern. The bulk of November's meeting will be held in Executive Session (Wardens and Vestry members only). We will meet with our Dean Search Consultant, the Rev. Pamela Mott who will guide us through the process of selecting members of the four committees that will have responsibility for different phases of the Dean search. Committee members will be selected from the list of nominees that have been collected since October 20. Please see the announcement above regarding how to access transition team volunteer and nomination forms.

Cathedral Parking Lot at 134 Park Street to be Closed on Friday, November 22: Our parking lot will be closed for painting of new parking space stripes. All cars must be moved from the lot no later than 4AM on Friday morning. With questions, please contact the cathedral office at <office@cathedralofstluke.org>

The Portland Rossini Club will be presenting their next concert on Sunday, 24 November at 3:00PM in the Cathedral Nave. The concert will feature the musical works of Beethoven, Puccini, Moore, Gershwin, Chopin, and Llamazares. Contact: 207-318-7465 or visit the Rossini Club website at rossiniclub.org/event/november24/

Thanksgiving Day service: Please join us at 10AM Thursday 28 November for Holy Eucharist in Emmanuel Chapel. The Rt. Reverend Thomas Brown, Bishop of Maine, will preside. All are welcome to attend.

Stewardship Campaign 2025 "Walk in Love" This year's stewardship theme, "Walk in Love", invites us to journey together in faith, unity, and purpose. Inspired by Ephesians 5:1-2 ("Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."), we are called to imitate God's love in our lives and our community. As we navigate our path forward, including our ongoing process of conflict transformation, walking in love reminds us that our faith journey is not solitary but shared. It challenges us to align our actions with our values, to support one another in times of need, and to be open to the transformative power of God's love. Through our stewardship, we have the opportunity to tangibly express this love—whether through our time, talents, or resources. As you reflect on the stewardship theme please use the following questions:

- What are examples of walking in love you have experienced at St. Luke's?
- What ministry of our congregation is most hopeful or most exciting to you?
- When was the time that the community was there for you?
- How do you experience God's abundance?

Questions? Contact Stewardship Chair & Treasurer, Randi Hogan at <treasurer@cathedralofstluke.org>

Join the Altar Guild for their December Polishing Party: The St. Luke's Altar guild is having a silver and gold polishing party to get ready for the holidays! Join us 10AM–12noon Saturday 14 December in the Upper Hall. Everyone is welcome! You don't need to be part of the altar guild to participate. Coffee and goodies will be provided. Contact Kate Leschey <cleschey@gmail.com>

The Cathedral Choir welcomes new members throughout the season; we hope you'll join us for fun, learning, fellowship, and the joy of music-making in community. Previous singing experience is not required. Short-term commitments are possible. Rehearsals most Thursdays 7-9PM, singing most Sunday 10AM liturgies & for several additional services throughout the year. Contact: Christian Clough <CClough@cathedralofstluke.org>

St. Elizabeth's Coat Drive: As the cold weather approaches, St Elizabeth's is looking for donations of coats and boots (new and gently used) to make available for our neighbors. Please leave your donations in the blue box in the lower hall, next to the stairs. Contact: Byrd Wood <jacknbyrd@gmail.com>.

Thank You to All Volunteers Who Served During Eucharist for Diocesan Convention: We appreciate your gifts of time and talent which you shared to enhance worship as we welcomed guests from across the Diocese to the cathedral.

Renaissance Voices Christmas Concert: Join Renaissance Voices and maestro Harold Stover, for their Christmas Concerts at the Cathedral. 7:30PM Saturday 14 December and 2:00PM Sunday 15 December. Program features music of Juan Esquivel, Sally Herman, Celia McDowell, and more! Tickets are available for purchase at https://www.renaissancevoices.net/concerts

Christmas Festival of Lessons and Carols: 4PM on 22 December, our first liturgical celebration of Christmas. Please tell friends, neighbors, family! Especially for folks away for Christmas, this is an excellent opportunity to celebrate in our beautiful space and tradition! Contact: Christian Clough<CClough@cathedralofstluke.org>.

OPPORTUNITIES & COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Prayers of Healing are offered at the 10AM service each Sunday, during or after communion and to the end of the postlude. Two members of the Healing Team offer these healing prayers in All Saints' Chapel (the small chapel to the right of the communion rail.)

The Biblical Study Group meets in the Conference Room on the ground floor 8:30–10:00AM. The topic for our sessions is the search for the one and only God, Elohim or Adonai, within ourselves. Join us for our study of the search of becoming "who we were meant to be." We are led by Bob Hanson, retired university professor, Episcopal priest, author, peace activist, and Jungian analyst. With questions, contact Bob at (207)-405-8250.

Soul Talk is a monthly coffee and conversation group in which we talk not so much about our beliefs but about our faith and experience of God. It meets at 10 AM on the 4th Thursday of each month. Please join us once a month or once in a while. Contact Linda Carleton lindacarleton01@gmail.com> if you'd like to receive an email with material for reflection before each meeting. Our next session will be held on 19 November.

Contemplative prayer meets every Thursday at 4:30PM on Zoom *(please see the E-pistle for the link)*. Please join us for a half hour of silent meditation followed by a brief conversation about our experience. No experience necessary! Contact: Sarah Braik <sbraik642@gmail.com>.

Volunteer to serve on the Altar Guild: We love volunteering on the Altar Guild, and think you would, too! Volunteering with Altar Guild is fun and rewarding. Together, we can work to enable our congregation to engage in worship that is filled with order, beauty, peace, and tranquility. Contact: Kate Leschey <cleschey@gmail.com> or Rita Siavelis <ritasiav@hotmail.com> Join the Kneelers Guild and Prayer Shawl Knitters: every Tuesday 2:30–4:30PM in the Upper Hall. Everyone is welcome, whether you are curious or want to begin. Kneeler kits cost \$75, which include directions, yarn, needles & canvas. Novices are welcome; we will teach you as needed. Prayer Shawls: 20" x 60"; select your yarn & needles. Coffee & tea are available.

Join the Young and the Restless, St. Luke's 20s-30s-year-old ministry, which hosts events both at CSL and outside the church. Join us as we hike, ice-skate, play trivia, or just enjoy each other's company! If you are new to us, welcome! We meet 6-8PM each Tuesday at Maine Beer Company in Freeport for trivia. Other events happen sporadically throughout the month, though trivia is a wonderful opportunity to meet us, if you're joining us for the first time. Contact: Shana Rose <shanaro931@gmail.com>

COMMUNITY NOTES

To reserve space for a group, meeting or event, fill out a space usage form, and check with the cathedral calendar first! Thanks! Contact: Avery Schott (207) 772-5434 or <office@cathedralofstluke.org>

Thank you in advance for your offering today. You can donate to St. Luke's through our new and secure "Give and Text" feature. Please text **"TEXTCSL" to 73256.** Our 2024 Pledge Campaign is ongoing. Pledge materials and information are available at <www.stlukesportland.org>

The parish prayer list: Names remain on the prayer list for 3 consecutive weeks unless otherwise requested. If you wish for a name to be added, contact Avery Schott, Parish Administrator <office@cathedralofstluke.org>.

Access your Realm profile: The Cathedral's online database, Realm, is a useful tool for parishioners to manage their contact and pledging information. Realm helps our community by improving our record keeping in a more streamlined fashion. When joining Realm you can sign-up to be a part of the online directory. To activate your Realm profile, please contact Nina Andersen, financial administrator <nandersen@cathedralofstluke.org>. Nina will assist you with the few steps necessary to access your profile.



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Cathedral Church of St. Luke Transition Team Volunteer & Nomination form

Over the coming months, there are a variety of important roles that will need to be filled in our search for new clergy leadership. The vestry is currently receiving names for four teams: preparation team, discernment team, hospitality team and prayer team.

Below, please find different teams needed for the search process and the accompanying job descriptions.

Team Job Descriptions

1) Preparation team

-Gathers information needed for posting a position.

-Regularly scans the website and communicates with the communications specialist to keep it updated.

-Collaborates with communications specialist to create a "Dean Search" Page on the website

-Assists consultant with parish retreat to organize and gather data

-Collates the material gathered to post on website, diocesan website

-Develops an attractive, informative "profile" for search page

2) Discernment team

Please note: Members of this team will need to agree to keep confidences, and be committed to being present at meetings. If they share an email with a spouse, they should open a confidential email.

-Determines their process for candidates and references: written? In person?

-Reviews Candidate material

-Stays in timely communication with candidates

-Shares their process with vestry

-Keeps parish informed

-Makes prayerful recommendation to vestry on candidates to be interviewed

-Assists Vestry interview team in interviewing candidates and checking references

3) Hospitality Team

-Facilitates hospitality for saying farewell to current interim priest and to welcome new Priest

-Hospitality for new clergy person/family. Who would the new priest like to meet? -Would a reception be good? What about a list of doctors, dentists, favorite restaurants? What resources are in the parish to assist in transition?

4) Prayer Team

-Writes prayer for the search

-Prays regularly for the process

-Finds ways to encourage, involve, and if desirable to organize the parish for prayer

Nominations Form

Nomination Guidelines

Nominations will be received until Monday, November 18.

Please return the form below to the the office in one of the following ways:

- 1) Drop off at parish office
- 1) Place it in the collection basket during Sunday Service
- 2) Email the form to The Reverend George Stevens at <gstevens@cathedralofstluke.org>.

Please note, you must have permission to nominate someone for consideration.

Members of the cathedral staff and clergy are not able to be nominated.

I would like to volunteer for the ______ team.

I believe the gifts/skills I bring to this process are...

<u>OR</u>

I would like to nominate______ for a team.

I believe the gifts/skills this person brings to the team are...

□ I have received this person's permission to be nominated (*please check the box*)