

***The Twenty-Fourth Sunday  
after Pentecost  
November 15, 2020***

10:30 a.m. Worship Service



**St. Luke's Episcopal Church**

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Greeting

## The Word of God

Opening Hymn (listen in silence)

Blue Hymnal 66

*"Come thou long expected Jesus"*

### Acclamation

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

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

Celebrant 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 (spoken)

Blue Hymnal S280

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his 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.*

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us pray.

## Collect of the Day:

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. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

### The First Lesson:

**The book of Judges recounts the cycles of human behavior that result from insincere repentance. The Israelites fall out of faithfulness into oppression, and when they realize their sin, repent and a savior is sent.**

### A reading from the Book of Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

Reader Concludes with: The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 123** *Ad te levavi oculos meos*

Refrain: Our eyes look to the Lord our God, from whom  
we seek mercy.

1 To you I lift up my eyes, \*  
to you enthroned in the heavens.

2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, \*  
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, \*  
until he show us his mercy.

4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, \*  
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \*  
and of the derision of the proud.

## **The Second Lesson: The Epistle**

**The Thessalonians, and we ourselves, are called to live according to God's perspective of creation rather than the temptation to the sleepiness of this world.**

### **A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians 5:2-11**

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader Concludes with: The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## Gradual (spoken)

**Red Book 113 (v. 1)**

Speak now the word of life, Dear Lord to me,  
As once you spoke the word Beside the sea;  
Beyond the sacred page I seek you Lord;  
My spirit longs for you, The living word!

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew.

*People:* Glory to you Lord Christ

## **The Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30**

Jesus said, "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not

scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

Celebrant Concludes with: The Gospel of our Lord  
*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ

**Gradual (spoken)**

**Red Book 113 (v. 2)**

Show me the truth concealed Within your word,  
That by your book revealed I know you, Lord;  
So send your Spirit, now, Dear Lord, to me  
That he may touch my eyes And make me see.

**The Homily:** The Rev. Dr. Wayne A. Ewing

## Nicene Creed

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 of God, Light of Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate:  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living  
and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of  
life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped  
and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. *Amen*

## **The Prayers of the People - Form III**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;

*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer.*



*St. Luke's Prayer Requests  
for the week of November 15, 2020*

*May all congregants and those on the prayer list  
receive God's grace this day and throughout 2020*  
Illness/Injured/Surgeries

Don & Nancy Drummond

David Thompson's Mom

Loren Elston, Sandy & 12 yo Samuel Barrett (Greg &  
Janet's Family)

Eduvijos Rodriquez (Leida's Mother)

Lee & Park Street

David Cross (ALS) and family

Continued Healing & Prayers

Jim & Grace Willson (Ann & Ann  
Family)

Mary Chandler (The Ann's Cousin)

Wilson Begay and family

Kathleen Stocker

Parson's Dad & Grandson

Helen Ensrude (Mike's Mom)

Cathy LoPresti and Family

Emily Trujillo & Family

Neal Johnson & wife Joanne  
(Sandra Attebery's Family)

Billie Jo Hermansson and Family

(Ann & Ann's

Daughter and Sister)

Suzane Steele

Sara Barthrop Simpson

Sally McQueen & Family

Linda & Alan McPeak

Willdra Ruzanski

Robyn Tems

Fr. Wayne & Shannon Ewing

Dean Zylich

Lisa Kidwell

Maria Thrurn

Zahara

Carryn Anderson

(Mike and Bonnie's daughter)

The Rev. Wendie & Evalds Jekabsons

## Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*(Silence may be kept.)*

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

## The Peace

Celebrant      The peace of the Lord be always with  
you.

*People*      And also with you.

**Blessings** (Birthdays, Anniversaries, Traveling, Healing)

**Offertory:** Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

\*Pledges and Plate can be mailed to POB 208, Westcliffe 81252

**Offertory Music** (listen in silence)

**Doxology** (listen in silence)

*"Praise God to Whom All Blessings Flow"*

## **Spiritual Communion**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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.*

## Agnus Dei (spoken)

Blue Hymnal S158

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world.

*have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world.

*have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world.

*grant - us thy peace*

## The Communion Prayer

In union, O Lord,

with the faithful who yearn to gather

at the altar of your Church with the Holy Eucharist,

we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving.

We present you our souls and bodies

with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you,

and,

since we cannot now receive you sacramentally,

we beseech you to come spiritually into our heart.

We unite ourselves with you,

and embrace you with all the love of our souls.

Let nothing ever separate you from us.

May we live in you,

and may you live in us,

both in this life and in the life to come. *Amen.*

## A General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
We, your unworthy servants, give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation,  
preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world  
by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with a truly thankful hearts we may show forth your  
praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up ourselves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

**Closing Hymn (listen in silence)**

**Blue Hymnal 707**

*"Take my life and let it be... "*

**Benediction** (remain seated)

**Dismissal :**    *Celebrant:*    Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
                          *People*                    Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Announcements**

**Postlude**

# Announcements & Calendar

## St. Luke's Supply Priest Schedule

November 22<sup>th</sup>: The Rev. Dr. Winnie Mitchell

November 29<sup>th</sup>: The Rev. Dr. Wayne A. Ewing

**Thank you for serving St. Luke's; your gifts of time, presence & guidance are greatly appreciated by all of St. Luke's congregants and community**



## St. Luke's Pastoral Care Priests

**Father David Thompson** (719-488-3952 home #) will be available for the Colorado Springs, Pueblo etc. area for personal visits

**Father Wayne Ewing** (719-371-3507 cell #) will be available for the Westcliffe-Silver Cliff-Wetmore etc. area for personal visits

Both priests are available to *everyone* via phone or email.



## November - December 2020 Calendar

✦ **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Discretionary Plate Offering November 8, 2020** ✦

November 24<sup>th</sup>: **Christ the King Sunday**

November 26<sup>th</sup>: **Thanksgiving**

November 29<sup>th</sup>: **The First Sunday in Advent (Year B)**

Decorate the church after the worship service. All are encouraged to stay & give a helping hand.

December 24: **Christmas Eve Candlelight service ~**

Details to Follow