The Last Sunday After Pentecost:
Christ The King

A Service
Celebrating
the Anniversary
of the Merger of
Grace and St. Luke’s
Episcopal Churches

November 28, ~ November 22,
1940 ~ 2020
Welcome to Worship: Thank you for making Grace-St. Luke’s part of your spiritual journey and for joining us today for this virtual worship offering. If you are new among us, please complete an online Connect Card at gracestlukes.org/online-visitor-card. Our clergy-staff team would like to reach out to learn more about you and to explore how life at Grace-St. Luke’s might bless your journey and you bless ours. For more about our thriving faith community including online formation (learning) offerings, please visit www.gracestlukes.org.

Celebrant: The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher  
Preacher: The Rev. Laura F. Gettys  
Lector & Intercessor: Jessica Abell

All are asked to observe silence during the Voluntary: “La Grâce”  
George Philipp Telemann

Welcome, Announcements and Children’s Message

The Word of God

Hymn 544, stanzas 1-2 & 4-5, “Jesus shall reign where’er the sun”  
music: Duke Street, John Hatton (d. 1793)  
text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.
Celebrant  
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

The Collect for Purity
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.

Song of Praise said three times
Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day
Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel
Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Lector  
The Word of the Lord.

People  
Thanks be to God. Silence

Psalm 95:1-7a read responsively by whole verse

1  Come, let us sing to the Lord; *  
   let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

2  Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *  
   and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

3  For the Lord is a great God, *  
   and a great King above all gods.

4  In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *  
   and the heights of the hills are his also.

5  The sea is his, for he made it, *  
   and his hands have molded the dry land.

6  Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *  
   and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

7  For he is our God,  
   and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
Jesus said, “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

**The Homily:** The Rev. Laura F. Gettys

*The Priest invites the People to stand for The 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 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: 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 Priest invites the People to stand or kneel for the* 
**The Prayers of the People, Form III**

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.**
Remembering especially those reflected on the Prayer List as named in the service leaflet, the widowed and orphans, all whose lives are affected due to the COVID-19 pandemic and those who now care for them, and those we now name either silently or aloud [N.N.]
Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**
Remembering those who have died, for those who have died from coronavirus, and those we now name either silently or aloud [N.N.] 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, including thanksgivings for the gifts of time, talent, and treasure that support life at Grace-St. Luke’s; for our School and all schools that serve our community; for the Anglican Communion, The Episcopal Church, and the Diocese of West Tennessee; and for all individuals, communities, and organizations working tirelessly and creatively to respond to the needs caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

*The celebrant adds the following Collect.*

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the merger of Grace Church and St. Luke’s Church into one house of prayer and parish community: We give you thanks for the fellowship of those who have gone before us and for those who have worshipped in this place, and we pray that all who seek you here and are fed from your altar may find you, and be filled with your joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. **Silence may be kept.**

Minister and People

**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.**

*The Priest says*

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*  
**BCP 360**

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

*The Celebrant and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*The Offertory*  
*The Celebrant first offers instructions about the ministration of communion and the consecration of pledges to the stewardship campaign. Then the Celebrant and Assisting Priest wash their hands with soapy warm water and sanitize them. During the setting of the Holy Table and the choral anthem, your financial offerings may be made to support life at Grace-St. Luke’s: visit gracestlukes.org/onlinegiving; text GSLChurch ALMS to 73256 to give to ALMS; text GSLChurch PLEDGE to 73256 to give to your PLEDGE; or you may mail offerings to the church office. Our 2021 stewardship campaign, Resilience and Connection by Giving, is seeking 100% participation from all parishioners: visit gracestlukes.org/pledge. For information about worship, formation for all ages, ways to connect, serve and more, visit www.gracestlukes.org.*

*Music at the Offertory*  
**The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth: For in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away. 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:
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues.

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all. He 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 Lord 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

**The Lord’s Prayer**

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.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

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

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

**Anthem at Communion, “Antiphon, from Five Mystical Songs” (Let all the world in every corner sing)**

*Let all the world in every corner sing: my God and King!*

The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly; the earth is not too low, his praises there may grow.

*Let all the world in every corner sing: my God and King!*

Let all the world in every corner sing: my God and King! The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out; but, more than all, the heart must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in every corner sing: my God and King!
Spiritual Communion Prayers

While the congregation gathered in person receives communion, the congregation worshipping via livestream offers the following prayers. These rich words are recited daily throughout the church catholic (universal) by individuals and communities unable to gather for public worship for whatever reason, while also longing for the occasion to participate in the Episcopal Church’s central practice of receiving the Holy Sacrament.

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly Grace-St. Luke’s and those worshipping there, I long to offer praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory, and particularly for the blessings given me.

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Hymn 481, stanzas 1, & 3-4, “REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING!”

music: Gopsal, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); arr. John Wilson (1905-1992)
text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
The Dismissal

Minister Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary: “La Majesté” George Philipp Telemann

Continue the day, giving thanks to God for blessings known and known, and by reaching out in care for fellow parishioners, neighbors, and any persons in need. Members of the parish with any needs or pastoral concerns: email pastoralcare@graceslukes.org or dial 901-252-6320, and for hospitalizations or emergencies, dial the 24/7 Clergy-on-Call phone line at 901-252-6334.

The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher, Celebrant
The Rev. Laura F. Gettys, Preacher
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Dr. Patrick A. Scott, Director of Music & Organist
Elizabeth Hornor, Isabel Wittman, Daniel Massey, & Andrew Carroll, Cantors
Scott Moore, trumpet
Lucy Owens, Communications Administrator
Philip Ramsey Rule, Livestream Support
November 22, 2020 – Christ the King Sunday (A)

AdventWord

For the seventh year, #AdventWord will gather prayers via a global, online Advent calendar. Virginia Theological Seminary is offering 27 daily meditations and images during this holy season, beginning Sunday, November 29. During a year of disparate worship and communities of prayer, AdventWord offers a way to reflect and pause for the Advent season and await the birth of Christ.

Gathering a worldwide community, #AdventWord provides a daily meditation, visual image, and invites your personal reflections via social media to share your own Advent journey. Thousands have participated each year, responding to the words with photos, written responses, crafts, drawings, poems, found art, and Holy Spirit-filled posts.

“It is amazing to witness the prayers from around the world appearing on social media when Advent begins,” says AdventWord program director, Sarah Stonesifer Boylan. “I am really pleased to see that VTS has been able to continue to provide this offering consistently for four years, each time building on its success.”

Also new this year to #AdventWord offerings include a podcast for each day, voiced by Virginia Theological Seminary community members. The short daily podcasts provide another access point to absorb the lectionary-inspired writings by 27 different authors. Find it by searching AdventWord on your preferred podcast platform.

The prompts for 2020 #AdventWord are:

November 29 - Tender
November 30 - Deliver
December 1 - Strengthen
December 2 - Earth
December 3 - Rebuild
December 4 - Fellowship
December 5 - Glory
December 6 - Speak
December 7 - Comfort

December 8 - Patient
December 9 - Mercy
December 10 - Baptize
December 11 - Word
December 12 - Honey
December 13 - Go
December 14 - Rest
December 15 - Worship

December 16 - Pray
December 17 - Learn
December 18 - Bless
December 19 - Turn
December 20 - Rejoice
December 21 - Mystery
December 22 - Wisdom
December 23 - Holy
December 24 - Proclaim

The #AdventWord Images and meditations can be experienced through AdventWord.org, direct daily emails, as well as on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, and ASL videos via YouTube. Meditations will also be available in English, Spanish and Haitian Creole via email and on www.adventword.org. Listen and subscribe to the AdventWord daily podcast on most major podcast hosting sites.
Weekly Message from the Clergy

Christ the King Sunday and the Dedication of Grace-St. Luke’s Church. On November 22, the Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King, GSL will pray with Christians throughout the world: Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. This exceptional day also marks the beginning of a week of gratitude for the merger of two congregations, Grace (1850) and St. Luke’s (1894), which gathered for a first combined service on Thanksgiving Day in 1940. Unique to our parish heritage, we also will pray for the anniversary of the dedication of a Church: Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the merger of Grace Church and St. Luke’s Church into this one house of prayer: We give you thanks for the fellowship of those who have gone before us and for those who have worshipped in this place, and we pray that all who seek you here may find you, and be filled with your joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. The Acts of the Apostles (20:35) encourage our thanksgiving: “In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” By the gift of Grace-St. Luke’s, we are blessed by baptism and faith that bind us together and by God’s abundance beyond measure. – The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher, Rector

Take Note: New Highlights

Celebrate the Merger of Grace and St. Luke’s: Christ the King Sunday and Thanksgiving Day Worship Services. Every year, we pause to remember the merger of two congregations, Grace (mission 1850, built 1896) and St. Luke’s (mission and built 1894), which gathered for its first service on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 1940. This year, the 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist on November 22, the Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King as well as the Thanksgiving Day 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist will highlight our founding. The Christ the King Sunday liturgy will be enhanced with special music to begin a week of more intentional thanksgiving. All are invited to attend one or both services, as you are able, to celebrate our faith journeys and many blessings.


Contemplative Prerecorded Worship, Sunday, November 22, 5:30-6 p.m. with the Rev. Ollie V. Rencher and Alisa Horn, cello. Details under Worship and Music.

Advent Season Devotional Resources for Individual and Households include Clergy Reflections with Music for Meditation. Learn more under Community Life about ways to enrich your spiritual journey during the season.

YOGA WITH SHANTIH to begin December 1. Learn more under Community Life.

FAB 50 Basketball Outdoor Sessions, December 5 & 12. Learn more under Athletics.

Annual Meeting of the Parish (Virtual), December 6, 9:15 a.m. In preparation for the Annual Meeting of the Parish on Sunday, December 6, 9:15-10:15 a.m., more details are provided under Community Life with more to come especially about access and voting via Zoom.

MIFA Holiday cards are here! Details below under Outreach.

Ongoing events, less recent news, and more, explore below: Virtual Offerings, Worship and Music, Stewardship, Christian Formation, Community Life, Outreach, and Quick Links.

Virtual Offerings


10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist. Livestream Service of Holy Eucharist including music via the GSL website (www.gracestlukes.org/events/sunday-worship) and Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live); also in person.

5:30-6 p.m. Contemplative Prerecorded Worship with the Rev. Ollie V. Rencher and Alisa Horn, cello, via Facebook (www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live) and YouTube (www.youtube.com/gracestlukes).

Tuesday, November 24, Compline (Night Prayers), 8-8:15 p.m. via Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live).

Thanksgiving Day Worship, November 26, 10 a.m. via the GSL website (www.gracestlukes.org/live) and Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live).

Event Details. For important details about each of these and more, follow this link (www.gracestlukes.org/news/weekly-virtual-offerings) to Virtual Offerings and watch for the Friday Looking Ahead eNews.

Online Giving
Make a one time gift now by scanning the QR code below with your phone!

Recurring
Set up recurring 2021 pledge payments by scanning the QR code with your phone!
Worship and Music

Sunday Bulletin Inserts Series for Advent based on The Episcopal Church’s Way of Love: Practices for a Jesus-Centered Life Initiative. From November 22, the Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King Sunday through December 20, the Fourth Sunday of Advent, rich one-page reflections will be provided in the 10:30 a.m. services leaflets for individual and household use throughout each week. “The Way of Love is a way of life. More than a program or curriculum, it is an intentional commitment to a set of practices. It’s a commitment to follow Jesus: Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, Rest.” For more information, explore episcopalchurch.org/way-of-love.

The Last Sunday after Pentecost, November 22, Worship: In Person and Online
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist. In-person and livestream service of the Holy Eucharist including music via the GSL website (gracestlukes.org/live) and Facebook Live (facebook.com/gracestlukes). Limited space is available for in person in order to maintain social distancing requirements. Visit tinyurl.com/GSLWorshipSignup to sign up.

5:30-6 p.m. Contemplative Prerecorded Worship will be available on Facebook (www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live) and YouTube (www.youtube.com/gracestlukes) and is offered by the Rev. Ollie V. Rencher with musical offerings by guest musician Alisa Horn, cello.

Tuesdays and Thursdays Compline (Night Prayers), 8-8:15 p.m., is offered via Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live). No Compline Thanksgiving evening.

Thanksgiving Day Worship, November 26, 10 a.m. via GSL website (www.gracestlukes.org/live) and Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live). Sign up for in-person worship by following this link: tinyurl.com/GSLThanks2020.

Visit www.gracestlukes.org/worship for more about worship, and to explore past and upcoming services, follow this link www.gracestlukes.org/events/sunday-worship.

Stewardship: Time, Talent, Treasure

Resilience and Connection Through Giving. Many thanks to all of you who’ve made your pledge to Grace-St. Luke’s for 2021. For those of you who haven’t, there’s still time! Your pledge to our parish (simply an estimate of what you plan to give in 2021) helps us plan programs, support ministries, and budget for church expenses. As a pledging community, all of our ministries are funded entirely by the financial commitments from you, our parishioners. Your support is essential and so appreciated! Please visit www.gracestlukes.org/pledge to make your pledge today as an investment in life at Grace-St. Luke’s.

Christian Formation

Adults.

Racial Healing: A Lifelong Journey, Part 2 with Dr. Tim Huebner & The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher. this morning’s formation offering, is available on our website (www.gracestlukes.org/sunday-morning), on Facebook (www.facebook.com/gracestlukes), and YouTube (www.youtube.com/gracestlukes). Reflecting on the importance of storytelling, reconciliation, and justice, Episcopalian and Rhodes College Associate Provost and Sternberg Professor of History Tim Huebner will reflect on individual and community journeys with more deeply engaging matters of racial healing. Area initiatives such as the Lynching Sites Project of Memphis remind us of Memphis’ history with race relations and endless opportunities for people of faith to work toward creating “beloved community.” Dr. Huebner will focus more on racial reconciliation than how to end systemic racism, calling attention to faith and spirituality while taking an important look at policy and advocacy. Is our healing and transformation a matter of the law or human hearts?


GSL Reading Together, Zoom Discussions. The December book, with Zoom discussions scheduled for December 2, 9 & 16, 6-6:45 p.m., is The Wisdom Pattern: Order, Disorder, Reorder, by Richard Rohr. All are invited to join in for the reading and discussion of this great book. For signup details and more, visit www.gracestlukes.org/gslreadingtogether.

Youth.

November 22. EYC will gather at Snowden Field, located at 2233 Harbert Ave., for an early Christmas movie! We will be watching Elf from 5:00-6:45 p.m. with Calvary. Please be sure to bring a mask, something comfy to sit on, and warm clothes.

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November 29. No EYC, Happy Thanksgiving to all!

December 3. We will meet at the Barth House for an outdoor and socially distanced advent gathering for young college students who are home for the holidays. Working in collaboration with Holy Communion and Calvary, we hope to connect young adults in college who have grown in the Memphis Episcopal community. Join for firepits, Christmas music, and s’mores. For questions, contact Youth Formation Director Amzie Williams (awilliams@gracestlukes.org) or the Rev. Noah Campbell (dnoahcampbell@gmail.com). If you wish to be added to the Youth Formation email list, contact Amzie Williams.
Children.

Parents, if you’d like your child/ren to have a week with the Traveling Model Altar in your home, or a Prayer Table Kit, please contact Sharon Campbell. A 20-minute Virtual Prayer Table is offered each Sunday morning at 11:30 via Zoom. (Link is shared on Saturdays via the Children’s Formation email list. Please contact Sharon to be added to the list.)

Children’s Activity Bags are available for toddlers to 5th graders! The Advent & Christmas bags are in progress, set for a November 29 delivery date. If you’d like your child/ren to receive this bag, please contact Sharon or sign up here (tinyurl.com/ChildrensActivityBags) by Sunday, November 22.

Stay tuned for information to come soon about the Children & Youth Christmas Pageant.

For details about these or any Children’s programs at GSL, or to be added to the Children’s Formation email list, please contact Sharon Campbell, Director of Children’s Formation.

Athletics

FAB 50 Basketball Outdoor Sessions, December 5 & 12: Fitness, Agility & Basketball

WHO: JK-4th Grades; WHEN: December 5 & 12, 2020; WHERE: Church of the Holy Communion

For more details, please visit the GSL Church athletics basketball webpage: www.gracestlukes.org/youthbasketball.

Community Life

Advent Season Devotional Resources for Individual and Households. To enrich your spiritual journey from the first Sunday of Advent, November 29 to Christmas Eve, December 24, explore a variety of resources: GSL Weekly Virtual Clergy Reflections with Music for Meditation, December 2, 9, 16, 23 (10-minute offerings of a brief reflection from a member of the clergy interspersed with music for cello, flute, guitar and organ via Wednesday eNews, Facebook, website; written versions mailed to non-internet users); Sunday Bulletin Inserts Series based on The Episcopal Church’s Way of Love: Practices for a Jesus-Centered Life Initiative (November 22, 29, December 6, 13, 20, episcopalchurch.org/way-of-love); “Advent Word” Meditations (#AdventWord, adventword.org, news.forwardmovement.org); Episcopal Relief & Development Advent Toolkit (episcopalrelief.org/1000daysofflove/2020advent); and Episcopal Church Resources (episcopalrelief.org/advent-and-christmas-resources).

Advent Wreath-Making Event, November 29. Kick off your Advent Season by making a Wreath. Sign up for Sunday, November 29, in Trezevant Hall at either 1 p.m. or 2:30 p.m. Please bring your own clippers and/or scissors and we will provide the rest! Spend time with family and friends as we prepare for the Christmas Season! There will be designated areas for you and your group to sit while being socially distanced from your fellow attendees. Please sign up soon as space is limited to 14 households/groups per session: tinyurl.com/GSLAdventWreaths2020.

YOGA WITH SHANTI to begin December 1. Roll out your mats and STRETCH your way into better health. Experience yoga and its many health benefits. Among them are stress reduction, physical balance and strength, improved energy, flexibility and relaxation. Shantih’s class is distinguished by the knowledge, experience and practice that only 19 years of teaching can provide. Her calm, down-to-earth demeanor endears her to students. Her teaching is grounded in her ongoing study of anatomy and inspired by her love of movement. The ability to clearly relay fundamentals of the asana practice and to maintain a compassionate and supportive environment result in students that are among the most loyal. Class will focus on proper body alignment while practicing the traditional yoga postures. Options will be offered to make the poses more or less demanding depending on one’s personal interest/ability level. Classes are Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom, starting December 1. For more information, please contact Shantih Smythe at shanthismythe901@gmail.com.

- Students will need a mat, a firm blanket (or a towel), a belt or tie for a robe, and a chair.
- Class location will be re-assessed in January 2021

Annual Meeting of the Parish (Virtual), December 6, 9:15 a.m. All members and newcomers are asked to attend this important virtual meeting. A small group will be gathered in Trezevant Hall to conduct the meeting and engage remote participation including voting for five new Vestry members via the Zoom Meeting platform. Virtual access and member voting details will be released very soon and provisions will be made for paper ballots to be hand-delivered to the church office prior to December 6. According to the Parish Bylaws, “a quorum at a Parish meeting shall be not less than ten percent (10%) of the Communicants in Good Standing of the Parish as shown in the last published Annual Parochial Report. Only confirmed adult communicants, 16 years of age or older, shall be eligible to vote at Parish meetings, and no proxies shall be allowed. According to Title I, Canon 17 of the Canons of The Episcopal Church all communicants who for the previous year have been faithful in public worship, unless good cause prevents, and have been faithful in the working, praying and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God, are to be considered communicants in good standing. To be eligible for election to the vestry, one must be a member of Grace-St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, eighteen years of age, a giver of record, and not employed by the Parish, Diocese or Grace-St. Luke’s Episcopal School.”

GSL Church Walking Group, Sundays at 2 p.m. The GSL Church Walking Group, led by GSL parishioner, Bev Trojan, meets every Sunday, (weather permitting) and walks 2.5 miles around scenic Central Gardens. We meet in GSL Church Main Parking Lot off Peabody Ave. Please bring your mask; physical distancing is required. For more information, please contact Athletics Director Christi Authement (901-825-7353) or GSL parishioner Bev Trojan.

Please note: You can connect with Bev through Realm Connect (www.gracestlukes.org/realm).
Outreach

MIFA Holiday cards are here! The mission of GSL Servant Ministry Partner Metropolitan Inter-Faith Association (MIFA) is “Supporting the independence of vulnerable seniors and families in crisis through high-impact programs.” These programs include Meals on Wheels for seniors and emergency services that keep families in their homes or quickly find suitable shelter for them. You can support MIFA by ordering cards featuring original artwork (watercolor by volunteer Rob Threlkeld). MIFA volunteers will address and send cards to people you choose to donate in honor of, or send you inserts for you to place in your own holiday cards to those you choose to honor with a donation. Either option is available for a $10 donation. See details and order form here: www.mifa.org/holidaycards.

Multi-National Memphis World Soup Fest, November 18-20. MNM’s annual World Soup Festival is “taking it on the road” this year – to your house! For a $50 donation, you pick a time slot from 18 to 20 November, and they’ll deliver a thank you gift which includes 8 different international soups, an insulated tote, a recipe book, and – for the first 100 donors – a stainless steel Multinational Memphis travel mug. Details available here (www.gracestlukes.org/news/multi-national-memphis-world-soup). While you’re there, check out their other needs, including volunteer opportunities. And try not to spill any of that soup!

Quick Links

Follow these links to frequently visited pages on our website.
- Hope and Good News: www.gracestlukes.org/discover/spiritual-guidance
- Pastoral Care, Prayer List, and Prayer Requests: www.gracestlukes.org/prayerrequest
- Subscribe to GSL, Diocesan & The Episcopal Church eNews: www.gracestlukes.org/enews
- Information about Fraudulent Emails & Text: www.gracestlukes.org/news/phishing
- The Messenger, Bi-monthly Magazine: www.gracestlukes.org/the-messenger
- Realm Connect: GSL Directory & More: www.gracestlukes.org/realm

The Prayer List

Our prayers are asked for Price Hays, Jeff Gibbs, Jake Seymour, Michael Wills, Felix Dae Sanders, Tyler, Joanna Byrnes, Annelise Ware Simmons, Tom Wyatt, Alymarie Dooney Twele, Charles Chandler, Kristin King, Nancy Wilkerson, Betsy Tate, Caroline Clay, John, Kaye, Patty McManus, and Brad Larson.

Our prayers are asked for those who have died: especially for those who have died from coronavirus.

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays, especially Grace Adams, Alister Cowgill, Powell Crider, Lesley Hartney, John Horn, Minor Moore, Patrick Munson, William Owens, Brent Powell, Theresa Frather, Doug Ray, Ramsey Rule, Garner Smythe, Robert Stagg, Will Thinne, Anmie Williams, and Ellen Wills, and for those celebrating wedding anniversaries, especially Bruce & Andi Orpet, Jim & Mimi Taylor, and John & Shelley Baur

Prayer List and Prayer Requests. To submit a prayer request for the Prayer List, you may contact Parish House Receptionist & Ministry Associate Abby Huber (ahuber@gracestlukes.org, 901-252-6336) or complete the online Prayer Request Form (www.gracestlukes.org/prayerrequest). Names of persons, who have given consent for names to be printed, will be listed for one month, unless a longer period is requested. While certain concerns may be confidential between the clergy and the individual, others may not be. If you are wondering about an individual, please contact the individual directly or a member of the clergy. Intercessions are offered daily by the clergy and lay pastoral care ministers and reflected in the worship service leaflet.

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