



# GRACE-ST. LUKE'S

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## E P I S C O P A L C H U R C H

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
WELLNESS AND RECOVERY SUNDAY  
MORNING SERVICE OF PRAYERS, MEDITATION AND MUSIC  
AUGUST 30, 2020 10:30 AM  
VIA LIVESTREAM

This service is an adaptation of various services for public worship in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) of The Episcopal Church. Text in boldface type is read aloud or sung by the congregation. Text in italics provides directions or details. Explore the richness of the BCP online at [bcponline.org](http://bcponline.org) including Daily Devotions for Individuals and Families. During this service, please feel free to stand, sit, or even kneel at the appointed times and practice any personal pieties that might enhance your engagement in this experience.

**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](http://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](http://www.gracestlukes.org).*

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

**Preacher:** The Rev. Dr. Stuart Hoke

*All are asked to observe silence during the*

**Voluntary:** "TRANQUILLY"

C. Hubert H. Parry

**Welcome, Announcements and Children's Message**

# The Word of God

**Hymn 675, "TAKE UP YOUR CROSS, THE SAVIOR SAID"**

*music: Bourbon, melody att. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859)*  
*text: Charles William Everest (1814-1877), alt.*



1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if  
 2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill  
 3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and  
 4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and  
 5 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor



1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with  
 2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your  
 3 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -  
 4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -  
 5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who



1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.  
 2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.  
 3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.  
 4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.  
 5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

*Officiant* 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.**

## The Collect of the Day

BCP 230

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Psalm 26:1-8 read responsively by whole verse

- 1 Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity; \*  
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2 **Test me, O Lord, and try me; \***  
**examine my heart and my mind.**
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; \*  
I have walked faithfully with you.
- 4 **I have not sat with the worthless, \***  
**nor do I consort with the deceitful.**
- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; \*  
I will not sit down with the wicked.
- 6 **I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, \***  
**that I may go in procession round your altar,**

- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving \*  
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- 8 Lord, I love the house in which you dwell \*  
and the place where your glory abides.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

### **The Gospel**

*Priest* A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

16:21-28

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

*Priest* Here ends the Lesson.

**The Homily:** The Rev. Dr. Stuart Hoke

### **The Apostles' Creed**

BCP 96

In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*The Assisting Priest bids the Prayers of the People.  
Remain standing or you may kneel.*

### **The Twelve Step Intercessions for use on Wellness & Recovery Sunday**

*The People respond with "Hear our prayer."*

*We admitted we were powerless over addiction—that our lives had become unmanageable. God, there are some things over which we have no control. The more we try to manage them alone, the worse they become. Without your help, they are too much for us. We came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity. Merciful Redeemer, restore sanity in our lives. (Steps 1 and 2)*

Loving God, **Hear our prayer.**

*We made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood God. At times we hold on to our broken lives so tightly it causes us pain. It is difficult to feel your guidance and open up to your will. Help us release our grip and flow into the loving arms of your grace. (Step 3)*

Loving God, **Hear our prayer.**

*We made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves and then made an admission to God, to ourselves, and to another human being. With your help God, we can face our brokenness and recognize our assets. By sharing both our pain and our joys with you and another person we open ourselves to the power of healing. You will not abandon us. We are entirely ready to have you remove our defects of character and ask you to give us strength where we are weak. We humbly ask you to remove our shortcomings. (Steps 4, 5, 6 and 7)*

Loving God, **Hear our prayer.**

*We made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all. As hard as it is, God, we will identify and make amends to all whom we injure, wherever possible, except when doing so would cause more harm. Grant us courage to make our amends. (Steps 8 and 9)*

Loving God, **Hear our prayer.**

*We continue to take personal inventory and when we are wrong, promptly admit it. Pride can get in the way of our progress, God, it's not enough to live these prayers once. Help us to reflect on who we are and who we are becoming on a regular basis. Give us humility to know ourselves. (Step 10)*

Loving God, **Hear our prayer.**

*We sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood God, praying only for knowledge of God's will for us and the power to carry that out. We know that prayer and meditation take practice, God. Help us learn and grow in the ways we seek you in prayer and hear your voice in meditation. We pray for the knowledge and grace to continue to seek you out and know your will. (Step 11)*

Loving God, **Hear our prayer.**

*Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these Steps, we tried to carry this message to others and to practice these principles in all our affairs. Our gifts and our lives are meant to be shared, God. Grant us grace and opportunity to tell our stories about the blessings we have received, and grant us grateful hearts to live our lives with integrity.*

Loving God, **Hear our prayer.** (Step 12)

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, including those reflected on the Prayer List in this service leaflet; those infected with coronavirus and their caregivers; for reconciliation and healing of social unrest and violence throughout the world; and for those we name either silently or aloud [N.N.].

Loving God, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died, especially the Rev. Charles Riddle, those who have died from coronavirus, and those we name either silently or aloud [N.N.].

Loving God, **Hear our prayer.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, including the gifts of time, talent, and treasure that support life at Grace-St. Luke's; for our Parish School and all schools that serve our community; and other abundance we name either silently or aloud [N.N.].

Loving God, **Hear our prayer.**

*Silence after which the Priest adds a concluding Collect.*

Blessed Lord, you ministered to all who came to you: Look with compassion upon all who through addiction have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of their recovery; and to those who care for them, give patient understanding and persevering love. **Amen.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence*

*Priest and People*

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

*Officiant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

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

### **The Offertory**

*During the offertory music or following this service, your offering supports this virtual ministry and much more of life at Grace-St. Luke's: visit [gracestlukes.org/onlinegiving](http://gracestlukes.org/onlinegiving); text GSLChurch ALMS to 73256 to give to ALMS; text GSLChurch PLEDGE to 73256 to give to 2020 PLEDGE; mail to the church office. We are not closed during this season of physical distancing. Instead, we are becoming more open and creative in how we abide with God, walk by faith, and serve one another. Your gift to the glory of God supports the administration, operations, and life of Grace-St. Luke's Church.*

### **Anthem at the Offertory, "DEAR LORD AND FATHER OF MANKIND"**

*music: Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918), alt.  
text: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892), alt.*

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
Forgive our foolish ways;  
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;  
In purer lives, thy service find,  
In deeper rev'rence, praise.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
Till all our strivings cease:  
Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of thy peace.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
Beside the Syrian sea,  
The gracious calling of the Lord,  
Let us, like them, without a word,  
Rise up and follow thee.

Breathe thro' the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
Speak thro' the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still small voice of calm!

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

BCP 364

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 Blessing

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and turn their pain to joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done.

In the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.** (*A Four-Fold Benedictine Blessing*)

### Hymn 344, "LORD, DISMISS US WITH THY BLESSING"

*music: Sicilian Mariners, Sicilian melody;  
first published The European Magazine and London Review, 1792, alt.  
text: text Att. John Fawcett (1739/40-1817)*

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's  
3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,  
joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion  
world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,  
in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,  
glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;  
may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

*The people are dismissed with these words*

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Voluntary:** "IMPROVISATION ON SICILIAN MARINERS"

Patrick A. Scott

*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@gracestlukes.org](mailto:pastoralcare@gracestlukes.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. Laura F. Gettys, Officiant**  
**The Rev. Dr. Stuart Hoke, Preacher**  
**Dr. Patrick A. Scott, Director of Music & Organist**  
**Elizabeth Hornor, Isabel Wittman, & Daniel Massey, cantors**  
**Jeff White, Director of Technology, Grace-St. Luke's School**  
**Lucy Owens, Communications Administrator**

## Weekly Message from the Clergy

**Jesus, All Shall Be Well.** Julian of Norwich (1342–1416) reflected on a near-death experience and recognized her need for a deeper love of Jesus. She has gifted the spiritual journeys of innumerable travelers with a famous response that came from her prayers: “But Jesus, who in this vision informed me of all that is needed by me, answered with these words and said: ‘It was necessary that there should be sin; but all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well.’” I believe that when followers of Jesus inevitably stumble, fall short, suffer, and are unwell, for whatever reason, faith calls for intentional courageous efforts to care for self in mind, body and spirit, all with God’s help. August 30 marks “Wellness and Recovery Sunday” at GSL. The day features a 9:15 a.m. virtual prerecorded interview with Dr. Monty Burks; during the 10:30 a.m. service, the Rev. Dr. Stuart Hoke will offer the homily. Follow this link to learn more about the day, and let us always be mindful that in Jesus, all shall be well ([www.gracestlukes.org/events/recovery-sunday](http://www.gracestlukes.org/events/recovery-sunday)). – The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher, Rector -The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher

**Grace-St. Luke’s:** Explore and engage life at GSL and invite others for the journey! Our Vision is to be a thriving community of hope, belonging, and healing through worship, parish life, and service, and who rejoices in the love of Jesus to transform the world.

## Virtual Offerings

**Wellness and Recovery Sunday Virtual Formation Offering, August 30.** Available via the GSL website ([gracestlukes.org/sunday-morning](http://gracestlukes.org/sunday-morning)), Facebook ([facebook.com/gracestlukes/live](https://facebook.com/gracestlukes/live)), and YouTube ([youtube.com/gracestlukes](https://youtube.com/gracestlukes)).

**The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 30,** 10:30 a.m, Livestream Service of Morning Prayer including music and sermon via the GSL website ([www.gracestlukes.org/events/sunday-worship](http://www.gracestlukes.org/events/sunday-worship)) and Facebook Live ([www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live](http://www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live)).

**Tuesday, September 1, Compline (Night Prayers),** 8 - 8:15 p.m. via Facebook Live ([www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live](http://www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live)).

**Thursday, September 3, Compline (Night Prayers),** 8 - 8:15 p.m. via Facebook Live ([www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live](http://www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live)).

**The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 6,** 10:30 a.m, Livestream Service of Morning Prayer including music and sermon via the GSL website ([www.gracestlukes.org/events/sunday-worship](http://www.gracestlukes.org/events/sunday-worship)) and Facebook Live ([www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live](http://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](http://www.gracestlukes.org/news/weekly-virtual-offerings)) to Virtual Offerings and watch for the Friday *Looking Ahead* eNews.

## Take Note: New Highlights

**Wellness and Recovery Sunday, August 30.** A prerecorded Christian Formation offering is available online and we have a guest preacher at the 10:30 worship service. Details below and on our Wellness and Recovery Sunday webpage ([www.gracestlukes.org/events/recovery-sunday](http://www.gracestlukes.org/events/recovery-sunday)).

**From Lament to Hope: Preparing for a Time “When Life is Good Again.”** Sign-up details below under *Adult Christian Formation* for this small group discussion facilitated by Dr. Dan Pigg.

**GSL Reading Together: Zoom Discussions for August Books & September Book Announcement.** The discussion dates and times for the books *Wonder* and *The Book of Joy* can be found under *Adult Christian Formation* along with details about our September book, *Crazy Christians*.

**Children’s Formation Sign-up Details.** Read below under *Children’s Christian Formation* for details about signing up for all the great offerings this semester.

**A Message from our Senior Warden.** Read Sr. Warden Simon Wadsworth’s August message to the parish by following this link: [www.gracestlukes.org/news/a-message-from-the-senior-warden-august-2020](http://www.gracestlukes.org/news/a-message-from-the-senior-warden-august-2020).

**GSL Fall 2020 Parish Intern, Mrs. Jessica Abell.** In early September, GSL will have the privilege of hosting Mrs. Jessica Abell to serve as Parish Intern for three months. Appointed to GSL by Bishop Phoebe Roaf, Jessica is in the process to be ordained a vocational deacon. Time among us will include a variety of observing, training, and serving in worship, pastoral and formation roles as organized and supervised by the Rev. Ollie V. Rencher, Rector. Follow this link to learn more about Jessica and expect an update once she begins limited-hours ministry at GSL: [www.gracestlukes.org/news/jessica-abell-parish-intern](http://www.gracestlukes.org/news/jessica-abell-parish-intern).

**Former Curate Appointed Priest-in-Charge.** Our recent former curate, the Rev. Meredith Day Hearn has been appointed priest-in-charge at Indian Hill Church (Episcopal & Presbyterian) near Cincinnati, Ohio, effective August 24. Follow this link for the congregation's announcement and join Meredith+ and Jackson in celebration of her call to new ministry since leaving GSL in June: [www.indianhillchurch.org](http://www.indianhillchurch.org).

**Contemplative Prerecorded Worship & Music Events, Sunday 5:30–6 p.m.** Read details below under *Worship and Music*.

**The Messenger Magazine.** The August-September issue is available for download by following this link: [www.gracestlukes.org/the-messenger](http://www.gracestlukes.org/the-messenger). Included in this issue is a copy of Life at GSL—Fall 2020 Guide, a comprehensive publication of Christian formation offerings for all ages through December, a schedule of contemplative prerecorded worship and music events through December, and more.

**Ongoing events, less recent news, and more, explore below:** *Worship and Music, Christian Formation, Community Life, Outreach, Social Justice, and Stay Informed.*

## Worship and Music

**Worship: Online and In-Person.** Join us on Sunday mornings at 10:30 for livestream and in-person worship. Limited space is available for in-person worship in order to maintain social distancing requirements. Online reservations are required on this and every Sunday for the limited-capacity seating by ushers of a total of 46 households. For safety reasons, we are unable to accommodate those who have not signed up in advance. Visit [tinyurl.com/GSLWorshipSignup](http://tinyurl.com/GSLWorshipSignup) to sign up for Sunday, September 6. Compline (Night Prayers) is offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 p.m. via Facebook Live. Visit [www.gracestlukes.org/worship](http://www.gracestlukes.org/worship) for more about worship, and to explore past and upcoming services, follow this link ([www.gracestlukes.org/events/sunday-worship](http://www.gracestlukes.org/events/sunday-worship)).

**Contemplative Prerecorded Worship & Music Events, Sunday 5:30–6 p.m.** Beginning September 13, virtual meditative services will be offered by the clergy for those watching in a more contemplative setting, enhanced by candles, icons, intentional moments for silence, and instrumental music. Offerings scheduled at this time also include occasional recitals, concerts and choral services. For the fall schedule, follow this link: [www.gracestlukes.org/news/contemplative-prerecorded-events](http://www.gracestlukes.org/news/contemplative-prerecorded-events).

## Christian Formation

### All Ages.

Celebration Sunday: Are you Ready??! Formation, Stewardship, & Connections. On September 13, 9:15-9:45 a.m. online, the Rev. Ollie V. Rencher, Rector, will introduce an exciting season of events. The clergy and lay leaders will reflect and invite members to a connective, creative, and spiritually rich life this year at GSL through a lively and engaging video to lift a tired heart, thrill an eager mind, and center a beautiful soul. Plan on seeing familiar faces, laughing a bit, and becoming encouraged that COVID has only made us even more conscientious about remaining connected and resilient as a faith community.

### Adults.

Visit [www.gracestlukes.org/adult-formation](http://www.gracestlukes.org/adult-formation) for the exciting fall lineup of Sunday morning formation offerings, Wednesday evening offerings, and more.

**Wellness and Recovery Sunday Today, August 30.** Christians and all people are called to strive for wellness of mind, body and spirit, which includes paying attention to any addictions that may be occurring in our lives or the lives of others. The 10:30 worship service highlights the significance of this day with guest preacher, the Rev. Dr. Stuart Hoke, and special prayers during the service. A prerecorded conversation with Dr. Monty Burks, Tennessee State Director of Faith-Based Initiatives and the Rev. Ollie Rencher is available on Facebook, YouTube and [www.gracestlukes.org/sunday-morning](http://www.gracestlukes.org/sunday-morning).

**GSL Reading Together: Zoom Discussions for August Books & September Book Announcement.** Join in the discussions of *Wonder* on September 8 and *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World* on Wednesday, September 9. GSL Reading Together is one of many ways to connect to life at GSL around a common subject. The GSL Reading Together book for September is *Crazy Christians: A Call to Follow Jesus* by the Most Reverend Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. For sign-up details and the book list thru December, visit [www.gracestlukes.org/gslreadingtogether](http://www.gracestlukes.org/gslreadingtogether).

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**From Lament to Hope: Preparing for a Time “When Life is Good Again”, facilitated by Dr. Dan Pigg.** Sitting with lament, contemplating the mystery of divine providence, realizing our limitations along with our hopes, dreams, and fears connect us in 2020 to an important period in the history of Israel/Judah which is also our history. Life will be “good again,” but we have to trust the process of time. Lament is important to living into God’s future and ours. Class participants will explore that movement over our four weeks of meetings via Zoom. For more information and to sign up, [visit www.gracestlukes.org/midweek-formation](http://www.gracestlukes.org/midweek-formation).

### **Youth.**

Sunday, August 30: Zoom Compline 6 p.m. | Roses and Thorns Check-In.

Celebration Sunday, September 13: Zoom Compline 6 p.m. | Roses and Thorns Check-In.

If you are interested in participating in GSL youth activities, please email Amzie Williams at [awilliams@gracestlukes.org](mailto:awilliams@gracestlukes.org) and visit [www.gracestlukes.org/youth-formation](http://www.gracestlukes.org/youth-formation).

### **Children.**

This fall’s offerings for children and families will be spiritually rich, varied, and so much fun! To SIGN UP and read about all we have in store for your children — Traveling Model Altar, Prayer Table Kit, Sunday Prayer Table (via Zoom), Children’s Activity Bags, and Outdoor, In-Person Gatherings for Families — follow this link: [www.gracestlukes.org/childrens-formation](http://www.gracestlukes.org/childrens-formation).

**Save the Date!** To meet the needs of parents and children to be together in a safe way, we will offer outdoor, in-person, socially distanced gatherings, as local conditions allow. Our first gathering is planned for Sunday, September 27, 2-4 p.m. on Anchor Hill (the grassy area adjacent to the Anchor Center at Peabody & Lemaster).

## **Community Life**

**Pastoral Care Ministry Invitation.** The clergy and several lay pastoral care ministers proactively reach out weekly to parishioners in various meaningful ways. The scope of this vital ministry to our more than 500 households include phone calls, cards, notes, meals, and companionship to households expecting a child. If you are interested in serving others in any of these ways, email Lay Pastoral Care Coordinator Jocelyn Busby ([jocelynbusby@gmail.com](mailto:jocelynbusby@gmail.com)) or contact the Rev. Ollie V. Rencher (901-252-6320, [orencher@gracestlukes.org](mailto:orencher@gracestlukes.org)).

**Keeping GSL Strong and Sustainable.** Your sacred gifts of time, talent, and treasure are keeping GSL strong and sustainable. While parishioners are striving to practice self-care and care for one another during the COVID-19 pandemic, individual and household financial gifts also are supporting administration and operations, worship offerings, personnel, and much more. For ways to serve and connect at GSL in any season, contact Stewardship Associate Chapman Morrow (901-252-6328, [cmorrow@gracestlukes.org](mailto:cmorrow@gracestlukes.org)) and visit [gracestlukes.org/onlinegiving](http://gracestlukes.org/onlinegiving).

**Pastoral Care.** To alert the clergy of a pastoral matter concerning yourself or a parishioner, including any medical procedures, contact the clergy confidentially via 901-252-6320 or [pastoralcare@gracestlukes.org](mailto:pastoralcare@gracestlukes.org). For hospitalizations or emergencies concerning a member, contact the 24/7 Clergy-on-Call phone line at 901-252-6334. This is the best way to communicate pastoral needs and ensure a prompt response from the clergy.

## **Outreach**

**Outreach Grant Applications Due Tomorrow, August 31.** The GSL Outreach Grants process is open with the application and details located on the Community Grants web page . We are seeking “servant ministry partner” agencies whose mission aligns with our focus areas: feed/clothe/shelter the needy; care for the sick; healing brokenness in the world. GSL will award one “impact” grant of \$7,500 and one “major” grant of \$5,000 in each area. Spread the word to potential partners. If you have questions, email [outreach@gracestlukes.org](mailto:outreach@gracestlukes.org).

## **Stay Informed**

**eNews.** Visit [gracestlukes.org](http://gracestlukes.org) to subscribe to the parish eNews to receive weekly, seasonal, and emergency pastoral notices from the clergy or other leaders. Visit <http://eepurl.com/bj3C5> to subscribe to the West Tennessee Diocesan Communicator, and for access to beyond-local news from The Episcopal Church, visit [episcopalnewsservice.org/email-signup](http://episcopalnewsservice.org/email-signup). Please spread the word about these key communication platforms.

# The Prayer List

**Our prayers are asked for** Freda Harrison, Linda, Kristina Holland, Hunter Gossett, L. C. Hamilton Jr., Tom, Paul, Jennifer, Kristin, Stella Bain, Kathy, David, Deborah, Carol Boyer, Greer, Jo Anne Ayres, Betsy Trammell, Sonny Trammell, Debbie, Liz Deeley, Brian, Martin Edwards, Betsy Tate, Nancy Wilkerson, Charles Chandler, Caroline Clay, Kay, John, Patty McManus, and Brad Larson.

**Our prayers are asked for those who have died:** especially the Rev. Charles Riddle and those who have died from coronavirus.

**We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays,** especially Stella Bain, Claire Epperson, Lang Howell, Billie Jeanne Johnson, Allison King, Rob McLean, Lucy Owens, Rebecca Tuttle, Berent Balink, Gray Bartlett, Laura Bolding, Wayne Brafford, Jocelyn Busby, Gayle Evans, Robert Gooch, Maureen Kennedy, Christine Munson, Jim Pogue, Johnny Rasberry, Michael Rowland, Sherry Sachritz, Linda Stine, and Bill Willson, and **for those celebrating wedding anniversaries,** especially Rex & Johnnie Amonette, Ed & Linda Spears, Martin & Nancy Edwards, and Tom & Janet Wyatt.

**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](mailto:ahuber@gracestlukes.org), 901-252-6336) or complete the online Prayer Request Form ([www.gracestlukes.org/prayerrequest](http://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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