

Vision Statement

Honor God’s Presence,
Celebrate Christ’s Love,
and Serve God’s People.

Our Mission

Honor God’s presence through joyful, reverent worship that
builds upon our traditions

Celebrate Christ’s love by nurturing all generations through
fellowship, education, and discipleship

Serve God’s people, near and far, with loving action and
generosity

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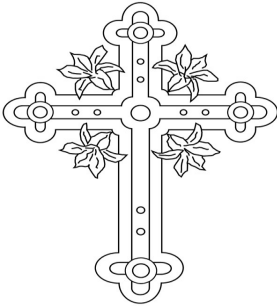
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ST. LUKE’S CHURCH

GLADSTONE, NEW JERSEY

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THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Lord, Holy Spirit,

You are the kind of fire who does not cease to burn,

Consuming us with flames of love and peace,

Driving us out like sparks to set the world on fire.

— James K. Baxter

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I - 8:00 A.M.

SILENCE	
The 8 am service is a quiet, spoken service which begins with a few minutes of silence to allow you to transition into this sacred time for worship. You might use that time to quiet the noise within, pray, and read the scriptures for the day.	
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The Lord be with you. <i>And with thy spirit.</i> Let us pray.	
<i>Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.</i>	
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Sacrament of Holy Baptism
9:30 a.m.

Organ Voluntary Prothalamium Ronald Arnatt
The organ voluntary helps us transition into this sacred time for worship. As you listen you might seek to quiet the noise within, pray, seek the Presence of the Lord, and read the scriptures appointed for today.

Hymn in Procession 390 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
*1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
join the great throng,
psaltery, organ, and song,
sounding in glad adoration.*

*2 Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth:
borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen
how all thou needest hath been
granted in what he ordaineth?*

*3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
who with his love doth befriend thee.*

*4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the amen
sound from his people again;
gladly for ever adore him.*

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People *And Blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever.*
Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People *There is one hope in God's call to us;*

THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S		
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost		
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist: Rite I Service—CH
	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Ministry—CR
	9:30 a.m.	Sacrament of Holy Baptism—CH
	10:45 a.m.	Coffee Hour—GH
	5:00 p.m.	Intersect Service with Praise Band—GH
Monday	12:30 p.m.	Rectors Bible Study—AR
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	PLG Meeting—AR
	6:00 p.m.	Nourish Breakfast Bag—K
	7:00 p.m.	SALT/LIGHT—YR
Wednesday	7:15 P.M.	Truth Matters Book Group—AR
	7:15 p.m.	Bells—TR
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice—AR
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Knitters—CR
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study—CR

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Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist: Rite I Service—CH
	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Ministry—CR
	9:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist: Rite II Service—CH
	10:45 a.m.	Coffee Hour—GH
	5:00 p.m.	Intersect Service with Praise Band—GH

St. Luke's welcomes you to our service today and encourages you to use our purple prayer/pew cards. One side of the card is for prayer requests; please place it in the offering plate, and our prayer group will address your concerns. If you are a visitor and would like information about St. Luke's, please fill out this card and place in the offering plate. We'll be in touch with you! Please join us for coffee after the service.

Congratulations and best wishes to Fred and Allison Cooper and Giuseppi and Marki Di Maggio on the baptism of their children, Morgan Rhodes Cooper and Raffaele Romani Di Maggio this morning!

Organ Voluntary Fanfare Ronald Arnatt
The closing organ voluntary offers a time to reflect on how you have heard from God and experienced His Presence with you in this service today. What might you take with you for the coming week?

MUSIC NOTES: Born in what is now Belgium, Claude Le Jeune was a French Huguenot composer from the 16th century. During his lifetime he was the most famous composer of secular chansons but he also wrote over 300 psalm settings. Calvin and other early Protestant reformers were very strict about what could be sung in church, but the Psalms were allowed since they came directly from the Bible. Many of the tunes from the Genevan Psalter of 1652 became popular in England and then America, such as the tune "Old 100th" which we now sing to the words of the Doxology every Sunday.

All are invited to join us for Coffee in Greene Hall after the 9:30 service.

The flower arrangements on the altar are given to the glory of God by the Bellis family in loving memory of Coco Bellis Ireland.

This Week’s Prayer List

The sick and their families, especially Bev Anderson, Elizabeth Spencer, Jeanette Breitenbach, Shirley Grisewood, William Trego, Jerri, Sandy, Clarissa Marvin, Charlotte Grace Griggs, Aleksia, Allyson Gallup, Robert Andruk, Gabriella, Bob Morris, Libby, Landon, Doug, Eddie Diaz, Sandra Antoniadis, Don Knudson, Pat Root, Macie, Heidi, Mike, Hilary, William Salzer, Karolina Badalmenti, the Derosa Family, Maureen McLaughlin, Suzanne, Kristina, Keith LaBar, Laura Leigh, Andrea, Diane, and Sally Leitzell.

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Sermon		The Rev. Dr. Kent Walley, Rector
Organ		Dr. Brian Harlow
Worship Leaders	8:00	Norm Penney
	9:30	Danae Heywood
Lector	9:30	Robert Mueller
Usher	8:00	Clyde Seigle
	9:30	John B. Gallup and John H. Gallup
Acolytes	8:00	Natalia Hrybowych
	9:30	Cheri Carlson
Altar Guild		Allyson Gallup
Coffee Hour	10:45	The Russo Family

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People One God and Father of all.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.
Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 113

Anglican chant: Gerre Hancock

1 Hallelujah!
Give praise, you servants of the Lord; *
praise the Name of the Lord.
2 Let the Name of the Lord be blessed, *
from this time forth for evermore.
3 From the rising of the sun to its going down *
let the Name of the Lord be praised.
4 The Lord is high above all nations, *
and his glory above the heavens.
5 Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high *
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?
6 He takes up the weak out of the dust *
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.
7 He sets them with the princes, *
with the princes of his people.
8 He makes the woman of a childless house *
to be a joyful mother of children.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: (8am only)

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Hymn 488

Be Thou My Vision, O Lord of My Heart

*¹ Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*² Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.*

*³ High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

The Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, Lord Christ. (8 a.m.—*Glory be to thee, O Lord.*)

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Post Communion Prayer

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Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Hymn in Procession 550

Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult

*¹ Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea,
day by day his clear voice soundeth,
saying, "Christian, follow me;"*

*² as, of old, Saint Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for his dear sake.*

*³ Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store;
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."*

*⁴ In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."*

*⁵ Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.*

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Sanctus, S-125 *(found in front of Hymnal)* Richard Proulx
***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.***

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...

Memorial Acclamation

Celebrant Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:
People ***Christ has died,
Christ is risen
Christ will come again;***

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 BCP page 364

The Fraction

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People: ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

At the Communion

Hymn 701 Jesus, All My Gladness
Hymn 676 There is a Balm in Gilead

The Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***
(8 a.m.—*Praise be to thee, O Christ.*)

The Sermon The Rev. Dr. Kent Walley

Baptism Hymn 294 Baptized in Water

***¹ Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:
heirs of salvation,
trusting his promise,
faithfully now God's praise we sing.***

***² Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our King:
one with his rising,
freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praise we sing.***

***³ Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our King:
born of one Father,
we are his children,
joyfully now God's praise we sing.***

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate s page
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Morgan Rhodes Cooper
Raffaele Romani Di Maggio

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?
People: ***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***
Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People: ***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
ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.***

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People: *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.*
Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers ?
People: *I will, with God’s help.*
Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People: *I will, with God’s help.*
Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People: *I will, with God’s help.*
Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People: *I will, with God’s help.*
Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People: *I will, with God’s help.*

Prayers for the Candidate page 305
Celebrant: Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.
Leader: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader Open their heart to your grace and truth.
People Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People Lord, hear our prayer.
Celebrant :Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. Amen .

Thanksgiving over the Water page 306

The Baptism page 307

Prayer

The Welcome page 308

Celebrant and People:
We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace
The peace of the Lord be always with you. *And also with you.*

Announcements

At the Offertory Le Dieu le fort *(sung in French)* Claude Le Jeune
*The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken;
He has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,
God reveals himself in glory.
Our God will come and will not keep silence;
Before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.*
-*Ps. 50:1-3*

Doxology (Hymn 380, stanza 3)
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above all heavenly hosts,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer A BCP page 361

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 God thanks and praise.
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.....
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: