



ST. LUKE'S
Episcopal Church

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Wyoming

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First Sunday in Lent

Online Version



Holy Eucharist Rite II

St. Luke's Vision Statement

To know and grow in Christ, through education, dedication and service.

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: 1982 Hymnal #150 "Forty days and forty nights"

Forty days and forty nights thou wast fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled.

Should not we thy sorrow share and from worldly joys abstain,
fasting with unceasing prayer, strong with thee to suffer pain?

Then if Satan on us press, Jesus, Savior, hear our call!
Victor in the wilderness, grant we may not faint or fall!

So shall we have peace divine: holier gladness ours shall be;
round us, too, shall angels shine, such as ministered to thee.

Keep, O keep us, Savior dear, ever constant by thy side;
that with thee we may appear at the eternal Eastertide.

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Penitential Ode

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Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **His mercy endures for ever.**

Confession

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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.

Kyrie

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Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy

Collect of the Day

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Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 *(reading responsively by half verse)*

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 He shall say to the LORD, "You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."
- 9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,
- 10 There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

Epistle Romans 10:8b-13

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Lector: The Word of the Lord

Response: **Thanks be to God**

Sequence Hymn: 1982 Hymnal #635 "If thou but trust in God"

If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through all thy ways,
he'll give thee strength whate'er betide thee, and bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on a rock that nought can move.

Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving; so do thine own part faithfully,
and trust his word, though undeserving thou yet shalt find it true for thee;
God never yet forsook in need the soul that trusted him indeed.

Gospel **Luke 4:1-13**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon: The Rev. Todd Young, Rector

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.

Prayers of the People *(The Leader and People pray responsively)*

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I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Provisional Bishop, Todd;
for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.
Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those we now name, either silently or aloud (pause)
especially, the Diocesan staff, and those on our prayer list.

We also pray, especially for the people of Byron, those involved in the Green River Tunnel accident, for those affected and killed by natural disasters throughout the world, and for those killed or affected by gun violence in our nation.

Silence

I ask your thanksgiving for blessings we now name either silently or aloud (pause)

We also pray for Kolton, along with all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be.

I ask prayers of gratitude for those who serve at the Bread of Life Food Pantry, that they may continue to provide ongoing support and to be strengthened by your calling to serve those who find others in times of hunger. That all who are hungry for food and spiritual nourishment find their needs to be satisfied by Christ.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored, especially Joel & Josephine Hays whom we remember today.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Birthdays, Baptisms, & Anniversaries

Pew Sheet

Birthdays: Nicole Wonka (9), Jack Holt (12), Thad Stoltz (13), Craig Anderson (14)

Baptisms: Reid Odenbach (12), C.J. Gammon III (13), Mike Money (14)

Anniversaries: none

The Exhortation

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This Exhortation may be used, in whole or in part, either during the Liturgy or at other times. In the absence of a deacon or priest, this Exhortation may be read by a lay person. The people stand or sit.

Beloved in the Lord: Our Savior Christ, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood as a sign and pledge of his love, for the continual remembrance of the sacrifice of his death, and for a spiritual sharing in his risen life. For in these holy Mysteries we are made one with Christ, and Christ with us; we are made one body in him, and members one of another.

Having in mind, therefore, his great love for us, and in obedience to his command, his Church renders to Almighty God our heavenly Father never-ending thanks for the creation of the world, for his continual providence over us, for his love for all mankind, and for the redemption of the world by our Savior Christ, who took upon himself our flesh, and humbled himself even to death on the cross, that he might make us the children of God by the power of the Holy Spirit, and exalt us to everlasting life.

But if we are to share rightly in the celebration of those holy Mysteries, and be nourished by that spiritual Food, we must remember the dignity of that holy Sacrament. I therefore call upon you to consider how Saint Paul exhorts all persons to prepare themselves carefully before eating of that Bread and drinking of that Cup.

For, as the benefit is great, if with penitent hearts and living faith we receive the holy Sacrament, so is the danger great, if we receive it improperly, not recognizing the Lord's Body. Judge yourselves, therefore, lest you be judged by the Lord.

Examine your lives and conduct by the rule of God's commandments, that you may perceive wherein you have offended in what you have done or left undone, whether in thought, word, or deed. And acknowledge your sins before Almighty God, with full purpose of amendment of life, being ready to make restitution for all injuries and wrongs done by you to others; and also being ready to forgive those who have offended you, in order that you yourselves may be forgiven. And then, being reconciled with one another, come to the banquet of that most heavenly Food.

And if, in your preparation, you need help and counsel, then go and open your grief to a discreet and understanding priest, and confess your sins, that you may receive the benefit of absolution, and spiritual counsel and advice; to the removal of scruple and doubt, the assurance of pardon, and the strengthening of your faith.

To Christ our Lord who loves us, and washed us in his own blood, and made us a kingdom of priests to serve his God and Father, to him be glory in the Church evermore. Through him let us offer continually the sacrifice of praise, which is our bounden duty and service, and, with faith in him, come boldly before the throne of grace

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Celebrant: If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.

Offertory Hymn: 1982 Hymnal #529 "In Christ there is no east or west"

In Christ there is no East or West, in him no South or North,
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be!
Who serves my Father as his child is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West, in him meet South and North,
all Christly souls are one in him, throughout the whole wide earth.

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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:

Celebrant and People

**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.

Then the Celebrant continues

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

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

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

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

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

As our Savior Christ
has taught us,
we now pray,

The Lord's Prayer (*Contemporary*)

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People and Celebrant

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread (*A period of silence is kept*)

Fraction Anthem

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

The Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

Communion

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Holy Communion is the sacred meal of the Christian faith and a foretaste of the heavenly banquet.

Baptized Christians of all denominations are invited to receive Holy Communion in this church.

Post Communion Prayer (*said in unison*)

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After Communion, the Celebrant says:

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Dismissal Hymn 1982 Hymnal #142 “Lord, who throughout these forty days”

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,
teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.

As thou with Satan didst contend and didst the victory win,
O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to conquer sin.

As thou didst hunger bear and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self, and chiefly live by thy most holy word.

And through these days of penitence, and through thy Passiontide,
yea, evermore, in life and death, Jesus! with us abide.

Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering overpast,
an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last!

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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Weekly Prayer List

Healing of body, mind and soul for: The Diocesan staff, the parish family, Adrian, Andrea, Bob & Diana, Bobby, Charolette, Christy, Cole, Dale, Dana, Dave, Dawn, Elyse, Emily, Helen, Ivan, Jayne & Steve, Jennifer, Johnnie, Joy, Julie, Kathy, Linda, Mary, Melvin, Nancy, Nikki, Orde, Owen, Pat, Pat M., Peggy, Pippa, Pitchie, Roger, Sara, Steve, Susan, Tara, Tyler, Zoe.

Military: Kolton Watson, U.S. Marines. Please keep all members of the Armed Forces in your prayers.

Diocesan Prayer List: St. Paul's, Dixon

For the departed: The greens on the altar are given today by Pam McFadden & Johnnie Pond in memory of her parents, Joel & Josephine Hays.

Useful website information:

LiveStream links are on our website: www.stlukesbuffalo.church/services

If you have a comment about the service, please email the church at stlukeswyo@gmail.com

The Diocese: www.episcopalwy.org

**** *Food pantry baskets are available at the church front door. Items needed are: soups, canned meats, canned meals (stews), and baby wipes.***

In the Life of the Church

Weekdays: Noonday Prayer 12:00–1:00pm

Today: Services at 8:00am/Rite I and 10:00am/Rite II
Adult class 9:00am and Rector's Forum following coffee hour

Monday: St. Luke's Prayer Group—9:00am in Onderdonk Hall

Tuesday: Evening Prayer at Amie Holt 4:00pm

Wednesday: Holy Eucharist 7:00am

Meals for the Soul cooking in the kitchen 12:00pm

*******Every Wednesday in Lent at noon, we will observe the Stations of the Cross**

Thursday: Daughters of the King 1:00pm

Friday: Compline at Amie Holt 4:00pm

Sunday: Services at 8:00am/Rite I and 10:00am/Rite II
Adult class 9:00am and Rector's Forum following coffee hour

Bread of Life Food Pantry

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:00–1:00pm & 5:00–6:00pm

Today's Announcements

Thank you for worshiping with us today. Please join us in our fellowship hall for coffee hour following the 10:00 service. Please call the office if you need a ride to attend any service or event.

- ◇ **Lent Soup Suppers** begin on March 12th at 5:15pm. St. Luke's Episcopal will be hosting the first supper and are providing the soup. Please sign up on the white board if you are able to provide soup for this meal or items for the upcoming meals.

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