

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
The 24th Sunday after Pentecost
15 November 2020 ✱ 10:00 A.M.

Holy Eucharist

The Reverend Michael L. Delk, *Celebrant*
The Reverend Allison Caudill, *Preacher*

THE WORD OF GOD

Organ Voluntary

“Sonata III - Andante”

Felix Mendelssohn

Opening Hymn

“O Jesus, I have promised”

Hymnal, 655



1 O Je - sus, I have prom-ised to serve thee to the end:
2 O let me hear thee speak-ing in ac - cents clear and still,
3 O Je - sus, thou hast prom-ised to all who fol - low thee,



be thou for ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
a - bove the storms of pas-sion, the mur-murs of self - will;
that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be;



I shall not fear the bat - tle, if thou art by my side,
O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
and, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;



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The Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Gloria: S-280 in the Hymnal 1982

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy



The Salutation & Collect of the Day

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
 Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we
 may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you
 have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the
 Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD
 has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search
 Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their

dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Psalm 90:1-8, 12

Anglican Chant

¹ Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.

² Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.

³ You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."

⁴ For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.

⁵ You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

⁶ In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

⁷ For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

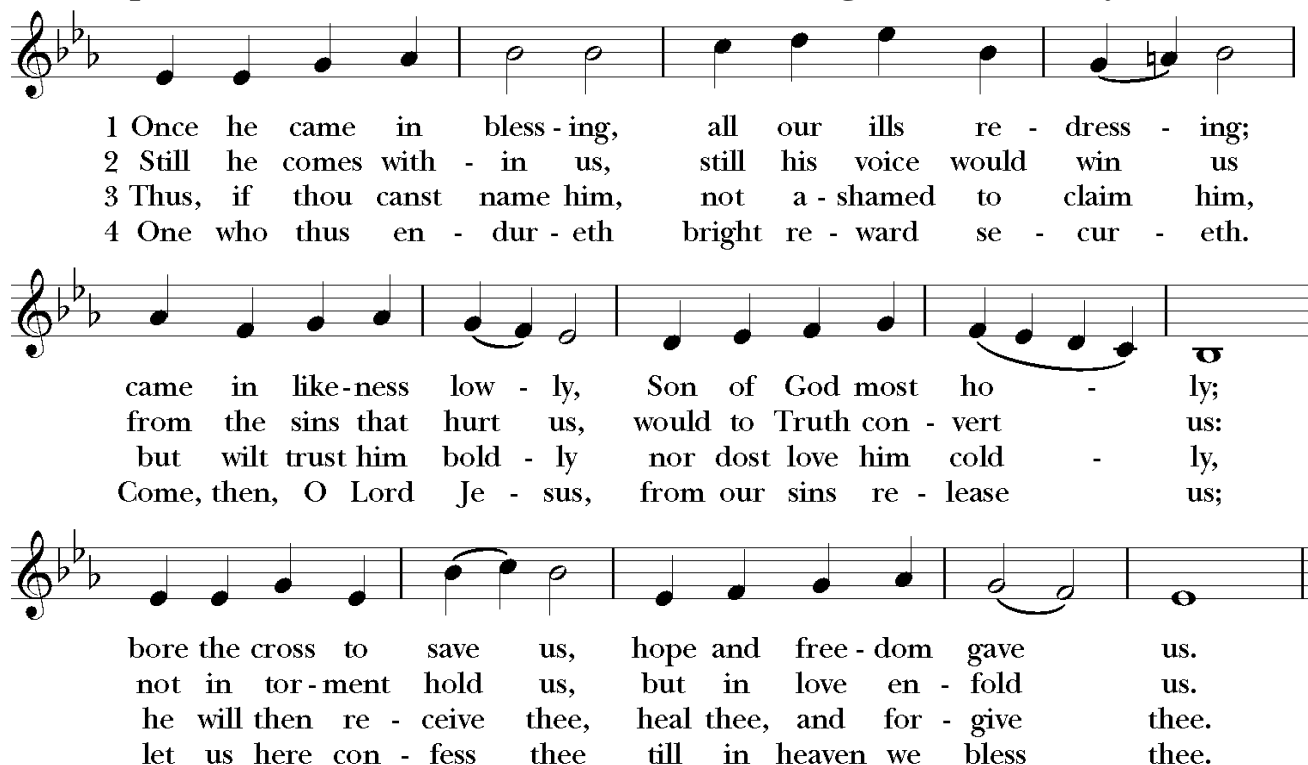
⁸ Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

¹² So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

The Sequence

“Once he came in blessing”

Hymnal, 53



1 Once he came in bless - ing, all our ills re - dress - ing;
2 Still he comes with - in us, still his voice would win us
3 Thus, if thou canst name him, not a - shamed to claim him,
4 One who thus en - dur - eth bright re - ward se - cur - eth.

came in like-ness low - ly, Son of God most ho - ly;
from the sins that hurt us, would to Truth con - vert us:
but wilt trust him bold - ly nor dost love him cold - ly,
Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, from our sins re - lease us;

bore the cross to save us, hope and free - dom gave us.
not in tor - ment hold us, but in love en - fold us.
he will then re - ceive thee, heal thee, and for - give thee.
let us here con - fess thee till in heaven we bless thee.

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The Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

The people remain standing. The Celebrant says

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

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

"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his

master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

After the reading, the Celebrant says

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Said by all, standing

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 Prayers of the People, Form VI

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The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For Donald our President, Andy our Governor, and Neil & Greg our Mayors, and for this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Terry, our Bishop, for Michael, Allison, Anne, Art, and Jim, our clergy and all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. For **Al, Allen, Amy, Ann, Annie, Beecher, Bethann, Bill, Braxton, Bud, Calvin Riley, Carol, Charles, Christy, Dave, David, Diana, E.J., Eleanor, Elizabeth, Gene, Hugh, Ira, Jackie, Jen, Jenni, Jerry, Jim, Joan, Joe, John, Joyce, Karen, Kelly, Ken, Lauren, Lee, Linda, Lisette, Liz, London, Lynn, Martha, Mary, Matt, Meg, Mike, Milo, Monica, Nancy, Nina (Nine-ah), Patricia, Phil, Rob, Ronald, Sandy, Stefanie, Steve, Sue, Susan, Susie, Terry, Tim, Tracy, Trish, Ursula, Vicki, Walt, Whitney, Wynn; for the men and women of our armed forces, especially Alex, Bianca, Casey, Christian, Griffin, Pat, Seth, Sinclair, Steve.**

Silence

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, . . . , that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

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

Silence may be kept.

Leader 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 Peace

All stand. The celebrant says to the people

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

“Turn Thee again, O Lord”

Thomas Attwood
(1765-1838)

Turn Thee again, O Lord, at the last,
And be gracious unto Thy servants. Amen.
Psalm 90:13

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

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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.**

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.

Here the Celebrant adds a Proper Preface

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

Sanctus: S-129 in the Hymnal 1982

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

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:

People **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

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 Fraction Anthem

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

Communion Hymn

“Strengthen for service, Lord”

Hymnal, 312



1 Strength - en for ser - vice, Lord, the hands that ho - ly
 2 Lord, may the tongues which “Ho - ly” sang, keep free from
 3 The feet that tread thy hal - lowed courts from light do



things have tak - en; let ears that now have
 all de - ceiv - ing; the eyes which saw thy
 thou not ban - ish; the bo - dies by thy



heard thy songs to clam - or nev - er wak - en.
 love be bright, thy bless - ed hope per - ceiv - ing.
 Bo - dy fed with thy new life re - ple - nish.

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A Communion Prayer

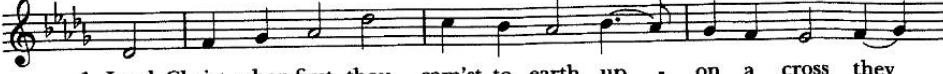
After the celebrant receives, the congregation prays

All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Although we cannot be present together as a body, we know that the Spirit’s power makes us one Body. For those of us safely able to receive, we are grateful for the spiritual food of the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood. For those unable to receive the bread and wine, we are grateful for the spiritual union with you that this sacred mystery brings to life. 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.


The Blessing

The Processional “Lord Christ, when first thou cam’st to earth”


Hymnal, 598




1 Lord Christ, when first thou cam’st to earth, up - on a cross they
 2 O awe - ful Love, which found no room in life where sin de -
 3 New ad - vent of the love of Christ, shall we a - gain re -
 4 O wound-ed hands of Je - sus, build in us thy new cre -




bound thee, and mocked thy sav - ing king - ship then
 nied thee, and, doomed to death, must bring to doom
 fuse thee, till in the night of hate and war
 a - tion; our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled,



by thorns with which they crowned thee: and still our wrongs
 the powers which cru - ci - fied thee, till not a stone
 we per - ish as we lose thee? From old un - faith
 we wait thy rev - e - la - tion: O love that tri -



may weave thee now new thorns to pierce that
 was left on stone, and all those na - tions’
 our souls re - lease to seek the king - dom
 umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -



stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row round thee.
 pride, o’er-thrown, went down to dust be - side thee!
 of thy peace, by which a - lone we choose thee.
 fore thy cross, to fi - nish thy sal - va - tion.

Words: Walter Russell Bowie (1882-1969), alt.

Music: *Mit Freuden zart*, melody from “Une pastourelle gentille,” 1529; adapt. *Pseaumes cinquante de David*, 1547, and *Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubtartickel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset*, 1566

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The Dismissal

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Sonata II - Fuga”

Felix Mendelssohn
(b. 1972)



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Do you have questions about the Christian faith or the Episcopal Church?

Join us this Sunday or next, at 11:15 AM for a FaceBook meeting where you can share your questions. Go to: <https://www.facebook.com/StLukesAnchorage>

To see our video go to :

<https://www.facebook.com/StLukesAnchorage/videos/246044036847885>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Memorials

We continue our tradition of decorating the church for Christmas with memorial poinsettias and large wreaths, as well as memorializing loved ones through contributions for special Christmas music. Due to COVID, we can not leave out the memorial envelopes, so Dawn will send out an email that you can respond to, or email her at admin@stlukesanchorage.org. Please indicate if it is **in MEMORY of** or **in THANKSGIVING of** someone and list their names clearly. **The deadline to receive all memorials is Sunday, December 6.**

Poinsettia Memorials – the cost for poinsettias is \$9 per plant with the deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 6.

Wreath Memorials – We will again be hanging large wreaths inside the church on the stone walls between the windows. The cost for each wreath is \$100. We hope parishioners will help subsidize this decorating effort by donating for a wreath, or part of one, in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving. The deadline for this memorial is Sunday, December 6.

Music Memorials – Give to our wonderful music program as God plants in your heart. You may give throughout the year to the music program, but in order to get your memorial in print, the deadline is Sunday, December 6.

Annual Free Coat Exchange

This is the 9th Annual Free Coat Exchange program that St. Luke's has participated in.

Ten years ago, Louisville business owner Ted Loebenberg turned the idea of giving winter coats away on the biggest shopping day of the year into an annual community event. This year the Free Coat Exchange returns on the day after Thanksgiving. Last year, 4000 coats were collected and given to those in need. St. Luke's serves as a collection point. Through the generosity of St. Luke's parishioners, we have donated over 1000 coats during the past 9 years.

Because of the Pandemic protocol restrictions, this year presents a challenge with collection. We will still have a collection box in the 'ambulatory' handicap entrance of the church. But in addition, we now have a collection box on the back porch of the Lyman House office building. This porch is not locked, and is available anytime for a drop-off. **Last drop-off day is November 24th.**

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Our Wednesday morning Bible study Zoom, starting at 9:45, we begin on The Gospel of Matthew, led by Father Michael. Please check your email for the invite.

Thursday Night Bible Study

The Basics of the Bible Study continues on Thursday evenings with Mother Allison! We are using The Path to guide our study, but all you need is a Bible and access to the internet to join us. We are gathering every Thursday evening from 6:45-7:45 on Zoom to discuss the foundational stories of our faith and to explore how these stories connect to our own journeys. Please follow this link on Thursdays at 6:45 to join us!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/284582639>

Meeting ID: 284-582-639

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Bishops – Sunday 9am Class

Please join us Sunday mornings, 9:00, as we begin a new series. Our discussion group will be talking about contemporary Anglican theologians.

There are several Anglican (including many Episcopalian) theologians who have written during our lifetime, most of them are still working. They have written some fascinating ideas that enrich our understanding of God, Jesus, the Church and spirituality. Their work has added

clarity, insight and depth to Anglican Christianity. We will be spending the next couple of months discussing these theologians and their ideas.

For more information, email Dave Kirchinger at episcopaliandave@gmail.com.

The link to the class is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85144530030> / Meeting ID: **851 4453 0030**

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Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer is TWICE a month, every 2nd and 4th Tuesday. Join us on **November 24th from 6 – 7pm** on ZOOM until we can all join back in the Lyman Office.

Link to Centering Prayer Group: <https://zoom.us/j/85280543522>

Meeting ID: 852 8054 3522

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

If you've had a birthday or anniversary over the past several weeks, or have one coming up in the weeks ahead, please let Dawn know, admin@stlukesanchorage.org. Let her know your birthday, or the date of your wedding anniversary and how many years you've been married, and we will offer a blessing over you during our recorded worship.

LAY PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

Pastoral care is a ministry provided by volunteer parishioners to individuals needing home, hospital, nursing home or rehabilitation facility visitations. Arrangements can be made for communion and meals as requested. All information is confidential unless you give permission to share with others.

CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO LET US KNOW YOUR NEEDS.

Reminder, if you do go to the hospital, let the hospital know your church affiliation or try to have your caregiver do so. Our ministry is here for you in time of need so remember to call the church office at 245-8827 or e-mail at admin@stlukesanchorage.org

The Flowers on the Altar are given by Bob & Patti LaMontagne in thanksgiving for their children and grandchildren.

In our prayers ... Al, Allen, Amy, Ann, Annie, Beecher, Bethann, Bill, Braxton, Bud, Calvin Riley, Carol, Charles, Christy, Dave, David, Diana, E.J., Eleanor, Elizabeth, Gene, Hugh, Ira, Jackie, Jen, Jenni, Jerry, Jim, Joan, Joe, John, Joyce, Karen, Kelly, Ken, Lauren, Lee, Linda, Lisette, Liz, London, Lynn, Martha, Mary, Matt, Meg, Mike, Milo, Monica, Nancy, Nina (Nine-ah), Patricia, Phil, Rob, Ronald, Sandy, Stefanie, Steve, Sue, Susan, Susie, Terry, Tim, Tracy, Trish, Ursula, Vicki, Walt, Whitney, Wynn; and our men and women serving in our armed forces and their families. We offer prayers of blessing and thanksgiving for all men and women serving in the armed services, especially these persons known to us: **Alex, Bianca, Casey, Christian, Griffin, Pat, Seth, Sinclair, Steve.** We pray that they have safe journeys and know the loving concern of friends and family. May God watch over them and grant them strength and courage to face perils which beset them.

Readings for:

**November 22: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a;
 Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46.**