

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
20 December 2020 ✕ 10:00 A.M.

Holy Eucharist

The Reverend Allison Caudill, *Celebrant*
Mr. Ben Cowgill, *Preacher*

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

“Gabriel’s message”

Paul Manz

First Hymn

“The angel Gabriel from heaven came”

Hymnal, 265

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,
2 “For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,
3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;
all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,
“To me be as it pleas - eth God,” she said,
in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

“All hail,” said he, “thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,
 thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
 “my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name.”
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say—

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,” Glo - ri - a!
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,” Glo - ri - a!
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!
 “Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,” Glo - ri - a!

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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 Kyrie

Frank W. Boles

Cantor Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. *All* Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Cantor Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

All



Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

Descant



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

All



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

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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.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Lesson

II Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am

living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you." But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle 15 - Song of Mary *Magnificat*

Plainsong

Antiphon
Unison or harmony

1. My soul pro - claims the great - ness


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of the Lord, my spi - rit re - joic - es in
claims the great - ness of the Lord, my

God my Sa - vior; for he has looked
spi - rit re - joic - es in God

with fa - vor on his low - ly ser - vant.

2 From this day all generations will call me blessed:
3 He has mercy on those who fear him
4 He has shown the strength of his arm,
5 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
6 He has filled the hungry with good things,
7 He has come to the help of his ser - vant Israel,
8 The promise he made to our fathers,
9 Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
10 As it was in the be - ginning, is now,



2 the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
 3 in every gen - er - ation. [Ant.]
 4 he has scattered the . . . proud in their con - ceit.
 5 and has lifted up the lowly. [Ant.]
 6 and the rich he has sent a - way empty.
 7 for he has remembered his . . . prom - ise of mercy,
 8 to Abraham and his chil - dren for ever. [Ant.]
 9 and to the Ho - ly Spirit:
 10 and will be for . . . ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]

The antiphon may be sung in unison, with the counter-melody played by an instrument, or it may be sung in three parts.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

The people remain standing. The Celebrant says

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

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

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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 II

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In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Terry, our Bishop, for this gathering; for Michael, Allison, Anne, Art, and Jim, our clergy and for all clergy 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, **especially Paul Foreman**. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers 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, Trent, 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

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Absolution

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

“There is no rose”

Anonymous

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

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Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People** And al - so 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, because

you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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

“Conditor alme siderum”

Frank W. Boles

Cantor *All*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of po - wer and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

- san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Cantor

Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Descant



Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

All



Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



- san - na in the high - est. Ho -



- san - na in the high - est. Ho -



- san - na in the high - est.



- san - na in the high - est.

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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.

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 Mary the Mother of God, 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 forever. Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.**

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion. We invite you to join us in this prayer wherever you are.

A Prayer from the St. Augustine Prayer Book

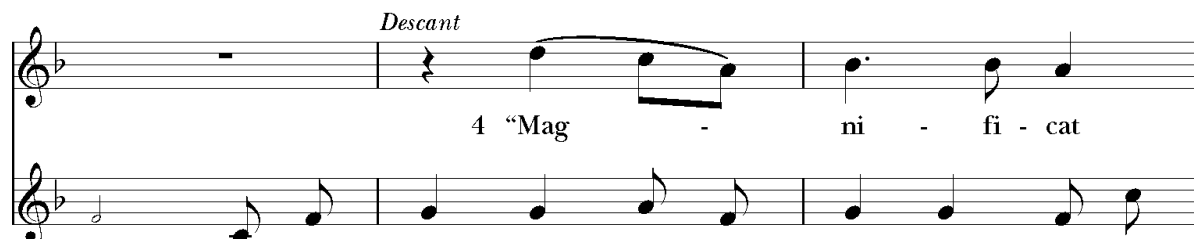
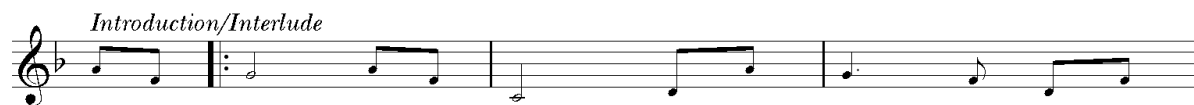
As the celebrant receives the elements of Communion, the congregation says aloud this prayer

***All* Jesus, my Savior, I ask you to come into my heart and fill me with your love. Although I cannot physically join with others to celebrate the Eucharist today, I desire to offer my thanksgivings and prayers in union with all who worship you, wherever they may be. And although I cannot receive you now sacramentally in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, still I desire to receive your body and blood spiritually and feed on your love, that I may be united with you and with all your people in one communion and fellowship, your mystical body the church, now and ever more. Amen.**

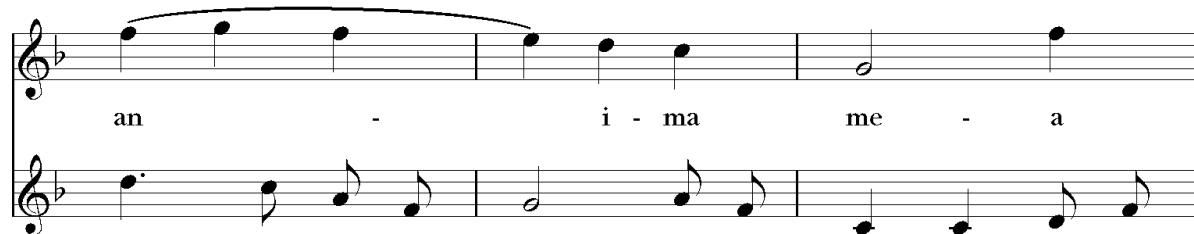
Communion Hymn

“Ye who claim the faith of Jesus”

Hymnal, 268



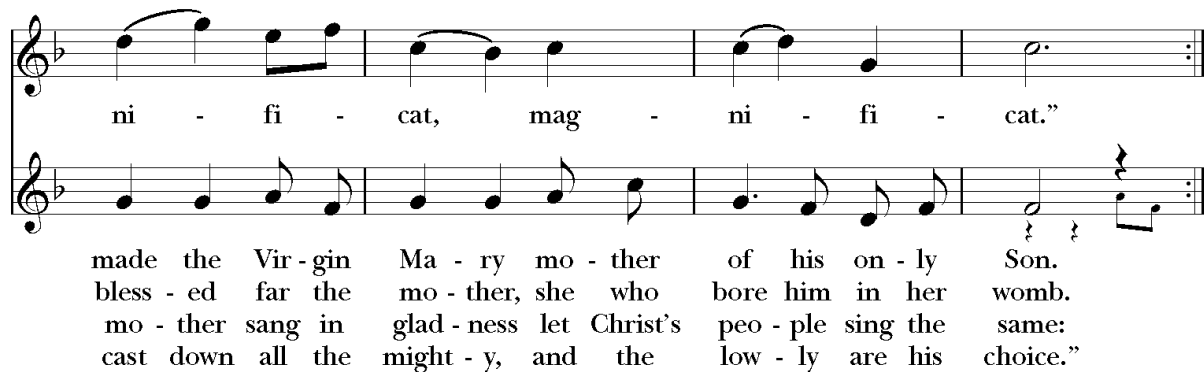
1 Ye who claim the faith of Je - sus, sing the
 2 Bless - ed were the cho - sen peo - ple out of
 3 There-fore let all faith - ful peo - ple sing the
 4 “Mag - ni - fy, my soul, God’s great - ness; in my



won - ders that were done when the love of God the
 whom the Lord did come; bless - ed was the land of
 hon - or of her name; let the Church, in her fore -
 Sa - vior I re - joice; all the a - ges call me



Fa - ther o - ver sin the vic - tory won, when he
 prom - ise fa - shioned for his earth - ly home; but more
 shad - owed, part in her thanks - giv - ing claim; what Christ’s
 bless - ed, in his praise I lift my voice; he has



ni - fi - cat, mag - ni - fi - cat.”

made the Vir - gin Ma - ry mo - ther of his on - ly Son.
 bless - ed far the mo - ther, she who bore him in her womb.
 mo - ther sang in glad - ness let Christ's peo - ple sing the same:
 cast down all the might - y, and the low - ly are his choice.”

Conclusion




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The Blessing


The Final Hymn

“O come, o come, Emmanuel”

Hymnal, 56 (vs. 7-8)



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.

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The Dismissal

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come"

Paul Manz

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Christmas Eve/Day Service Times

Dec 24, 2020

5:00pm: Family Service with a Children's message
(<https://www.facebook.com/StLukesAnchorage>)

8:00pm: Traditional Service with a Sermon
(<https://www.facebook.com/StLukesAnchorage>)

Dec 25, 2020

9:00am: Special Service of Morning Prayer with Sermon
(<https://www.facebook.com/StLukesAnchorage>)

Dec 27, 2020

10:00am: Christmas Service of Lessons & Carols
[recorded]
(<https://www.facebook.com/StLukesAnchorage>)



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over green button to activate link.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Luke's Upcoming Music

Lisa Lewis and Friends will present a Virtual Christmas concert of sacred and secular carols on December 20 at 3:30 pm. Along with some traditional organ selections, Doug Murray will sing some of your favorite Christmas songs, organ arrangements of dances from "The Nutcracker", and perhaps a zany encore with organ and piano duet and percussion! Wear your favorite Christmas sweater, light the fire and pour your favorite Christmas beverage and prepare to be entertained!

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Bible study is cancelled for the remainder of 2020. We will announce in 2021, when bible study restarts.

Sunday Altar Flower Memorials for 2021

It's time to schedule 2021 altar flower memorials. Last year donors have been contacted. Please respond promptly since renewals are honored first. **New donors are also welcome and encouraged to respond with a date!** Please contact Dawn at the church office at admin@stlukesanchorage.org.

Christmas Outreach for 2020

Deadline to have your items turned in : December 21, 2020

This year, instead of hosting an Angel Tree to sponsor individual children and youth at Bellewood & Brooklawn, we have been invited to do something a little different! In your email and on our Facebook page, you will find a list of requests for items needed in the cottages of the children and youth, as well as items needed by the young people who will be transitioning into independent living in 2021. While this list does not include the usual toys and games that we are used to giving, it is a great honor to be asked to provide for the needs of these young people who are preparing to enter adulthood during this tumultuous season. Our family of St Luke's will be a part of easing that transition and ensuring their new homes are well-stocked and comfortable. A donation drop-off will be set up on the porch of Lyman House (the church office) and collected items will be brought to Bellewood during the entire season of Advent.

If you would still like to sponsor a child or make your purchases online, there is more information here: https://bellewoodandbrooklawn.org/wp-content/uploads/Wish-List-2020_Holidays-page-001.jpg **NOTICE** : Items must be brand new, in original packaging due to COVID. No gently used items this year.

We hope you will consider making a donation!

Bourbon Smoked Spiral Cut Hams for Christmas

PICKUP AT LYMAN HOUSE- MUST BE Saturday, December 19th from noon to 2pm (No exceptions). *Pay by cash or check day of pick up. **Make checks payable to BOSA or Brotherhood of St. Andrew.***

Thursday Night Bible Study

The Thursday Night Bible Study with Mother Allison will resume on Thursday, January 7th, via Zoom.

Contemporary Anglican Theologians – Sunday 9am Class

Please join us Sunday mornings, 9:00, as we have begun a new series.

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**
If prompted to enter a password, please enter our parish office phone number - 2458827

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer will not meet on Dec. 22nd. Meet back with us in January, 2021, TWICE a month, every 2nd and 4th Tuesday, **January 12 and 26, from 6 – 7pm** on ZOOM.

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.

St. Luke's Connections

St Luke's Connections is our latest media production, that happens right before our Sunday 10:00 AM live stream. In St Luke's Connections we get to know members of our community here at St Luke's. Currently we are in need of our community of faith to volunteer about 10-15 minutes of their time to be interviewed as part of St Luke's Connections. If you are interested in being interviewed please contact either Ira Creasman or Mitch Wilson.

Ira: 205-382-4800 or ibcreasman@gmail.com / Mitch: mitchelldalewilson@hotmail.com

The Flowers on the Altar are given by Cindy Reinhart in thanksgiving for her mother, Mary Dott Gritton, and in loving memory of her father, Robert Andrew Gritton.

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, Trent, 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:

December 24:	Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96;
Christmas Eve	Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20.