

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
The Fourth Sunday of Lent
14 March 2021 ☩ 10:00 A.M.

Holy Eucharist

The Reverend Allison Caudill, *Celebrant*
The Reverend Anne Harris, *Preacher*

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

“Prelude on ‘Toplady’” Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr.

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Processional Hymn “Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound”

Hymnal, 671

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 * 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

The melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.

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The Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

The Collect of Purity

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Kyrie: S 86

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

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food."

Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Anglican Chant

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.

² Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

³ He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

¹⁷ Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.

¹⁸ They abhorred all manner of food *
and drew near to death's door.

¹⁹ Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.

²⁰ He sent forth his word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.

²¹ Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.

²² Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

The Second Lesson

Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ--by grace you have been saved--and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God--not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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

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The Sequence

“Rock of ages, cleft for me”

Hymnal, 685

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,
3 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,
all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;
when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou-ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Rock of ages, cleft for me". It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the staves. The first system contains three verses of the hymn. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system concludes the hymn with a final line of lyrics. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C).

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The Holy Gospel

John 3:14-21

The people remain standing. The Celebrant says

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to

condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

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.

Deacon or other leader

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy”

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Here and after every petition the People respond

Lord, have mercy.

For *Justin*, the Archbishop of Canterbury, For *Michael*, our Presiding Bishop, for *Terry*, our own Bishop, for all bishops, for ***Michael, Allison, Anne, Art, and Jim***, and other clergy, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

For those in positions of public trust especially Joe our President, Andy our Governor, and Neil & Greg our Mayors, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O

Lord.

For this *congregation*, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

For **Al, Allen, Amanda, Amy, Ann, Annie, Beecher, Bethann, Beverly, Bill, Braxton, Bud, Calvin Riley, Carol, Charles, Christy, Danny, Dave, David, Diana, Doug, E.J., Eleanor, Elizabeth, Erma, Gene, Hugh, Ira, Jackie, Jen, Jenni, Jerry, Jewell, Jim, Joan, Joe, John, Joyce, Karen, Kelly, Ken, Laura, Lauren, Lee, Linda, Lisette, Liz, London, Lynn, Martha, Marty, Mary, MaryBeth, Matt, Meg, Mike, Milo, Monica, Morgan, Nancy, Nina (Nine-ah), Patricia, Rob, Ronald, Rueben, Sandy, Sherrie, Stefanie, Steve, Sue, Susan, Susie, Terry, Tim, Tracy, Trent, Trey, Ursula, Vicki, Walt, Whitney, Wynn; for the men and women of our armed forces, especially Alex, Bianca, Casey, Christian, Griffin, Pat, Seth, Sinclair, Steve,** we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, ..., and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, (*blessed Luke*) and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. *To you, O Lord our God.*

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect, or the following Doxology

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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

“God so loved the world”

John Stainer

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

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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.

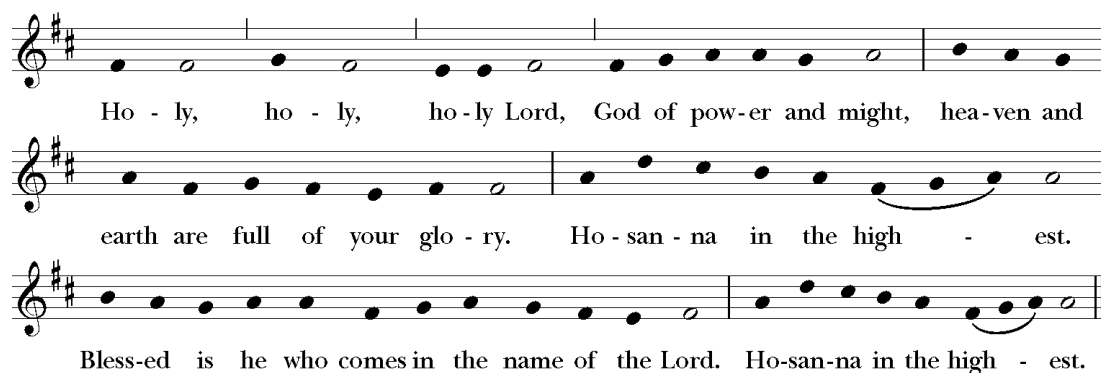
Celebrant It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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-124



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.

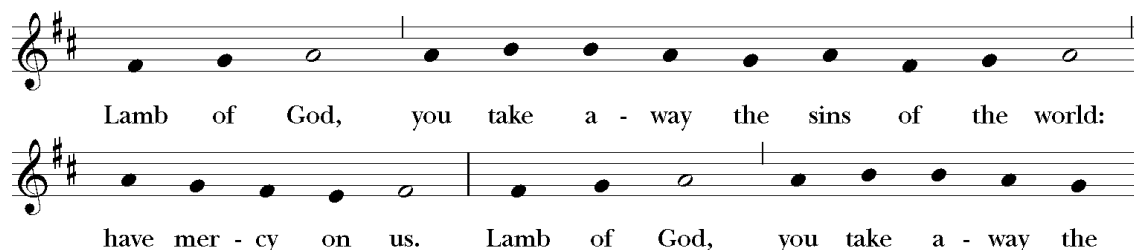
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day, bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

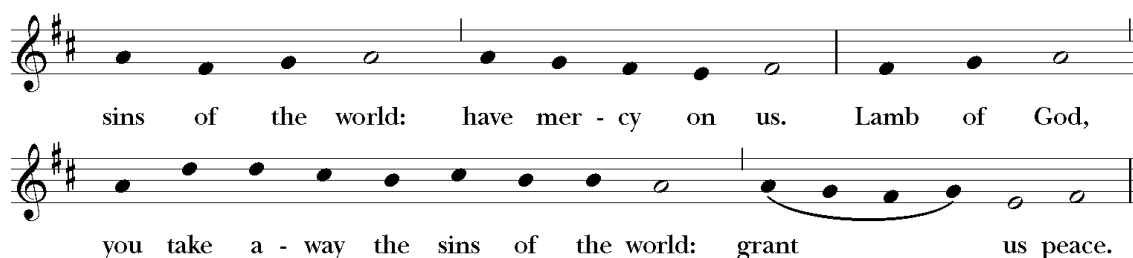
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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.

Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God : S-161





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 Anthem

“Oculi omnium”

Henry Purcell

The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord.
And thou givest them their meat in due season.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Psalm 145: v. 15

The Blessing

The Final Hymn

"Lift high the cross"

Hymnal, 473

Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain

the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

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The Dismissal
People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Dearest Jesus, we are here”

J. S. Bach

James Layton, *organ*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Luke's Music Series

TODAY at 3:30 pm soprano Emily Albrink will present a recital with David George, pianist.

This event is a “virtual” recital, so you can relax and listen in the comfort of your own homes. Be sure to listen in!

Easter Music Memorials

Easter Music Memorials will make possible having a lovely string quartet for our special recorded service for the celebration the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please consider making a gift in memory of a loved one, or in thanksgiving for a person or event. Make your check payable to "St. Luke's Episcopal Church" and please write 'Music Memorial' on the memo line of your check.

The deadline for placing your memorial is Monday, March 29, and get it in print, though you may make a donation at any time. Contact Dawn at admin@stlukesanchorage.org if you would like to provide the name(s) and information for a memorial or to just make a donation for the music.

Memorial Easter Lilies

We plan to use existing funds for our Easter decorations this year, but we do want to give people an opportunity to dedicate flowers as memorials or thanksgiving. If you would like to provide the name(s) and information or to just make a donation for the decorations, please contact Dawn at admin@stlukesanchorage.org. **The deadline for placing your memorial and get it in print, is Monday, March 29.**

Flowering of the Cross

One of the Easter traditions at St. Luke's is to flower the cross. In the past it has been at the altar for us to come and place a flower, but this year, we are going to place the cross outside St. Luke's front door on Holy Saturday, April 3rd, for anyone interested in coming to put in a flower. You can bring your own flowers or use ones provided. We hope you will help us fill it up with love and joy.

A new Lenten program

As we continue the safe practice of virtual worship services, we want to offer a special series during the season of Lent.

The Stations of the Cross is a service we usually read on Good Friday just before the service. It offers a pilgrimage following the 14 Stations of the Cross.

This year we're going to offer 2 stations each Sunday in Lent. A choral meditation or an organ meditation will follow the short prayer service set for each station. ***On Palm Sunday, we'll offer the last 4 stations, ending with the last, Jesus is put in the tomb.***

During Holy Week, you can watch the 14 Stations of the Cross in one viewing, if you prefer.

Watch for the Stations 7 and 8 on Lent Iv, March 14 at 3:00 pm on St. Luke's Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/StLukesAnchorage>.

Wednesday AM Lenten Bible Study!

Please join us via Zoom every Wednesday during Lent at 9:45 am to discuss a chapter of The Path, a Bible Study published by Forward Movement and much beloved by our Thursday Night group. Because we are not able to hand out books at the church office during this time, we are asking that all those who wish to participate acquire a personal copy of the book. If you need financial assistance, please be in touch with Mother Allison at associate@stlukesanchorage.org so that she can assist you in obtaining a copy. You'll find links below to purchase a copy of the book, so that you can follow along with us in this Lenten practice of studying scripture in community!

The book can be ordered in either paper copy or Kindle format from Amazon via this link:

https://www.amazon.com/Path-Journey-Through-Bible-English/dp/0880284358/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=the+path+forward+movement&qid=1611780422&sr=8-1

A PDF of the book from the publisher can be found here:

<https://www.forwardmovement.org/promotions/PDF/ThePathPDF.pdf>

The Zoom link, which will be the same each week, is here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81267113936>

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!

Contemporary Anglican Saints – Sunday 9am Class

Please join us Sunday mornings, 9:00. The British Isles and the greater Anglican Communion has been the home and origin of many great saints. These saints are people with fascinating stories, and great impact on global Christianity. Please join us as we learn about these saints and discuss their influence and 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 **March 23rd from 6 – 7pm** on ZOOM until we can all join back in the Lyman Office.

BE READY TO CHANGE YOUR DATES: Beginning April, Centering Prayer will go to every **FIRST** and **THIRD** Tuesday.

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.

In our prayers ... for Al, Allen, Amanda, Amy, Ann, Annie, Beecher, Bethann, Beverly, Bill, Braxton, Bud, Calvin Riley, Carol, Charles, Christy, Danny, Dave, David, Diana, Doug, E.J., Eleanor, Elizabeth, Erma, Gene, Hugh, Ira, Jackie, Jen, Jenni, Jerry, Jewell, Jim, Joan, Joe, John, Joyce, Karen, Kelly, Ken, Laura, Lauren, Lee, Linda, Lisette, Liz, London, Lynn, Martha, Marty, Mary, MaryBeth, Matt, Meg, Mike, Milo, Monica, Morgan, Nancy, Nina (Nine-ah), Patricia, Rob, Ronald, Rueben, Sandy, Sherrie, Stefanie, Steve, Sue, Susan, Susie, Terry, Tim, Tracy, Trent, Trey, 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:

March 21:	Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-13;
Fifth Lent	Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33.