The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2026

Announcements **The Reverend Ashley Wright**

You are invited to stand

Processional Hymn

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God forever and ever.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day **Proper 27**

Please be seated

The Lessons

The First Reading Amos 5:18-24

A Reading from the Book of Amos.

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord:

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?

It is darkness, not light;
as if someone fled from a lion,
and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.

Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.

Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 70

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O Lord, make haste to help me.
Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.
Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.
Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the Lord!"
But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O Lord, do not tarry.

The Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A Reading from the First Letter to the Thessalonians.

But we do not want you to be uninformed, my siblings, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of Gods trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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Gradual Hymn

The Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

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

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon **The Reverend Ashley Wright**

Reflection Music **The Choir**

The Nicene Creed **BCP page 358**

St. Luke's Community Prayer

Creator God,
the source and unity of all things,
You are calling us to serve humanity
as agents of reconciliation,
Therefore, grant us:
The wisdom to embrace disagreement
as an avenue of learning,
The courage to communicate
directly and honestly,
The humility to seek forgiveness
from those we injure
by our words or deeds,
The bravery to share openly
with those who injure us,
The willingness to accept differences
as sacred gifts,

And the flexibility to embrace change
as a normal part of life.
In your holy name. Amen.

The Prayers of the People **begins at BCP page 383**

Pray especially for **Claudia & Rick++++**(Giacoma) **Leo++++**(Ludwick) **Adeline++++** (daughter of Ashley) **Meg++++** (sister of Brad) **Larry++++**(brother of Barbara) **Sarah++++** (daughter of Wendy) **Sherry++++**(friend of Meredith) **Kathy++++**(sister of Danamichele) **Nancy++++** (Conrow) **Leila++++**(sister in law of Teresa) **Mic++++**(friend of Meredith and Michael) **Phyllis++++** (mother of Pam) **David++++** (brother of Susan) **Stan++++** (friend of Harriet) **Angela++++**(daughter of John) **Sarah++++**(sister of Paul) **Craig++++**(Watson) **Aiden++++** (nephew of Angie) **Brianna++++** (friend of Sandra) **Gail++++** (McBride) **Rev. Sandra & Family++++**(Jones) **Gozzoli Family, Erin, Frances++++**(friends of Jeri) **Rick+++** (Fitzgerald) **Linda, Jim, and Chuck++++**(friends of Dennis and Beth) **Becket++** (friend of Meredith)

We remember and celebrate the birthday of **Sandy Bergsten** on Tuesday, a beloved member of our parish community.

We also pray for our Rector, **Reverend Ashley**, our deacons, **Reverend Sandra** and **Reverend Pam**, our seminarian, **Anne-Marie Eastman**, and for our Postulant for Holy Orders, **Timothy Higdon**.

Confession of Sin **BCP page 360**

The Peace

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

The Holy Communion

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our lives and labor to God.

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The Doxology

Eucharistic Prayer B **BCP page 367**

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Communion Hymn

The Post Communion Prayer **BCP page 366**

The Blessing

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your heart and mind in the knowledge and love of God. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.The Peace**



<u>We Are Grateful For Those Serving Today</u>

Altar Guild: <u>7:45 AM:</u> Leslie Wood
Layreader Wendy Broadbent
Crucifer Jim Jennings
Tellers VPOD & Jeri Briggs
Sound Technician Don Wood
Children's Ministry Laura Nickerson

<u>Vestry Person Of The Day:</u> Michele Liencres

<u>10:30 AM</u>: Myra Herzog, Debbie Murray
Ushers/Greeters Becky Ventorini, Debbie Murray
Chalice Bearers Mary Parsons, Anne Brantford
Hospitality Hour TBD
Video Recorder Barry Heywood
Youth Director/Youth Group Gabe Bielma

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WELCOME NEWCOMERS!

We are thrilled you chose to worship with us today, and we invite you to get more involved. Please visit https://www.stlukesparkcity.com/im-new for more information and to sign up for our newsletter (at the bottom of the page). We also encourage you to support our worship, missions, and ministries by donating by scanning the barcode to the left or giving online at https://www.stlukesparkcity.com/give. The barcode on the right will send us your contact info!



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FAITH MATTERS

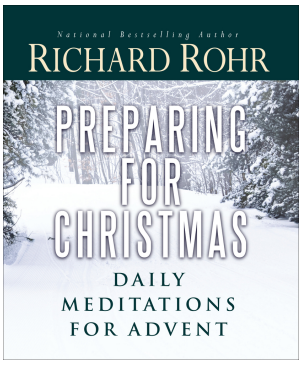
A FALL FORMATION CLASS FOR EVERYONE! - Starts Sunday, September 20, 2026



Whether you are a newcomer, inquirer, visitor, or long-time parishioner, you are invited to learn more about the building blocks of our faith and the Episcopal tradition. Reverend Ashley+ will lead a "Faith Matters" class in the vestry room from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Sundays. The remaining schedule is below:

November 8: Discipleship, Spiritual Practice, Stewardship

ADVENT FORMATION CLASS - BEGINS NOVEMBER 29



In Preparing for Christmas, Richard Rohr invites readers to explore beyond the nostalgia of the holiday and into the true cosmic meaning of the Incarnation. Organized around the daily Scripture readings for the Advent season, these reflections follow the Roman Catholic lectionary from the First Sunday of Advent through Christmas Day, guiding readers into a fuller encounter with the reign of God proclaimed by Jesus.

Rohr challenges watered-down religion and invites readers into a faith marked by surrender, hope, non-dual awareness, and courageous trust. With characteristic clarity and pastoral urgency, he reframes familiar Advent themes—waiting, darkness, humility, the Incarnation, and the Lordship of Christ—as invitations to transformation here and now.

A timeless collection of Advent meditations inviting a deeper, more mature understanding of Christmas, from one of today's most beloved spiritual teachers.

What if Advent is not merely a sentimental countdown to Christmas, but a summons to a deeper awakening? Sundays during Advent, 9:00 to 10:00, in the St. Luke's library. Please bring a personal copy of the book.



REVEREND ASHLEY ON VACATION NOV 19-29

Reverend Ashley will be on vacation beginning November 19 - November 29, traveling over the Thanksgiving holiday to celebrate her second wedding anniversary.

On November 22nd, Anne-Marie Eastman will be leading morning prayer for the early service (directly from the BCP). The Reverend Mary Janda will be supplying for the 10:30 a.m. service, which will be Holy Eucharist.

On November 29th, The Reverend Deacon Sandra will lead morning prayer for both services (using a bulletin) and the Reverend Deacon Pam will be preaching.



FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Mark your calendars for our Festival of Lessons and Carols, to be held on Sunday, December 6th at 5:00 p.m. This is a service that showcases the remarkable abilities of our choir, as we hear and sing Christmas music at the beginning of this special season. There will be a hot chocolate bar and Prosecco following the service during a 45 minute social. Please invite your friends, family, and neighbors!

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Family Service with children's pageant: 5:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Choral Service with candlelight: 8:00 p.m.
Christmas Day Morning Prayer: 10:30 a.m.
Second Sunday of Christmas (one service only) Morning Prayer: December 27th at 10:30 a.m.



CENTERING PRAYER

Centering prayer will be held in the library every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. beginning with the first Wednesday in Advent, December 2nd. All are welcome.

