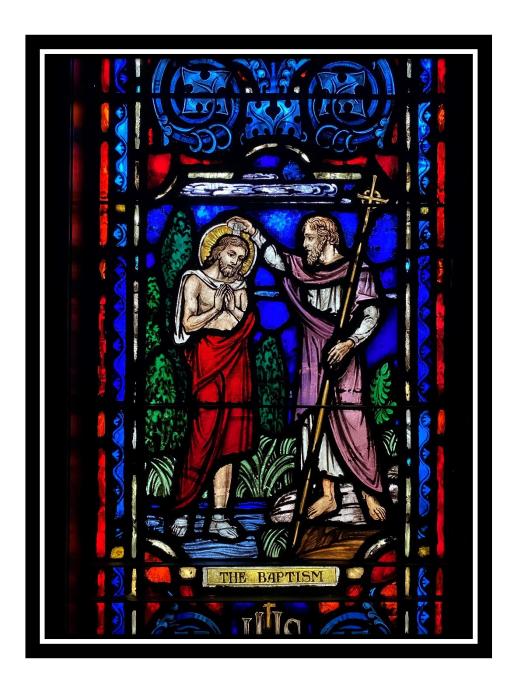
Baptism of Our Lord and Anniversary Sunday

January 12, 8:45 & 11:15 AM



Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

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Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters... the rivers... fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

PRELUDE IN D MAJOR, BWV 532

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 –1750)

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ♣ one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

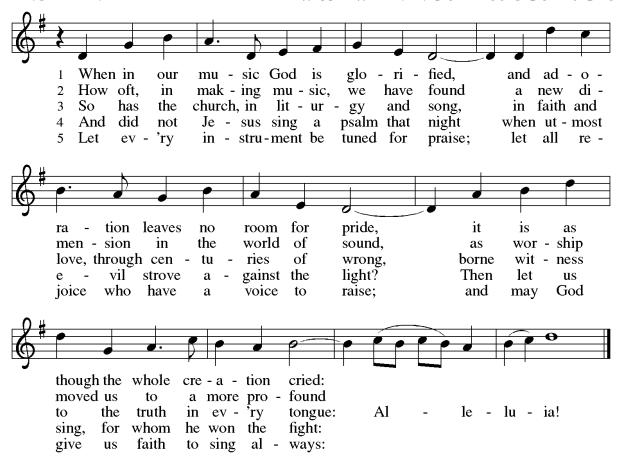
God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine."

In ♣ Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 851-WHEN IN OUR MUSIC GOD IS GLORIFIED



Text: Fred Patt Green, 1903-2000 Music: Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924

Tune: ENGELBERG

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

FIRST READING ISAIAH 43:1-7

Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring the people home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight and honored and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

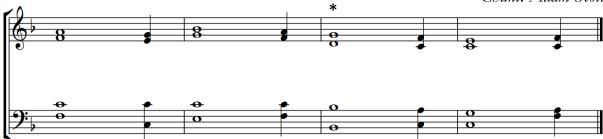
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

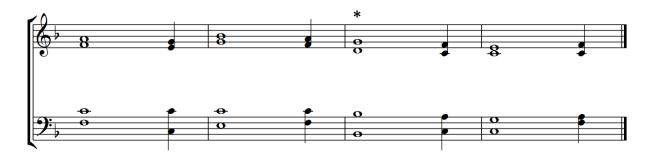
PSALTER

PSALM 72:1-7, 10-14

Chant: Adam Scott Graham



- Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- ² Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's <u>name</u>; worship the Lord in the beauty of <u>holiness</u>.
- The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- ⁴ The voice of the Lord is a <u>powerful voice</u>; the voice of the Lord is a voice of <u>splendor</u>.



- The voice of the Lord breaks the <u>cedar trees</u>; the Lord breaks the cedars of <u>Lebanon</u>;
- the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a <u>calf</u>, and Mount Hermon like a young wild <u>ox</u>.
- The voice of the <u>Lord</u> bursts forth in lightning <u>flashes</u>.
- ⁸ The voice of the Lord shakes the <u>wilderness</u>; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests <u>bare</u>. And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "<u>Glory!</u>"
- ¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned above the <u>flood</u>; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever<u>more</u>.
- *11 O Lord, give strength to your <u>people</u>; give them, O Lord, the blessings of <u>peace</u>.

SECOND READING ACTS 8:14-17

Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



All: Alleluia.

Choir: A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, | the Beloved,*

with whom I | am well pleased."

All: Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22

The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.

The holy gospel according to Saint Luke, the third chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah. John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The gospel of the Lord.

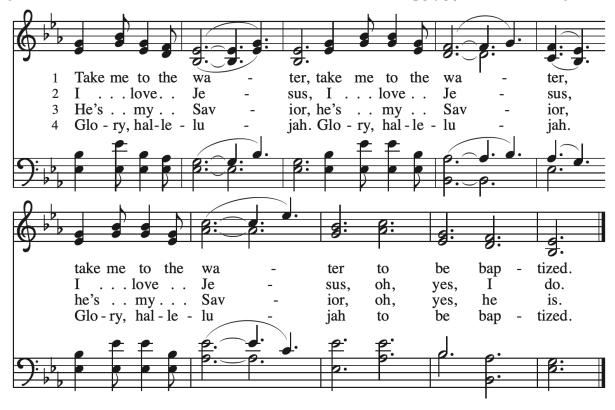
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Roper

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ACS 957-TAKE ME TO THE WATER



Text: African American spiritual

Music: African American spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer, 1935–2009

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Friends in Christ, it is appropriate on this day of the Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ that we remember and renew the vows once spoken at our baptisms -- that time when we were washed of our sins and received the Holy Spirit to dwell within us. Let us boldly make our confession of faith before God, renouncing the sinful life and embracing the godly life of the Spirit-filled people of God.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce all the devil and all the forces defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ? We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

All may share a sign of Peace. Please be seated.

THE MEAL

OFFERING

We invite you to give your offering online at <u>saintlukegive.us</u> or place it in the offering plate, or use this QR code with your device to securely give your Christmas Offering.



You may also mail your checks to:

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CHORAL ANTHEM (8:45)

WELCOMEMark Miller (b.1967)

Schola Cantorum

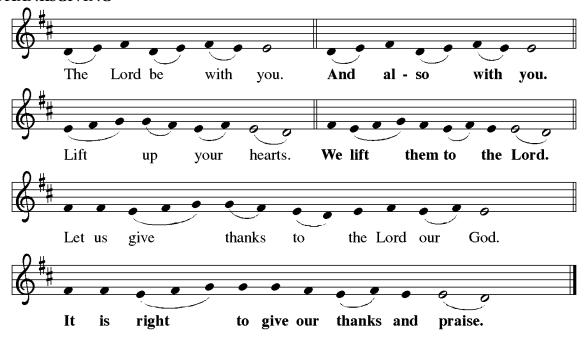
OFFERING PRAYER

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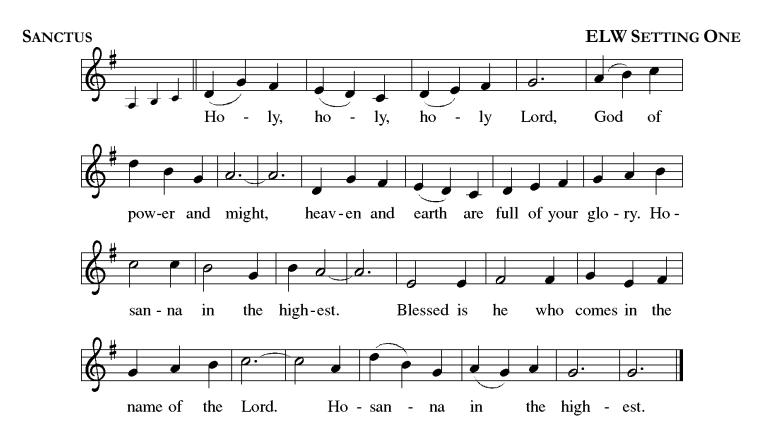
Let us pray.

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations. Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son.

AMEN.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Please pray in your own preferred language.

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, forever and ever. Amen.

Padre Nuestro, que estas en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre, venga a nosostros tu reino, hagase tu voluntad, asi en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia; perdona nuestras ofensas, como nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden; y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion, mas libranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria, por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat the meal of gladness.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

All are invited to the Lord's table, a table of grace and mercy. There are stations at the foot of the chancel steps.

Please stretch out your hand, palm up, to receive the host, the body of Christ.

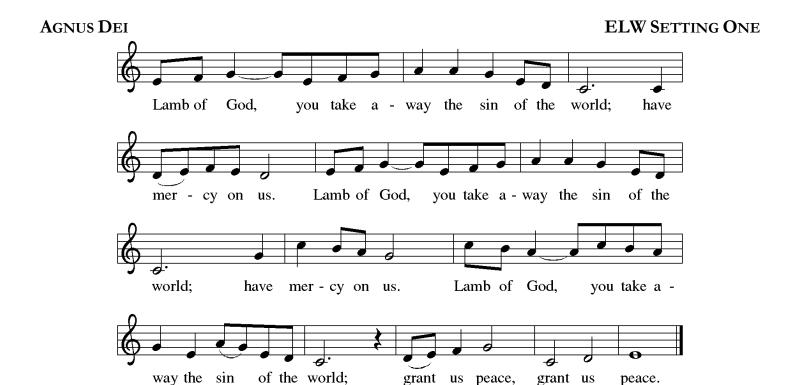
(Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask your server)

Then receive in the individual cup the blood of Christ. You may deposit your cup in the basket near the side wall. Those who wish to receive a blessing instead of the Lord's supper are also encouraged to come forward. Those who wish to receive the sacrament in the pew, please inform an usher. All are welcome to the Lord's table.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

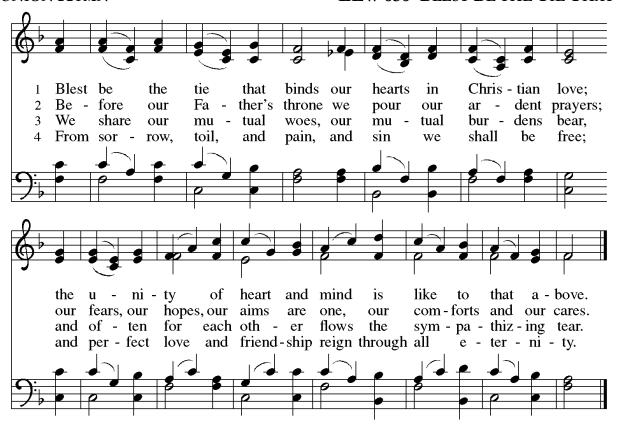
The body of Christ, given for you. / The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: Amen.



COMMUNION HYMN

ELW 656-BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS



Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.

Music: Johann G. Nägeli, 1773-1836, adapt.

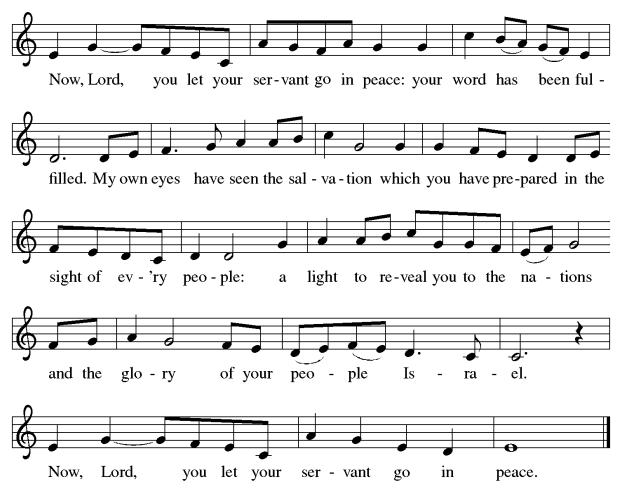
Tune: DENNIS

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Please stand as you are able.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

NUNC DIMMITIS ELW SETTING ONE



Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634-1703; tr. Arthur J. Mason, 1851-1928, alt.

Music: attr. Martin Luther; V. Schumann, Geistliche Lieder, 1539

Tune: VON HIMMEL HOCH

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, **Amen.**

BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God ♣ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 654-THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION



Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900 Music: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

Tune: AURELIA

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

FUGUE IN D MAJOR, BWV 532

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 –1750)

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WORSHIP LEADERS

PRESIDING MINISTER READERS Karen Evans 8:45 The Rev. Connie A. Miller Sarah Aderholdt 11:15 Senior Pastor

PREACHING MINISTER CRUCIFER

The Rev. Anna Ernst Roper

Daughter of Saint Luke Congregation

Adam Scott Graham **ASSISTING MINISTERS** Director of Music Deacon Kyle Warfield

Director of Discipleship and High School Ministries

The Rev. Richard Zawistoski Confirmation Pastor

Schola Cantorum (8:45)

Anderson Esquivel 8:45

MUSICIANS

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given in remembrance of all the charter members of Saint Luke who gave of their time and resources in 1940 to organize a congregation. Thanks to all who continue to support this community of faith as we share the gift of God's grace in Jesus Christ.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SAINT LUKE 85 YEARS

WELCOME SPECIAL GUEST PREACHER THE REV. ANNA ERNST ROPER DAUGHTER OF THIS CONGREGATION

Pastor Anna Ernst Roper lives in Chicago with her husband Jim and 1 year old son Luke.

She grew up in Chevy Chase, attended B-CC High School and was very active at Saint Luke during her childhood, participating in the "Super Tuesday" Confirmation program, choir and bell choir, youth group, the National Youth Gathering, and Tent Troupe.

Pastor Anna attended Oberlin College and realized during her year of service after graduation serving at two small congregations in Omaha, NE, through Lutheran Volunteer Corps, that she wanted to go to seminary.

She attended the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and served her first call at Epiphany Lutheran Church in Elmhurst, IL from 2017 until early 2024.

Pastor Anna is currently full-time mom and has enjoyed supply preaching and being of service as she is needed and able to be to the congregations of the Metro Chicago Synod.

Pastor Anna's parents are Joy and Dan Ernst who live in Washington, DC and her brother Dan lives in Brooklyn, NY.

She would especially like to thank Pastor Miller for the invitation to preach today and for her support and mentorship throughout the years.

Welcome Pastor Anna back to Saint Luke! How we give thanks for the daughters and sons of Saint Luke. Thanks to all for your support of our members when they are called to this public ministry, and thanks to your gifts we are able to support them in their seminary years.

ANNIVERSARY OFFERING

IT IS SAINT LUKE'S CUSTOM each year to celebrate our anniversary by helping another ministry, as we were helped when this congregation was organized. The Saint Luke Congregation Council has voted that this year's Anniversary Offering go to a congregation in the North Carolina Synod, ELCA, which saw much devastation due to hurricanes this past fall. The specific congregation wil be announced soon. In the meantime, you may give toward this offering at www.saintluke.us and simply then click *Anniversary Offering*. Thank you.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for the Saint Luke Pancake Breakfast/Mardi Gras Celebration!

Yes, Sunday, March 2, we will have one morning worship service at 10:00 a.m., followed by this grand fellowship event before the Season of Lent begins on March 5 (Ash Wednesday). Yes, it is time for the quarterly congregation gathering — let us come together! Please put March 2 on your calendar — it's time for some food and fun!

ALTAR FLOWERS are a wonderful way to give glory to God, beautify the chancel and certainly honor or remember a loved one. If you might like to give altar flowers, go to www.saintluke.us and see the Atar Flower Dedication link in the left hand column. Thank you for considering this way of enhancing worship.

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, martyr, died 1968 Wednesday, January 15, 2025

An American prophet of justice among races and nations, King was an eloquent preacher, a leader of the nonviolent resistance to race-segregated society, and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. Born on this date, he was assassinated on April 4, 1968.

Antony of Egypt, renewer of the church, died around 356 Friday, January 17, 2025

One of the earliest of the Egyptian desert fathers, Antony gave away his sizeable inheritance and became a hermit. Later he became leader of a group of monks who devoted themselves to prayer, worship, and labor.

Pachomius, renewer of the church, died 346 Friday, January 17, 2025

Born in Egypt, Pachomius became a Christian while a soldier. He became a hermit (a solitary monk) and organized others into a religious community. His rule for monasteries influenced later ones in both the Eastern and Western churches.

Confession of Peter

Saturday, January 18, 2025

Today the church remembers the apostle Peter's great acknowledgement of Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God." This festival serves as a fitting beginning to the week in which we particularly pray that all Christians might be united in faith and witness.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT LUKE

SUNDAY, January 12-Baptism of Our Lord & Anniversary Sunday (85 years)

7:30am Tech Rehearsal 8:00am Schola Cantorum 8:45am Worship (Hybrid) 10:00 am LET'S TALK

10:00am Up For Discussion10:00am Sunday School

10:30am Affirmation of Baptism Class

11:15am Worship (Hybrid)

3:00pm Girl Scouts

5:00pm AA

MONDAY, January 13

9:00am CDS Classes
1:30pm CDS Aftercare
1:30pm CDS Staff Meeting
7:30pm Cub Scout Pack 249

TUESDAY, January 14 - Happy 85th Anniversary Saint Luke

9:00am CDS Classes

10:00am Mary/Martha Circle (Hybrid)

1:30pm CDS Aftercare

WEDNESDAY, January 15

7:00am Faith Connections (Zoom)

9:00am CDS Classes

10:00am Women in Community

1:30pm CDS Aftercare5:00pm RSCM Choristers7:30pm Schola Cantorum

7:30pm AA

THURSDAY, January 16

9:00am CDS Classes 1:30pm CDS Aftercare

7:30pm Centering Prayer (Zoom)

FRIDAY, January 17

9:00am CDS Classes 10:00am Fire Drill 12:00pm Food Ministry

SATURDAY, January 18

9:30am Quilters 9:30am AA 11:00am Al-Anon

SUNDAY, January 19–Second Sunday after Epiphany

7:30am Tech Rehearsal 8:00am Schola Cantorum 8:45am Worship (Hybrid)

10:00am Up for Discussion (Hybrid)

10:00am Sunday School

10:00am Affirmation of Baptism Class

11:15am Worship (Hybrid)

5:00pm AA

5:00pm Misa Español

6:00pm Reception

NB: Worship Services are in person and livestreamed