

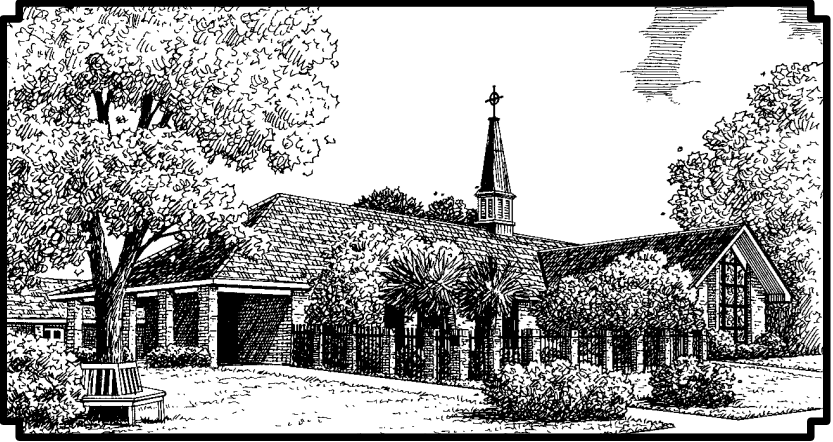
ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

8833 Goodwood Boulevard Baton Rouge, LA 70806

www.stlukesbr.org 225.926.5343 www.stlukesbrschool.org

June 28, 2026 - 10:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



Worshipping God; Caring for others; Growing in Christ.

(Romans 12:1; Galatians 5:14; Ephesians 4:15)

The Reverend Dr. Bryan Owen, Rector

The Reverend Trish Toburen, Associate Rector & Chaplain

Mission Statement:

*“We are a community committed to caring for one another,
to spiritual growth, and to bringing others closer
to God through Jesus Christ.”*

MINISTRY OF THE WORD FROM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

The following is sung by the Congregation, all standing.

Opening Hymn

No. 8

Morning Has Broken

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Celebrant continues

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.*

The following is sung by the Congregation, all standing.

Gloria

S-280

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Lesson

Jeremiah 28:5-9

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord

fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.”

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

Psalm Psalm 89:1-4,15-18

- 1 Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; *
 from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
- 2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; *
 you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.
- 3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; *
 I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- 4 'I will establish your line for ever, *
 and preserve your throne for all generations.'"
- 15 Happy are the people who know the festal shout! *
 they walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.
- 16 They rejoice daily in your Name; *
 they are jubilant in your righteousness.
- 17 For you are the glory of their strength, *
 and by your favor our might is exalted.
- 18 Truly, the Lord is our ruler; *
 the Holy One of Israel is our King.

Second Lesson

Romans 6:12-23

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as

instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

All stand and remain standing for the Gospel.

The following is sung by the Congregation.

Sequence Hymn

Celtic Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! _____

Deacon or Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

Deacon or Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Fr. Ralph Howe

Nicene Creed

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.

Prayers of the People

Written with the help of the children of St. Luke's

Let us pray for the Church and the world.

Silence

We pray for the Church and Christians around the world. We pray you strengthen their faith, encourage their hearts, and empower them to be bold witnesses of your love.

Silence

We pray for the leaders of this nation, especially President Trump, Governor Landry and Mayor-President Edwards. We ask that they be guided by principles of peace, justice, and respect for human dignity.

Silence

We pray for the world and its inhabitants, especially those who are vulnerable—the poor, the hungry, the displaced, and those affected by natural disasters. Strengthen those who work to bring aid and comfort, and open our hearts to be instruments of Your love and mercy. Teach us to be faithful stewards of Your gifts, caring for the land, waters, and all living creatures.

Silence

We pray for the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana, especially Bishop Duckworth and all who hold leadership positions in the church. That they may be filled with Your grace, encouraged in their calling, and equipped to nurture and guide those they serve

Silence

We pray for the community of St. Luke's and its leaders, including Fr. Bryan, Mtr. Trish, the vestry, building committee, and all other ministries of St. Luke's. We ask that you bless this congregation, that we may be a people of hospitality, compassion, and grace. Strengthen the bonds that unite us, and help us to support and encourage one another in our faith journey.

Silence

We pray for the greater Baton Rouge community, the police department, and the fire department, including their leaders, police chief Morse and fire chief Kimble. Grant them wisdom in their leadership, courage in their service, and strength for each new day. Watch over them as they risk their lives for the safety and well-being of others.

Silence

We pray for those battling illness, pain, or facing uncertainty that they will experience light and hope in moments of darkness or despair. Grant them strength, wisdom, patience, compassion, and rest.

Silence

We pray for the departed and ask that you surround the grieving with Your love. Give them the peace that surpasses all understanding.

Silence

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

Celebrant and People

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 Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our
Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the
Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Hear My Words

Paulus

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise him, all creatures here below;
 praise him above, ye heavenly host:
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant says

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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 a Proper Preface is said by the Celebrant who then continues with

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:

The following is sung by the Congregation

Sanctus

S-130

The people stand or kneel.

Then 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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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:

Celebrant and 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

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

Celebrant and People

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 Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

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

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Receiving Holy Communion - All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion in The Episcopal Church.

The following is sung by the Congregation.

Communion Hymn

Humbly I Adore Thee, Verity Unseen

No. 314

Strengthen For Service, Lord, The Hands

When there is a dismissal of Lay Eucharistic Visitors, the following form is used:

Dismissal of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

The Celebrant and People say together:

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many share one bread, one cup, because we are one Body in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and people

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 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.

Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

The following is sung by the Congregation, all standing

Closing Hymn

No. 460

Alleluia! Sing To Jesus
 (omit the * stanzas)

Dismissal

A Deacon or Priest says the Dismissal

The People respond: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Lay Ministers Serving Today

Acolytes

William Mcllwain

Clayton Baucom

Lily Baucom

Altar Guild

JoAnne Carver

Sandra Hopson

Marianne Denker

Brooke McKey

Gretchen Godbee

Karen Stevens

Eucharistic Ministers

Lacey Anderson

Denise Carvalho

Flower Guild

Ginger Speer

Greeters

Brenda Randall

Amy Binck

Lector

Gracie Mcllwain

Samantha Goar

MC

Ashley Mcllwain

Ushers

Wallace Van Nortwick

Rob Hawkins

Tom Cole

Cameron Roberson

Parish Choir

Sarah Bolt	Dr. Jo Ann Puissegur
Owen Cope	Robin Sills
Peter Fogg	Sarah Stogner-Dickinson
Don Hill	Ben Thomas
Steve Irving	Laura Thomas
Keith James	Dr. Richard Webb
Jennifer Johnson	Dr. Mark Zielinski
Cody King	Rhonda Zielinski
Ana Litvinoff	Wilma Loe, Accompanist
Jaden LeBean	Terry R. Bowman, Director
Katherine Norton	

Hospitality Team

Chinyere Agu	Marianne Denker
Brookie Allphin	Margo Gonzalez
Brittany Attuso	Rob Hawkins
Jean Blanche	Jackie Lawless
Joanne Carver	Mary Leteff
Robin Coever	Carolyn Grace Millet
Bridget Collins	Robin Sills
Jason Danos	

Vestry

Laura Thomas, Sr. Warden	Sharon Edmon
Adam MacDowell, Jr. Warden	Tessie Edmonds
Lacey Anderson, Secretary	David Holladay
Brian Binck	Mary Leteff
Gordon Denker	Gloria McKenzie
John East	David Palmer

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS ARE
GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD
BY THE FAMILY OF
BECKY WILLIAMS
IN THANKSGIVING FOR HER MINISTRY AS
ST LUKE'S PASTORAL CARE FACILITATOR AND
HEALTH MINISTRIES DIRECTOR