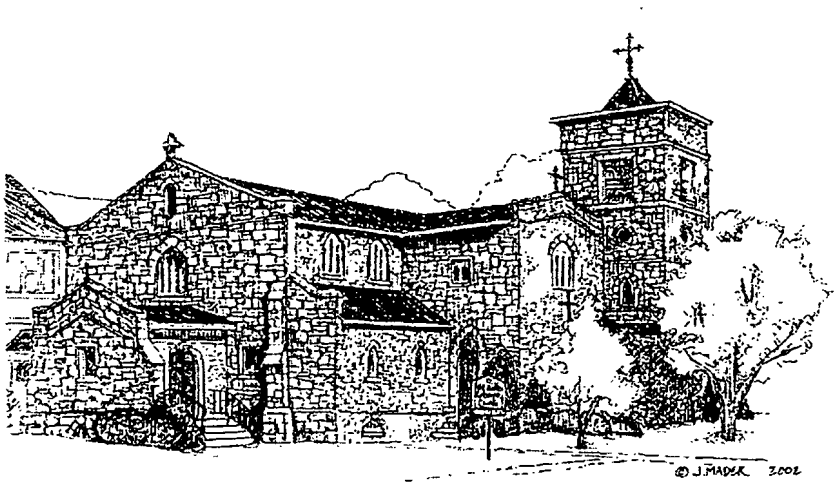
Welcome
To
Saint Luke's Episcopal Church
Smethport, Pennsylvania



The congregation of St. Luke's is committed to growing people of faith through ministry, fellowship, discipleship and the love of God.

25 Pentecost *November 15, 2026*

The Holy Eucharist - 10:30 a.m.
Rite II

Prelude
** Opening Hymn: 594 "God of grace and God of Glory!"
** Opening Salutation BCP pg. 355
** Collect for Purity
The Gloria: see insert
** The Collect of the Day: see insert

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
Psalm 90:1-8, 9-11, 12
The Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
** Gradual Hymn: 435 "At the Name of Jesus" v. 1
** The Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30
** Gradual Hymn: 435 "At the Name of Jesus" v. 2
The Sermon
Nicene Creed BCP pg. 358
Prayers of the People: Form I
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** The Peace
Announcements/Communications

The Offertory

** Offertory Sentence
** Offertory Hymn: 337 "And now, O Father, mindful of thee"
** The Offering of the People's gifts, bread and wine
** Doxology

The Holy Communion

** Eucharistic Prayer A BCP pg. 361
** The Sanctus
The Lord's Prayer
The Communion
The Post Communion Prayer and Blessing BCP pg. 366
** Closing Hymn: 561 "Stand up, stand up, for Jesus"
The Dismissal
Postlude

** *Please Stand.*

25 PENTECOST

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 28

Revised Common Lectionary
TRACK TWO

Sunday, November 15, 2026

COLLECT

Traditional

BLESSED LORD, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that, by patience and comfort of thy holy word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemporary

BLESSED LORD, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

BE SILENT BEFORE the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet

blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Refrain
Lord, you have been our refuge from
one generation to another.

Psalm 90:1-8, [9-11], 12 from the Book of Common Prayer

1 Lord, you have been
our refuge * from one
generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were
brought forth, or the land
and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are
God.

3 You turn us back to the
dust and say, * "Go back,
O child of earth."

4 For a thousand years
in your sight are like
yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the
night.

5 You sweep us away like
a dream; * we fade away
suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green
and flourishes; * in the
evening it is dried up
and withered.

7 For we consume away in
your displeasure; * we are
afraid because of
your wrathful indignation.

8 Our iniquities you have
set before you, * and our
secret sins in the light of
your countenance.

[9 When you are angry, all
our days are gone; * we
bring our years to an end
like a sigh.

10 The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; * yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

11 Who regards the power of your wrath? * who rightly fears your indignation?]

12 So teach us to number our days * that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

NOW CONCERNING the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

JESUS SAID, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way,

the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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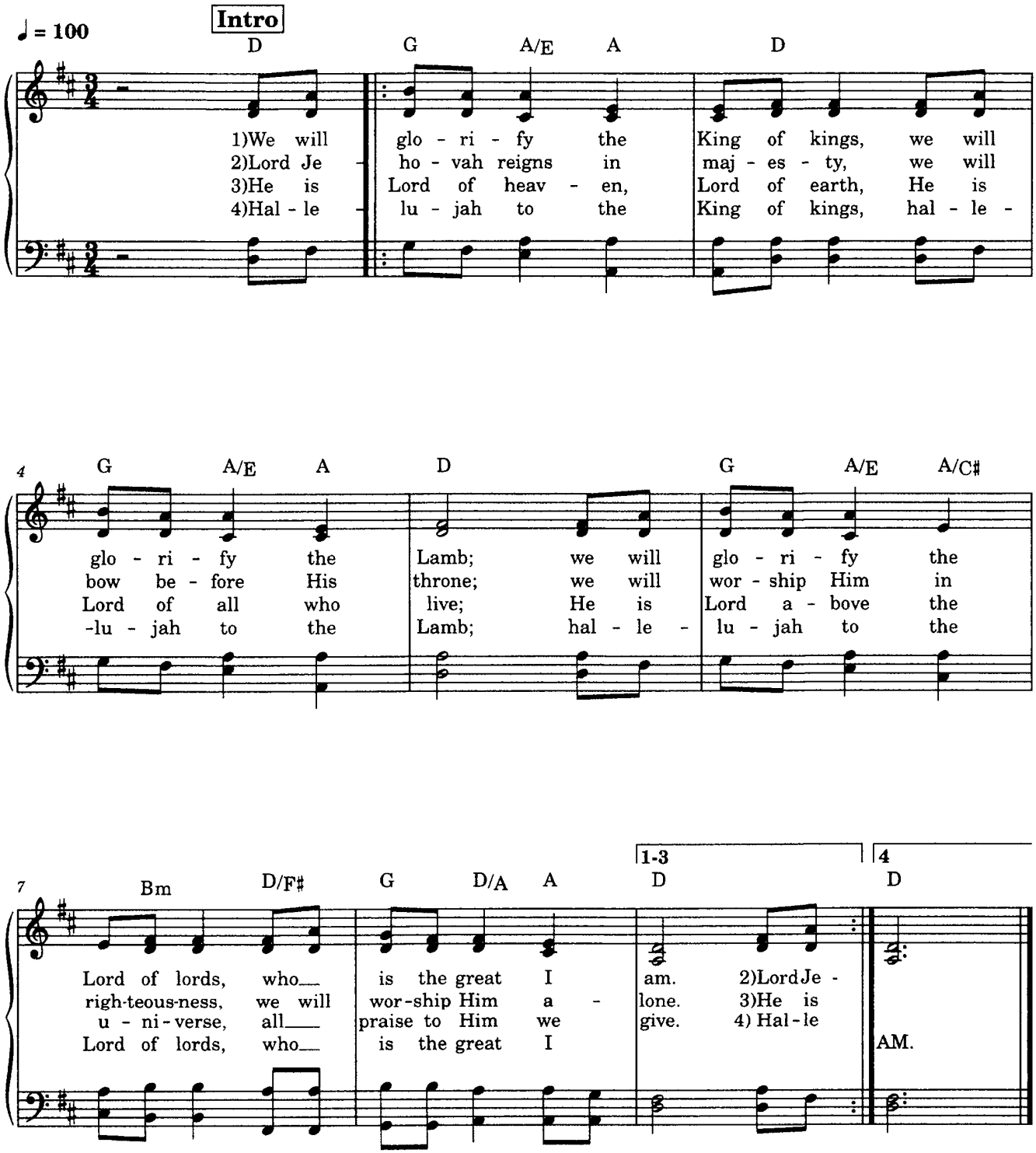
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

FORM IV

CP page 388 *The Leader and People pray responsively*

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Bless those who are serving our Country at home and abroad especially:
Gary, Tori, Jeremy, Jordan, Ryan, Daniel, Jason, Mark, Kadence, Trevar, Rylin, Vivian, and Patrick.
Are there others?

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Remembering especially:
Harry, Cheryl, Amanda, Dave, Les, Tammy, Laurie, Mary Ann, Taylor, Suzanne, Angela, Shawn, Joe, Stephanie, Sam, Deb, Kevin, Phillip, Kendra, Christi, Kim, Carol, Cindy, Father Brian, Chuck, Dona, Cindy, Natalie, Donna, Mary Sue, Kenneth, Becky, Slone, Linda, Jeff, Roseann, Paul, Rob, Lakin, Mark, Lincoln, Natalie, Bud, Nettie, Cooper, Sue, Father Tim, Paula, Wendy, and Laura.
Are there others?

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We offer our thanksgivings for:_____
Any others?

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with St. Luke and all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Announcements

Welcome! If you are new or a visitor, know that we are delighted to have you come and worship God with us at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Episcopalians use The Book of Common Prayer (in the pew racks) to guide us through our worship. Page numbers are listed in the bulletin as "BCP pg." Hymns are found in the Hymnals in the pews.

All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to take Communion in the Episcopal Church. If for any reason you don't want to receive Communion, you are still invited to come forward, kneel and cross your arms over your chest. The priest will say a prayer of blessing for you.

If anyone is in need of pastoral care please contact Jayme Covert at 814-512-3128 or leave word with Betsy at the church's office at 814-887-5841. Fr. Chris O'Connor can be reached by phone for pastoral care at 585-343-1979 at any time.

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The flowers on the altar are given in honor and thankfulness for all past and present servicemen and servicewomen in our Armed Forces for their service by Bonnie Hurrle.

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All are invited to Give Thanks to God Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service Thursday, Nov. 19th, at 7pm at St. Elizabeth Church. Donations of non-perishable items will be accepted for CCS.

Today is designated as Stewardship Sunday. We need to know your plans so we may prepare next year's budget. Pledge cards are available in the Parish Hall. Thank you for supporting St. Luke's ministry.

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We will be making our quarterly Alms collection today.

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Sunday Services at 10:30 am

Nov. 15th – Holy Eucharist with Father Chris
Nov. 22nd – Holy Eucharist with Father Chris
Nov. 29th – Holy Eucharist with Father Chris
Dec. 6th – Liturgy of the Word with Kiker
Dec. 13th – Holy Eucharist with Father Chris

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November Birthdays

9th – Kiker Conn
18th – Kim Conn
18th – Devin Sherwood

November Anniversary

21st – Chuck & Dona Cooper

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PLEASE NOTE: Any organization wishing to use the parish hall MUST notify the office first so there is no conflict with scheduling.

PARISH HALL SCHEDULE

Today	*- Bishop's Committee 9:00 am*
Tuesday	*- AA 6:30 - 9:00 pm*
Wednesday	*- Line Dancing 4:00 - 6:00 pm*
Thursday	*- St. Luke's Learning Academy 6-8pm*

The Most Rev. Sean W. Rowe,
Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church
The Right Rev. Larry Benfield
Assisting Bishop NW PA,
The Rev. Dr. Jenifer Chatfield,
Bishop Elect NWPA
Priest-in-Charge: The Rev. Chris O'Connor

Jayme Covert, Bishop's Warden
Kiker Conn, Treasurer
Kevin Menendez, Property Warden
Betsy Swanson, Church Administrator

Bishop's Committee

Jayme Covert, Bishop's Warden	2025-2028
Anne Bennett	2024-2027
Heidi Menendez	2025-2028
Brian Green	2026-2029
Kelly Green	2026-2029
Bonnie Hurrle	2026-2029

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

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