



Church of the Epiphany

FROM THE MOUNTAIN TOP

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Looking at Luke **Lectionary Year C**

Year C is the year the lectionary readings feature the Gospel of Luke. A vast opinion is that this gospel is the favorite of many Christians. It includes nineteen of the thirty-five parables of Jesus including the Parabolic Son and the Good Samaritan. This gospel has the inclusion of the ministry of women as one of its important features.

I have read several books on the Gospel of Luke and the Book of the Acts of the Apostles, but I have never read a biography of Luke until I came across a short one from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. This article was written to celebrate the coming Feast of the Apostle and Evangelist Luke. His feast day is October 18th.

Saint Luke came from the city of Antioch probably from a pagan family. His youth was seeking after wisdom with a study of the arts and sciences. He managed to travel to quench his hunger for knowledge. In the process he became skilled as a physician and as an artist in painting. He spoke Greek and knew Hebrew and Aramaic.

His skill as an icon painter is well documented with many works attributed to him. A Russian icon attributed to St. Luke was transferred to Russia from Constantinople in 1115. The original seems to have been lost in the ages.

Two theories exist about Luke. One is that he was in Jerusalem at the time of the Crucifixion. It was Luke that traveled with Cleopas on the way to Emmaus on that Sunday morning when Jesus joined them. All was revealed with the breaking of bread. (Luke 24:35) He was in Jerusalem on Pentecost and was moved by the Holy Spirit.

The other theory is that Luke joined up with Paul and that he did not know the Lord during his lifetime. He began his journey with Paul and worked with him as a physician. The fiery words of the Apostle Paul convinced him of the truth that he had vainly sought. Without hesitation he gave up all to join Paul and to become the beloved physician.

Luke and Paul traveled together in visits to the churches that Paul had planted. Luke wrote the Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles as Paul dictated his thoughts to Theophilus, the Governor of Achaia. Paul dictated to Luke and Luke

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added details which are not found in the Gospels Matthew and Mark.

After the martyrdom death of Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, Luke made his way to Achaia and preached the gospel until his old age. He became a Bishop in Greece and established churches and healed the sick in soul and body.

It is in the tradition of the church that Saint Luke was the first iconographer and that he painted an image of the Holy Mother of God in her early lifetime. These images he painted gave rise to the tradition of the Importance of icons and he is the patron saint of iconographers.

Date vary for the writing of the gospel from 40-60 and the current thinking from 80-90 AD. The source of the material found in Luke is debated. One of the important factors is the claim of Luke's information he got from eyewitness accounts. That seems to give some weight to the text. The only serious mistake is the date of the census.

Read the Gospel of Luke and enjoy the details of a painter.

God Bless,
Pastor Fred



The Diocesan School for Ministry Anglican Diocese of the Southwest

Fall 2025

Prayer Book Spirituality Christian/Biblical Ethics

Spring 2026

Anglican History and Theology Old Testament

Fall 2026

Pastoral Theology & Care Preaching/Homiletics

The School for ministry is a diploma program for second career professionals interested in becoming a deacon and **also for parishioners who want a deeper understanding of faith and ministry in the Anglican tradition.** Participation in the program **does not automatically place a person on an ordination track.** This distance program **may** satisfy certain educational requirements for those interested in a non-traditional, non-credit program route to ordination in the Anglican Diocese of the Southwest. Classes will be offered through Zoom sessions. Students who finish the courses in the program will be awarded a Diploma in Anglican Ministry from the ADSWSM under the certification of the Bishop. Auditing students who complete the program will be awarded a Certificate in Anglican Ministry.

Classes will be offered Monday and Thursday evenings—each meeting lasting 90 minutes, beginning at 8PM CST. No tests will be given, however, classroom participation and papers will be required for diploma students. At the end of each course, students will be assigned a grade of either Pass or Incomplete.

Mondays, beginning September 8, 2025—

Christian/Biblical Ethics Textbook: Wayne Grudem, Christian Ethics: An Introduction to Biblical Moral Reasoning, Crossway, 2018.

Thursdays, beginning, August 28, 2025—**Prayer Book Spirituality** PDFs will be provided

No enrollment or tuition will be assessed for this program, however, students are required to obtain their own textbooks. Fall 2025

enrollment begins August 8, 2025 and closes prior to the first session. Previously enrolled students do not need to reapply. Email Fr. Hal at anglican.sm@gmail.com for an enrollment form.

Handouts on table in the narthex.



BACK TO SCHOOL AND MORE!

Our mountains in New Mexico have been blessed with abundant rain this summer. Some places suffered an overabundance and flash flooding! In this newsletter in August of last year, I invited us all to consider images that we might associate with prayer time. The one I shared was about joining God on His front porch for a neighborly visit. I asked if you have a favorite image. I hope you do!

But in the coming weeks, the rains will abate, our summer visitors will return home, and school will resume. Much as we might like, we cannot sit comfortably on the porch with God forever (when that happens, we will be invited inside). So let us think of images that may help encourage us to get back into action now that the summer months are drawing to a close. Back to school time may not appear in the Bible, but there are Scriptural passages encouraging us to get involved and active.

Luke 10:2 - "And He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the Harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.'"

2 Cor. 9:6 - "The point is this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."

Mathew 10:16 - "Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves."

We often close our Sunday worship singing the rousing hymn, *Send Us Out*. There are also sayings from everyday life that illustrate our calling to get active:

Christianity is not a spectator sport.

There are only a few coaches. The rest of us are out on the playing field directly involved with life.

We may not be called to work our way into heaven, but let us not ignore the real and immediate needs that surround us.

As the summer ends, how is Jesus calling you to act out your love for Him? The yoke He shares with us is easy and His burden is light (see Matthew 11:29-30). Even so, the most difficult step for us is still the first one, getting started.

Rev. Frank K. Wilson, Associate Pastor

Epiphany Women's Retreat

Saturday, July 26, 2025

Epiphany's Fourth Annual Women's Retreat was held on Saturday, July 26 from 10 am to 3 pm. Thirty-four ladies attended and eight churches were represented. We were pleased to have the Rev. Heather Rose, the new priest at Holy Mount Episcopal Church, and ladies from Holy Mount attend. We thank Sandy Thomas for putting the group together.

Deacon Lisa Schwandt from the ACNA diocese of the Western Gulf and her daughter, Sarah Cornelius, led the retreat on "Finding Our JOY". We are so grateful to them for the inspiring messages and for sharing their experiences. We also thank Lisa for serving as Epiphany's deacon during her summer stay in Cloudcroft. We hope this will be an ongoing ministry.

We are so grateful to all who helped in facilitating the retreat and for spreading the word. Many thanks to Becca Price, Kathy Beer, Annette Fazenbaker, Madeleine Fazenbaker, Katy Bailey, Karli Sorensen, Judy Metts, Tina Mendell, Nancy Heimark, Holly Peterson, Nancy Griffin, and to our men, Doug Price, Scott Schwandt, and Pastor Fred, for setting up and taking down tables.

Our thanks go to Nancy Knowles and Esther Fyock as our musicians.

We were also pleased to be able to celebrate Madeleine Fazenbaker's birthday that day with cake and good wishes.

Epiphany looks forward to our 2026 retreat!



Lost & Found
Some one left a pair of
glasses at the retreat.

We'd love to return
them!





**Epiphany's Annual Labor Day
Garage Sale
Saturday, August 30
8:30 am - 1 pm**

*Set-up Tuesday, Aug. 26- 10 am
Wednesday Aug. 27 if needed*

**Please clean out your drawers and
pantries and closets for all that stuff that
you don't need or haven't used in ages!**

**Fr. Frank's Bible Study
Wednesdays at 4:00 PM**

At Grace Methodist Church 16th St. and Cuba,
Alamogordo. Wednesdays 3-4 pm.

**They are taking a break for the summer and
will begin again in the Fall.**

**Combined Ladies Bible Study
Thursdays, at 10 am**

at Westminster Presbyterian Church,
2201 15th St. , Alamogordo.

We are studying the Letter of James.

For more information call or text Nancy at
575/495-3811

Epiphany Military Prayer List

Gabriella Murley, US Army, Ft. Bliss, TX
Mason Gregg, US Marines, Okinawa
Creed Napier, USAF
JW Grove, US Navy
Shawn Zima, US Army, Hong Kong
Wyatt Green, US Navy
Emma Skidmore, US Navy

Praise Reports

- For** a wonderful Women's Retreat and for all the ladies who attended.
- For** Deacon Lisa Schwandt and her daughter, Sarah Cornelius, as leaders of the retreat and for all who helped in putting it on.
- For** Deacon Lisa's service as deacon for our summer services and for preaching on Aug. 10
- For** our large summer congregation which has blessed Epiphany during July.
- For** over 6 inches of rain during July.
- For** donations for our Labor Day Garage Sale.
- For** Elijah Nix's and Suzy Sims' recoveries from surgeries.

Prayer Concerns

- For** all who have lost life and suffered because of the floods in central Texas and Ruidoso, NM - *flood warnings continue in Ruidoso almost everyday that we have rain.*
- For** Darcy Ellis as she travels.
- For** Donya Conine to regain more strength and mobility
- For Susan Scott recovering from kidney procedures
- For** the Fyock Family and Lydia Tran
- For** Pastor Shelby Moon as he continues procedures to fight his leukemia
- For** Fr. Frank and Carolyn Wilson, Walter & Carolyn Ford, George and Gayla Chapman, Patty Kendrick, and all our caregivers
- For** the Diocese and Bishop Steven
- For** Annette Fazenbaker as a deanery representative to the Standing Committee of the Diocese.
- For** Fr. Frank as a member of the Diocesan ROC committee and the Bylaws committee
- For** church plants within the diocese:
Emmaus Anglican Church,
Albuquerque; Comunidad del Fey Rey de Justicia, Iglesia Piedra Angular, Juarez MX; Comunidad de Gracia, Xalpa, MX

August Service Schedule *LEMS & Lectors*

The Rev. Willis F Griffin, Pastor
The Rev. Frank K. Wilson, Associate Pastor

Pentecost 8 - Sunday, August 3 - 10AM

Holy Eucharist - Pastor Fred
 LEM Karli Sorensen
 Lector Carolyn Ford

Pentecost 9 - Sunday, August 10 - 10 AM

Holy Eucharist - Deacon Lisa Schwandt: Preacher
 Pastor Fred: Celebrant
 LEM Patrick Zima
 Lector Machele Lackey

Pentecost 10 - Sunday, August 17 - 10 AM

Holy Eucharist -Fr. Frank
 LEM Patrick Zima
 Lector Annette Fazenbaker

Pentecost 11 - Sunday, August 24 -10 AM

Holy Eucharist - Pastor Fred
 LEM Karli Sorensen
 Lector Madeleine Fazenbaker

Pentecost 12- Sunday, August 31 - 10 AM

Holy Eucharist - Fr. Frank
 LEM Patrick Zima
 Lector Paul Fazenbaker

Pentecost 13 - Sunday, September 7 - 10 AM

Holy Eucharist - Pastor Fred
 LEM Karli Sorensen
 Lector Carolyn Ford



August 3 Potluck,

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August Event Schedule

Sunday, August 3
Potluck after the service

Garage Sale
Saturday, August 30
8:30 am - 1 pm

Set-up Tuesday, Aug. 26- 10 am
Wednesday Aug. 27 if needed

Please plan to help us set up



Coffee Fellowship

Aug 3 - PotLuck
 Aug 10 - Carolyn. Ford
 Aug 17 - Karli Sorensen
 Aug 24 - Nancy Griffin
 August 31
 Sept 7 - Potluck
 Sign-up sheets are on the table.



August Birthdays

Annette Fazenbaker - 9
 Bill Leonard - 10
 Bill Haynes 11
 Kathleen Coleman - 13
 Carolyn Ford - 14
 Evelyn Leonard - 18
 Sarah Griffin - 22

August Anniversaries

Blessings to all who have August
 anniversaries

ACNA Lectionary C for August

Pentecost 8 • August 3, 2025

Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:11

Psalm 49:1-12

Colossians 3:5-17

Luke 12:13-21

Pentecost 9 • August 10, 2025

Genesis 15:1-6

Psalm 33:10-21

Hebrews 11:1-16

Luke 12:32-40

Pentecost 10 • August 17, 2025

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Psalm 82

Hebrews 12:1-14

Luke 12:49-56

Pentecost 11 • August 24, 2025

Isaiah 28:14-22

Psalm 46

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:22-30

Pentecost 12 • August 31, 2025

Ecclesiasticus 10:7-18

Psalm 112

Hebrews 13:1-8

Luke 14:1,7-14

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Musicians: Esther Fyock, Stan & Sandy Thomas.

Senior Warden

Annette Fazenbaker, Junior Warden

Financial Committee: Paul Fazenbaker, Machele Lackey,

Doug Price

Church Board

Karli Sorensen Aguilar Patrick Zima

Machele Lachey, JR Hester

Nancy Griffin, Clerk

Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide a warm and welcoming atmosphere where the Word of God fills each person with an understanding and renewal of their faith in Christ.

Outreach, both within our own community as well as abroad, is a further extension of this faith.

Romans 10:17 ~ Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word of Christ.

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Christ the King, Albuquerque (Rev. Peter Falk, Rev. Kyle MacKenney, Deacon Bill Lock); Church of our Lord, Albuquerque (Rev. Harold Trott, Michael Kline); Emmaus Anglican Church, Albuquerque (Revs. Greg & Noel Pfeifer; Christ Church, Farmington (Revs. Carl & Barbara Brenner); St. Clement's, El Paso (Revs. Bill Cobb, Rick Milliorn, Eduardo Gonzalez, Michael Sheehan, Deacon Courtney Brown) Rey de Paz, El Paso (Revs. John Dixon, Ken Hanna); Good Shepherd, San Angelo (Rev. Hal Scott); St. Stephen's, Roswell (Rev. Bob Tally); All Saints' and St. Paul's, Midland Texas (Rev. Tom Finnie); Iglesia La Trinidad, Guadalajara (Lay Leader, Miguel Meriono Lobos) Iglesia de Jesus & Jesus es la Resurreccion, Aguas Caliente, Mexico (Revs. Elias Rosales Mendez and Maria del Rayo Jimenez Victoria, Deacon Roger Griffin); Gran Pastor, Fresnillo, Mexico (Sr. Warden, Norma Rodriguez, Missionary Meredith Omland); Good Shepherd, Hill New Mexico (Rev. Farhid Adabache); Iglesia Anglicana, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico (Rev. Jack Wehrs, Deacon Fernando Sandoval); St. James, Dalhart, Texas (Rev. Philip Ray). Emmaus Anglican, Castle Rock CO (Rev. Theron Walker; Resurrection Anglican Fellowship, Greenwood Village, CO (Fr. Phil Eberhardt) St. Paul's Anglican Church, Owasso, OK (Fr. Chris Waters); Christ the Redeemer, Oklahoma City, OK (Fr. Brad Van Deventer); Iglesia Piedra Angular & Comunidad de Fe, Rey de Justicia, Juarez, Chihuahua;