

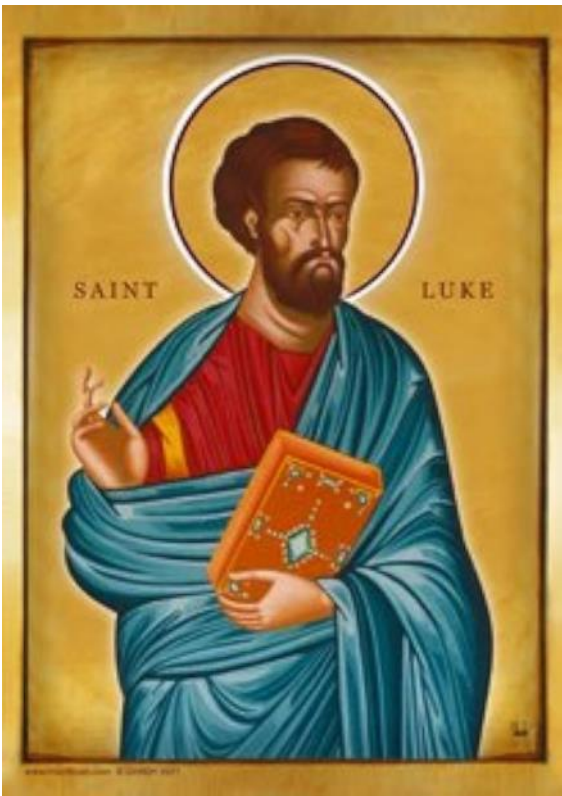
# St. Stephen's Episcopal Church



*Saint Stephen's welcomes everyone who wishes to follow Christ, worship together, grow in faith and share God's love through service to others.*

## FEAST OF ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST

Wednesday, 18 October 2023 9:30am



[Luke the Evangelist](#)<sup>[a]</sup> *From Wikipedia*  
is one of the [Four Evangelists](#)—the four traditionally ascribed authors of the [canonical gospels](#). The Early [Church Fathers](#) ascribed to him authorship of both the [Gospel of Luke](#) and the [Acts of the Apostles](#). Prominent figures in early Christianity such as [Jerome](#) and [Eusebius](#) later reaffirmed his authorship, although a lack of conclusive evidence as to the identity of the author of the works has led to [discussion](#) in scholarly circles, both secular and religious.

The New Testament mentions Luke briefly a few times, and the [Epistle to the Colossians](#)<sup>[3]</sup> refers to him as a physician (from Greek for 'one who heals'); thus he is thought to have been both a physician and a disciple of [Paul](#). Since the early years of the faith, Christians have regarded him as a [saint](#). He is believed to have been a [martyr](#), reportedly having been hanged from an olive tree, though some believe otherwise.<sup>[b]</sup> The [Catholic Church](#) and other major denomina- [Continued Pg10](#)

## **Salutation:**

Presider: Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus  
Christ be with you

People: **and also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray the collect for purity together:

**All: Almighty God, who inspired your servant Luke the physician to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of your Son: Graciously continue in your Church this love and power to heal, to the praise and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Gloria:**

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.  
Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.  
For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

## **The Collect:**

Presider: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray

**O God, who has made of one blood all the peoples of the earth and sent your Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that we, following the example of your servant Philip, may bring your Word to those who seek you, for the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Readings:** *(Please be seated)*

**First Reading: A reading from Acts 8:26–40**

Honor physicians for their services,

for the Lord created them;

for their gift of healing comes from the

Most High, and

they are rewarded by the king.

The skill of physicians makes them distinguished, and

in the presence of the great they are admired.

The Lord created medicines out of the earth, and

the sensible will not despise them.

And he gave skill to human beings that he might be glorified in his marvelous works.

By them the physician heals and takes away pain; the pharmacist makes a mixture from them.

God's works will never be finished; and from him health spreads ever all the earth.

My child, when you are ill, do not delay,

but pray to the Lord, and he will heal you.

Give up your faults and direct your hands rightly, and cleanse your heart from all sin.

Then give the physician his place, for the Lord created him;

do not let him leave you, for you need him.

There may come a time when recovery lies in the hands of physicians, for they too pray to the Lord

that he grant them success in diagnosis and in healing, for the sake of preserving life.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**The Psalm: 147:1-7**

**1 Hallelujah!**

**How good it is to sing praises to our God! \***

**how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!**

**2 The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; \***

**he gathers the exiles of Israel.**

**3 He heals the brokenhearted \***

**and binds up their wounds.**

**4 He counts the number of the stars \*  
and calls them all by their names.**

**5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; \*  
there is no limit to his wisdom.**

**6 The Lord lifts up the lowly, \*  
but casts the wicked to the ground.**

**7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; \*  
make music to our God upon the harp.**

## **Second Reading: A reading from 2 Timothy 4:5-13**

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading:**

Deacon/Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
**Luke (4:14-21)**

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the

scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Deacon/Reader      The Gospel of the Lord  
People                Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## SERMON/HOMILY

**CONTEMPORARY NICENE CREED:** *(please stand as you are able)*

**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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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:**

Leader: As God's people, called to love one another, let us pray for the needs of the church, the whole human family, and all the world. For churches of all traditions:

**People: That they may discover their unity in the One God and exercise their gifts in service of all, we pray to you, O God.**

Leader: For the earth that it may be freed from war, famine, and disease,

**People: And the air, soil, and waters be cleansed of poisons, we pray to you, O God.**

Leader: For those who govern and maintain peace in every land,

**People: That they may exercise their powers in obedience to your commands, we pray to you, O God.**

Leader: For the strengthening of this nation to pursue just and honorable priorities,

**People: So that all peoples may be reconciled; the young, educated; and the old, cared for; the hungry, filled; and the homeless, housed; and the sick, comforted and healed, we pray to you, O God.**

Leader: For all who live and work in this town and county,

**People: Preserve them in peace and safety, we pray to you, O God.**

Leader: For those who face any difficulty or trial: the sick, the disabled, the poor, the oppressed, those who grieve and those in prison,

**People: That you will comfort and empower them, we pray to you, O God.**

Leader: Accept our thanksgiving for all faithful servants of Christ who entered their eternal rest,

**People: Who, with us, await a new heaven and a new earth, your everlasting kingdom, we pray to you, O God.**

Leader: In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer pray for *The Diocese of Saint Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane – The Scottish Episcopal Church.*

**People: May God bless and keep them.**

Leader: In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for *The Arizona Episcopal Diocese*.

**People: May God bless and keep them.**

Leader: We pray for the first peoples of this land, especially the Apache and Tahona Odum peoples who call this area home.

**People: May God bless and keep them.**

Presider: Mighty God, whose Word we trust, whose Spirit enables us to pray: Accept our requests and further those which will bring about your purpose for the earth; through Jesus Christ, who rules over all things. **Amen.**

### **The Confession:**

Deacon: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another:

**All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

Presider: May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Peace:**

Presider: May the peace of the Lord be always with you!

**People: And also with you.**

*(The people exchange greetings of peace)*

### **Offertory:**

Presider offering Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us as an offering and sacrifice to God

### **The Doxology:**

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**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. Amen.**

## **The Lord's Supper: The Great Thanksgiving - CofE Prayer D**

Presider: The Lord is here.

**People: His Spirit is with us.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts

**People: We lift them up to the Lord**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider continues:*

Almighty God, your face is turned towards your world. In love you gave us Jesus your Son to assure us of pardon and everlasting life. Your Word goes out to call us home to the places where angels sing your praise. We join with them in heaven's song:

**Sanctus**

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven. To the darkness Jesus came as your light. With signs of faith and words of hope he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean. This is his story.

*All This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.*

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him. On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people. This is his story.

*All This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.*

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food. He took the bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: "Take, eat: this is my body, given for you all. Do this in remembrance of me."

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine. He took the cup, gave it to them and said: "This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me." This is our story.



*All This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.*

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup (+) blessed by your Holy Spirit, we celebrate Jesus' last supper before he died to show his love for us. Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to respond to our entreaties and to answer the cares of the world. This is our story.

*All This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.*

Send your Spirit upon us now (+) that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire. May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

*All Blessing and honor and glory and power be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.*

Presider: And now as Jesus has taught us, we pray:

CONTEMPORARY LORD'S PRAYER:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven, Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread:** *(Presider breaks the consecrated bread in silence)*

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.**

**Invitation to Communion:**

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

*Everyone is invited and welcome to receive communion in this church. The bread is gluten free and it is real wine. If you prefer to intinct/dip your bread into the wine please come to the left altar rail. If you prefer to sip the wine from the cup, please come to the right altar rail. If you are not ready to receive the bread and wine with us, you may come forward, cross your arms over your chest and*

*receive a blessing from the priest instead.*

## **Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing, Travel, Gratitude**

### **Post Communion Prayer:**

Presider: Let us pray:

**All: Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.**

**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Benediction:**

Presider: May our Lord Jesus Christ be with you to defend you, within you to keep you, before you to lead you, beside you to guard you, and above you to bless you, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **Dismissal:**

Deacon: People of St. Stephen's, what does God call us to do?

**People: We are called to love and serve.**

Deacon: Let us go forth in the power of God's Spirit, Alleluia, alleluia!

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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## **Life**

Many scholars believe that Luke was a physician who lived in the [Hellenistic](#) city of [Antioch](#) in Ancient [Syria](#),<sup>[6]</sup> born of a Greek family,<sup>[7][8]</sup> although some scholars and theologians think Luke was a [Hellenic Jew](#).<sup>[9][10]</sup> While it has been widely accepted that the theology of [Luke–Acts](#) points to a [gentile](#) Christian writing for a gentile audience, some have concluded that it is more plausible that Luke–Acts is directed to a community made up of both Jewish and gentile Christians since there is stress on the scriptural roots of the gentile mission (see the use of Isaiah 49:6 in Luke–Acts).<sup>[11][12]</sup> DNA testing on what [Christian tradition](#) holds to be his body has revealed it to be of [Syrian](#) ancestry.<sup>[13]</sup>

Whether Luke was a Jew or gentile, or something in between, it is clear from the quality of the Greek language used in Luke–Acts that [the author](#), held in Christian tradition to be Luke, was one of the most highly educated of the authors of the New Testament. The author's conscious and intentional allusions and references to, and quotations of, ancient Classical and Hellenistic Greek authors, such as Homer, Aesop, Epimenides, Euripides, Plato, and Aratus indicate that they were familiar with actual Greek literary texts. This familiarity most likely derived from their experiences as a youth of the very homogeneous Hellenistic educational curriculum (*ἐγκύκλιος παιδεία*, *enklyklios paideia*) that had been, and would continue to be, used for centuries throughout the eastern Mediterranean.<sup>[14]</sup>

Luke's earliest mention is in the [Epistle to Philemon](#), chapter 1, verse 24.<sup>[15]</sup> He is also mentioned in Colossians 4:14<sup>[16]</sup> and 2 Timothy 4:11,<sup>[17]</sup> both traditionally held to be [Pauline epistles](#) (see [Authorship of the Pauline epistles](#)).<sup>[18][19][20][21][22]</sup> The next earliest account of Luke is in the [anti-Marcionite prologue](#) to the Gospel of Luke, a document once thought to date to the 2nd century, but which has more recently been dated to the later 4th century.<sup>[citation needed]</sup>

Luke's presence in [Rome](#) with the Apostle Paul near the end of Paul's life was attested by 2 Timothy 4:11: "Only Luke is with me". In the last chapter of the Book of Acts, widely attributed to Luke, there are several accounts in the first person also affirming Luke's presence in Rome, including Acts 28:16.<sup>[27]</sup> "And when we came to Rome..." According to some accounts, Luke also contributed to the [authorship of the Epistle to the Hebrews](#).<sup>[28]</sup>

Luke died at age 84 in [Boeotia](#), according to a "fairly early and widespread tradition".<sup>[29]</sup> According to [Nikephoros Kallistos Xanthopoulos](#), Greek historian of the 14th century (and others), Luke's tomb was located in [Thebes](#), whence his relics were transferred to [Constantinople](#) in the year 357.<sup>[30]</sup>

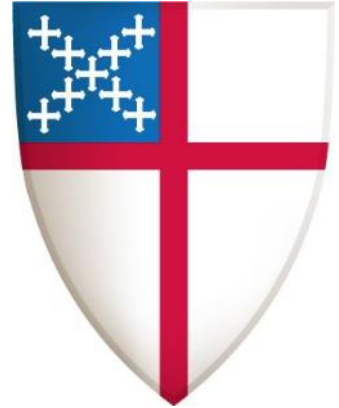
## **Authorship of Luke and Acts**

The Gospel of Luke does not name its author.<sup>[31][32][33][34]</sup> The Gospel was not, nor does it claim to be, written by direct witnesses to the reported events, unlike Acts beginning in the sixteenth chapter.<sup>[35][36][37]</sup> However, in most translations the author suggests that they have investigated the book's events and notes the name (Theophilus) of that to whom they are writing.

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