



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Presiding Bishop and Primate

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*On the 50th Anniversary of
St. Luke's Episcopal Church*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It gives me great joy to join my voice with all who are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Shawnee, Kansas. I rejoice in knowing that for fifty years this church has nourished the lives of its members, its neighbors, this Church and our world.

Fr. Jim Cook has described St. Luke's as the epitome of a warm and welcoming parish, a church whose work and witness is grounded in the friendship that exists among its members. I am deeply grateful for the outreach ministries taking place at St. Luke's and pray that you will continue to lead your community toward the free and full flourishing of humanity repeatedly proclaimed by the prophets.

May we all work together toward that dream of *shalom*, where no one is hungry because all are invited to feast at the table, where no one is sick because all disease has been healed, where all human beings live together as siblings, at peace with one another and with God, and in right relationship with the rest of creation. May we work toward a world where the lion lies down with the lamb and the small child plays over the den of the adder, where the specter of death no longer holds sway.

On this very special day, I give thanks for the vital work of St. Luke's in Shawnee, Kansas and pray that it will nourish future generations for many years to come. I remain

Your servant in Christ,

Katharine Jefferts Schori

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