



ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL **CHURCH**

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 26

October 30-31, 2021



The Gift of Love in Action

When reading this week's Gospel, I'm primed to expect confrontation of some sort. Given how Jesus was treated by religious leaders of the day, I expect a trap. However, the interaction with the scribe is entirely different. The scribe approaches Jesus with a sincere question, "Which commandment is the first of all?" In what ways is God calling you to care for your neighbor and your community?

Our Mission: To know Christ and to make Christ known.

Our Vision: To follow Christ's teaching in an atmosphere of love, joy, and healing.

All are welcome!

8 am John Euson, Organist 10 am Kay Houser, Organist



Ushers can provide an audio receiver with adjustable volume to enhance your hearing of the service. Please, return them to the usher's table after the service.

Guests, visitors, friends, and family,
Wherever you are in your faith journey, we are delighted to welcome you!
If this is your first time at St Luke's, be sure to sign our guest book available in the Gathering Hall before you leave! Join us after the Sunday Services for light refreshments so we can welcome you more personally. Come to the Parish Hall (located to the right of the entrance doors) before you leave. We promise we won't leave you standing staring at your shoes.

Be still and know that I am God! Psalm 46:10

Please, as you enter the Church, *observe a sacred silence* to prepare yourself for the encounter with the Lord, and to allow others to do the same. You may want to use the following prayer... O Almighty God, who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Prayer No. 64, Before Worship; BCP, p. 833)

Prelude

Meditation

Camil Van Hulse

The Word of God

Processional Hymn 372 vs. 1, 2 & 4 *Praise to the living God!*

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

Collect for Purity

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.*

(5:30 pm & 8:00 am)

Glory to God in the highest, *and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone*

are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

(10 a.m.) **Hymn of Praise S280** Glory to God ("S" Hymns can be found in the front of the Hymnal)

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. ***And also with you.***

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The First Reading

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

A Reading from the book of Deuteronomy

¹Moses said: Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the LORD your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, ²so that you and your children and your children's children, may fear the LORD your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. ³Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you. ⁴Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. ⁶Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 119:1-8

¹Happy are they whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD!

²Happy are they who observe his decrees and seek him with all their hearts!

³Who never do any wrong, but always walk in his ways.

⁴You laid down your commandments, that we should fully keep them.

⁵Oh, that my ways were made so direct that I might keep your statutes!

⁶Then I should not be put to shame, when I regard all your commandments.

⁷I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, when I have learned your righteous judgments.

⁸I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second Reading

Hebrews 9:11-14

A Reading from the Paul's Letter to the Hebrews

¹¹When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), ¹²he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. ¹³For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, ¹⁴how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

(8:00 & 10 a.m.) Sequence Hymn 628 vs. 1 & 2 *Help us, O Lord*

The Gospel

Mark 12:28-34

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark ✕ *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

²⁸One of the scribes came near and heard the Saducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” ²⁹Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ ³¹The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” ³²Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; ³³and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’ —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” ³⁴When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

(10 a.m.) Sequence Hymn 628, vs. 3 *Help us, O Lord*

Sermon

The Rev. Kimball Arnold

The 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.

The Prayers of the People Stewardship

(Deacon) In gratitude for all we have received, every perfect gift that comes from God above, we gather to offer our intentions, petitions, and thanksgivings to God.

Pour your blessings on Michael, our Presiding Bishop, on Jennifer, our Bishop, and all bishops, other ministers and all who gather to worship, praise, and work. May we who witness Your saving acts in the world, be ever grateful for **Every Perfect Gift. Which comes abundantly from God above.**

We pray for the world, and the gift of all God's Creation. We pray for the wise stewardship of our world. Bless and guide Joe our President, and Doug our Governor, our legislative and judicial institutions, and the members of our local governments. May they forever care for the people they represent and work for peace and justice.

May we who witness your power in the world, be ever grateful for Every Perfect Gift. ***Which comes abundantly from God above.***

We pray for the work of our church in the world. As we enter this season of Stewardship and focus on the gifts that we give, inspire us to be generous with our time, our talent, and our treasure. May we who witness the impact of our gifts in our community be grateful for Every Perfect Gift. ***Which comes abundantly from God above.***

We pray for our neighbors and all who need or request our prayers. We remember the sick, the lonely, the suffering; those oppressed domestically or abroad and those in prison; for all who give care and comfort to those in need; We pray for those whose needs are known to you alone. May we who witness your healing in the world, be grateful for Every Perfect Gift. ***Which comes abundantly from God above.***

We pray for your Presence in every part of the process to find your chosen servant to be our next rector. Help us to carry on with joy as we prepare a parish profile and extend an invitation to our next shepherd. May we who witness your Presence be grateful for Every Perfect Gift. ***Which comes abundantly from God above.***

We pray for those with birthdays this week, Art, Tani, Paget, Tom, Mark & Jack, and with anniversaries, Frank & Phyllis Maruna. May we who witness the blessings of this world, be every grateful for Every Perfect Gift. ***Which comes abundantly from God above.***

We pray for those who have died. May they rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon them. Thank you especially for those whose gifts to the church are felt beyond their lifetimes. May we who witness your eternal love in the world, be grateful for Every Perfect Gift. ***Which comes abundantly from God above.***

We thank you for the abundance of blessings we have received, the many gifts that we have been given and those we share with the world. May we who witness our gifts at work, be grateful for Every Perfect Gift. ***Which comes abundantly from God above.***

(Celebrant) With grateful hearts we thank you, Abundant God for hearing the faithful prayers of your people, granting them Your grace and love for Every Perfect Gift. ***Amen.***

The Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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: The peace of the Lord be always with you. *And also with you.*

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

O God, our times are in your hands: look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace. Send your blessings upon them, that their homes may be a haven of peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. *Matthew 5:23, 24*

Organ Interlude

(8 & 10 a.m.) **The Presentation Hymn 380, vs. 3** *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow*

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer B

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who

on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

(5:30 & 8 am) **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.

(10 am) **Sanctus** Hymn S-125 *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father, ***We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy

Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Luke and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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,

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

(5:30 & 8) Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

(10:00 am) Fraction Hymn S154 Christ our Passover

The Communion

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, with thanksgiving.

All are invited to share in the banquet of the Lord's Supper.

(10 a.m.) Let us say the Prayer of Spiritual Communion in union with those who follow the service from home.

Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

(8 & 10 a.m.) Communion Hymn 313 vs. 1 & 2 *Let thy Blood in mercy pour'd*

(10 am) Communion Anthem *Praise to the Lord* Forrest
Choir of St. Luke's Margaret Houck, Accompanist

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Sending of the Eucharistic Visitors

In the name of this congregation, we send you to those who are homebound, that they share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. *We who are many are one body because we all share in one bread, one cup.*

Blessing: May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

(8 & 10 am) Recessional Hymn 593 vs. 1, 4, 5 *Lord make us servants of your peace*

Dismissal: Let us bless the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Postlude

Tocatta

Leon Boellman

You may enjoy the Postlude offered by our gifted organist, Kay Houser, or leave the church as silently as possible. After the 10 a.m. service, you are warmly invited to join us for a time of fellowship in the Parish Hall.

Special Dates this Week

Birthdays:

October 31: Art Villemure, Tani Hendrickson

November 2: Paget Merriman

November 4: Tom Connors

November 5: Mark Tuttle

November 6: Jack Parker

Anniversaries:

November 3: Frank & Phyllis Maruna

For Those in Need We Pray:

Prayers for Healing: Prayers for Healing Jean Messick, Ileen Szelka, Rev. Susan Schubert, Tom Connors, Kathy MacCauley, Brandon Reynolds, Carol Glover, Mark Tuttle, Sara Williman, Vera Mulnix, Jeanne Miller, Mary Bowers, Gary DeLisle, Kerry McClung, Bill Johnson, Mary Berkheiser, Alfonso Hernandez, Joan Preston, Joan Lane, Frank & Phyllis Maruna, Carl Anderson, Larry Allen, Earl & Julie Poole, Etta Parson, Jerry & Carol Sweeden, Richard Staudt, Lois McClusky (Katie Staudt's mom), Robert Appel, Judith Duffett, Elijah Duffett, Dave Cain, Brittany Waters, Kayla, Janel, Christine Lisford, Mark Haman; Family of Don Bowers, Greg Bowers' dad

For those in our Armed Forces: Echo, Brian, Lopez, Dante', Florian, Ian, Beka

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St John the Baptist, Glendale, AZ

In the St. Luke's Outreach Cycle of Prayer: Warm for Winter, Highway Clean-up, Quad City Interfaith Council

For the Yavapai Apache Nation

For Bishop Zak and Amagoro Junior Academy

For Our Companion Diocese of Western Mexico *Resolution 2020-1, of the 60th Diocesan Convention*

We acknowledge the living culture of the Yavapai-Apache nation, the traditional custodians of the land we stand on, and pay tribute to the role they play in the life of this region. Resolution #2016-3, of the 56th Diocesan Convention

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St. Luke's Calendar for the Week

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| Sunday, October 31 | Pentecost 23 | |
| | Holy Eucharist | 8:00 am |
| | Coffee Hour | 9:10 am |
| | Nursery Open | 9:10 am |
| | Holy Eucharist | 10:00 am |
| | Coffee Hour | 11:15 am |
| | YARD SALE DROP-OFF | 11:30-1:30 PM |
| | Inquirers Class | 11:30 am |
| Monday, November 1 | Discovery & Discernment | 10:00 am |
| | YARD SALE DROP-OFF | 12:00-3:00 PM |
| Tuesday, November 2 | YARD SALE DROP-OFF | 9:00-12 NOON |
| | Staff Meeting | 9:15 am |
| | Prescott Chorale Rehearsal | 6:00 pm |
| | Boy Scouts | 6:30 pm |
| Wednesday, November 3 | YARD SALE SET-UP | 9:00-4:00 PM |
| | Lectionary Bible Study | 9:00 am |
| | Healing Service | 10:00 am |
| | Ringers of St. Luke's | 4:30 pm |
| | St. Luke's Choir | 6:45 pm |
| Thursday, November 4 | YARD SALE SET-UP | 9:00-4:00PM |
| | Food Drop-off @ Food Pantry | 2:00-4:00 pm |
| | High Desert Ringers | 4:30 pm |
| Friday, November 5 | YARD SALE SET-UP | 9:00-12NOON |
| | Food Pantry | 9:00-12:00 noon |
| Saturday, November 6 | Altar Guild Prep | 8:30 a.m. |
| | YARD SALE | 9:00-2:00 PM |
| | Pentecost 24 | |
| | All Saints/In Gathering | |
| | Sunday School for Adults | 4:45 pm |
| | Holy Eucharist | 5:30 pm |