



ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 20

September 19 & 20, 2020



Stained glass window in the Sacristy at St. Luke's.

*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!



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.

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

Please, as you enter the Church, **observe a sacred silence** to prepare yourself to 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

Morning has broken
Kay Houser, Organ

Lani Smith

The Word of God

(8:00 & 10 a.m.) Opening Hymn 522 vs. 1 *Glorious things of thee are spoken*

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty
of our God; he whose word can - not be
bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;
on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy
sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -
round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

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Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *And blessed be God's kingdom now and for ever. 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.*

Glory to God

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.

The Collect of the Day

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

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading

Jonah 3:10-11

A Reading from the Prophet Jonah

¹⁰When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. ¹But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made

a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. ⁶The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." ⁹But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

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

Psalm 145:1-8

Exaltabo te, Deus

¹ I will exalt you, O God my King, and bless your Name for ever and ever.

² *Every day will I bless you and praise your Name for ever and ever.*

³ Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; there is no end to his greatness.

⁴ *One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.*

⁵ I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works.

⁶ *They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will tell of your greatness.*

⁷ They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

⁸ *The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great kindness. 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

Philippians 1:21-30

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

²¹To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I

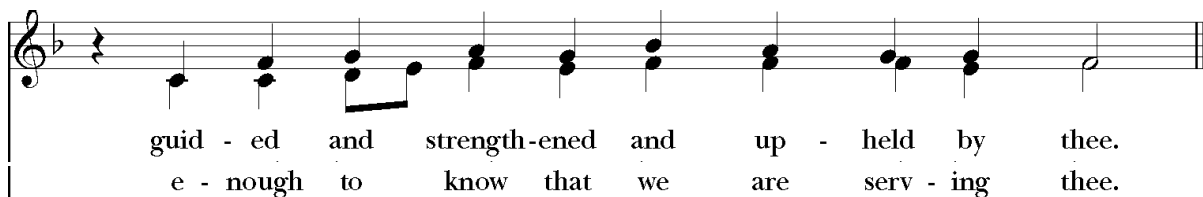
will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. ²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. ²⁹For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— ³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

(8:00 & 10 a.m.) **Hymn 617 vs. 1** *Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round*



1 E - ter - nal Ru - ler of the cease - less round
3 Oh, clothe us with thy heaven - ly ar - mor, Lord,
of cir - cling plan - ets sing - ing on their way,
thy trust - y shield, thy word of love di - vine;
guide of the na - tions from the night pro - found
our in - spi - ra - tion be thy con - stant word,
in - to the glo - ry of the per - fect day;
we ask no vic - to - ries that are not thine;
rule in our hearts, that we may ev - er be
give or with - hold, let pain or plea - sure be;



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The Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew ✠ *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

¹Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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

(8 & 10 a.m.) **Hymn 617 vs. 3** *Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round* (see page 4)

Sermon

The Rev. Chris Christy

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

Deacon: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

For the Church of God, that we may be filled with love, generosity and truth so to transform our communities and our world; *May your Spirit of Generosity always guide us.*

For the leaders of our nation, and the leaders of all nations; *May your Faith Filled Generosity give them compassion and good judgment and guide them in the ways of justice and peace.*

For all who hold authority in your Church, that they may know you and humbly teach of your generous ways; *May your Faith Filled Spirit inspire them with generosity and creativity. Renew their energy and fill them with your wisdom and love.*

For blessings on all of our human endeavors, and for the just and proper use of the beauty and abundance of creation; *May your Spirit of generosity guide us in freeing your world from poverty, famine and oppression.*

For the sick in body, mind or spirit, especially those on our prayers lists and for those we now name in our hearts; *May your Generous and Healing Spirit bring hope to all who suffer.*

For the birthdays of Pat, Heath, Sam, Aiyana, Leigh, Ned, Linda, Bruce, Dave and Jim and for the anniversaries of David and Ann, Chuck and Pat, Trent and Betsy and Nancy and Tony. *May they experience your loving presence.*

For all who have died, and for those who grieve, and for those we now name in our hearts; *May your Spirit of Generosity shine perpetual light on all the saints who have gone before us.*

(Celebrant) Oh God, in your infinite generosity you have created a world with resources to sustain all of your children. Guide us into a relationship with our work, our treasure and our generosity. Transform us to humbly receive and joyfully share your bounty with others.

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 Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15, 16*

(5:30pm & 12n) All things come from you, O Lord, *and of your own we have given you.*

1 Chronicles 29:14b NKJV

(8:00 & 10:00 am) **The Presentation Hymn 380, vs. 3**

3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

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 him 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:

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.

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

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *Therefore let us keep the feast.*
Alleluia.

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 who are baptized are invited to share in the banquet of the Lord's Supper. Please receive the bread in open and outstretched hands. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. Respond to receiving Communion by saying "Amen." If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest.

(10 am) A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

The presider invites the following prayer to be said by all:

(10 am) *My 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)

Communion Anthem

I need the every hour

Robert Lowry

Emily Spencer, Soprano Soloist; Kay Houser, Piano

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray.

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.

Blessing: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Closing

Procession of the High Priests
Kay Houser, Organ

Rex Koury

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

Special Dates this Week

Birthdays:

September 21: Sam Pruitt, Aiyana Trammel

September 22: Leigh Hunt, Ned Welker

September 24: Linda Cheek

September 25: Bruce Tinnesand,
Dave Carmichael

September 26: Jim Pessin

September 20: Pat Fredrickson, Heath Thein

Anniversaries:

September 20: David and Ann Brechwald

September 22: Chuck and Pat Eaton

September 24: Trent and Betsy Denison

September 25: Tony & Nancy Rispoli

For Those In Need We Pray:

To all members, family, friends of St. Luke's during this pandemic

Brandon & Nikki Reynolds.; Alicia; Alex; Sharon, Dave & Nancy C.; Larie & Wife; Carol; Darrell C.;

Dominica Coppola& Marty Dane; Max J.; Carol Glover; Gil & Cheri Lattimer's mother & Good Samaritan

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Barbara Harber; Vera Mulnix; Cathie Carter; Rich Staudt

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

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

In Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. George's, Holbrook

In the St. Luke's Outreach Cycle of Prayer: US Vets/Troop Support, Boy Scouts Troop #10, Warm for Winter collection, Prison Awareness/Camp Genesis

For the Yavapai-Apache Nation

For Bishop Zak and Amagoro Junior Academy

For our companion Diocese in Navajoland

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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