



# St. Luke's Episcopal Church

*Where all are welcome at the Lord's table*

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 7, 2025

8am – Spoken      10:00 am - with Music

Welcome to the Rev. John McCorvey Fountain as St. Luke's 16th Rector

## HOLY EUCHARIST

**Prelude**

*Prelude and Fugue in G*

attributed to Johann Sebastian Bach

**Processional Hymn 376**

*Hymn to Joy*

**Acclamation**

*Celebrant*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The 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.**

**Gloria: Hymnal S-280**

setting by Powell

**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.**

*Celebrant*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

**The Collect of the Day**

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### A reading from Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said to all Israel the words which the Lord commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 1 (spoken by all at 8am and sung by all at 10am)

Robert Knox Kennedy  
(b. 1945)



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- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the /wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the /scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the /Lord, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and /night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not /wither; \*  
everything they do shall /prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the /wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows a /way.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment /comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the /righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the /righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is /doomed.

### A reading from Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your

faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **Sequence Hymn 603**

*St. Botolph*

### **The Gospel**

**Luke 14:25-33**

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

*Reader* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### **Sermon**

The Rev. John M. Fountain

## **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.**

## **Prayers of the People** (Form IV from *The Book of Common Prayer*)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; remembering especially Roz Waterman, Tom Gunther, Colin Beauvais, P.J. Deschenes, Dennis Fontaine, Bruce Dearnaley, Paula Dunne, Judi Nichols, Makenna, Ed L, John Wunner, Barbara Bayon, Steve, Rochelle Waterman, Bill Warburton, Jackie Hudson, Neal McNamara, Paula E., Samantha E., Susie H., Katherine McMillan & Marshall Hoyler & family, Frank & Tristan, Joe & Ellen, Nadine Schweizer, Cathy, James Steffy, Gale Steffy, Sue, Andrew & Steve Mazur, Jim Smith, Mary Fornal, John T, Glenis Downey, Doris Henedy, David Rodriguez, Margaret Thomson, and Kelie Hill. Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Anne Gertrude Holmstedt, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We thank you for all the blessings in our lives: especially for Stephanie Leite, Ken Fecteau, Alan Hurd, Mike Packer, Birgitta Whited, and Beth Di Panni who are celebrating birthdays this week. We also thank you for Joe and Arlene Serdakowski, John and Dora Wunner, and Krystina and Daniel Almon who are celebrating their anniversary this week.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **Confession and Absolution**

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**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.**

*Celebrant:* 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 Exchange of the Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## **Announcements and Blessing of Backpacks**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **Offertory Anthem**

*O God, beyond all praising*

Gustav Holst  
setting by Richard Proulx

*Electronic offertory resources can be found on the yellow card hanging in the pews*

**Presentation Hymn 761 stanzas 1 and 2** (Green Hymnal: *Wonder Love and Praise*)

*Holy Manna*

**The Great Thanksgiving** (Eucharistic Prayer A from *The Book of Common Prayer*)

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**People** **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** **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. *Here a Proper Preface is said.* 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: Hymnal S-125**

setting by Proulx

**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.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

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.**

**(8am) The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

**(10am) The Breaking of the Bread**

*Antiphon*  
*Cantor, then all*

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord — Je - sus — in the break - ing — of the bread.

*Fine*

- Choir:* 1. The bread which we break, Alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. **Refrain**  
2. One body are we, Alleluia, for though many we share one bread. **Refrain**

*All are welcome at the Lord's table. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

*If you would like a blessing rather than communion, simply indicate so by folding your arms across your chest.*

**Communion Anthem**

*Will you come and follow me*

Scottish melody, descant Vince Edwards

**Communion Hymns 711**

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*Seek Ye First*

*Land of Rest*

**Postcommunion Prayer**

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Blessing**

**Processional Hymn 594**

*Cwm Rhondda*

**Dismissal**

*Celebrant*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People*

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Postlude**

*Festival Voluntary*

Flor Peeters

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	<b>8:00 Participants</b>	<b>10:00 Participants</b>
Celebrant/Preacher:	The Rev. John Fountain	
Minister of Music:	Rodney Ayers	
Livestream Operator:	-	Taylor Wilkey
Ushers:	Gregory deGroot, Joe Cyganoski, Ed Craig, Dede Mcguire, Steve McGuire	Pam Dresselhouse, Jon Jacaruso, Richard McCorkle, Steve McLoughlin, Tom Kenworthy
Lay Eucharistic Ministers:	Diane Benoit, Steve Capps, Judy Nichols	Paul Brookes, Stephanie Leite, Anna Pilkington
1st Reading	Marcia Gladue	Jan Burch
2nd Reading:	Judi Nichols	Corie Jacaruso
Prayers:	Lee Hardgrove	Dana Borgia
Acolyte:	Judi Nichols	Christoph Stretz
Altar Guild	Ruth Batchelor, Deb Britt, Linda Patrick, Carol Stevens, Mallory Walsh	