



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost – August 24, 2025

8am – Spoken 10:00 am - with Music

HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude

Adagio from Sonata Op. 65, No. 1

Felix Mendelssohn

Processional Hymn 8

Bunessan

Acclamation

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

Many **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.

One The Lord be with you.

Many **And also with you.**

One Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A reading from Isaiah 58:9b-14

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

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

Many **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103:1-8 (*offered by all*)

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.
- 3 He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The Lord executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

A reading from Hebrews 12:18-29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the

heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken-- that is, created things-- so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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

Many **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn 411

St. Thomas (Williams)

The Gospel

Luke 13:10-17

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

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

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

One The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Cathy Boyd

Please stand as you are able

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

Cause light to rise in our darkness, O Lord, and brighten our gloom as at the noonday, that we may rejoice in breaking every yoke, in turning aside from gossip and speaking evil, in feeding the hungry and caring for the afflicted; that your Name might be glorified among us:

Bless the Lord, O my soul; all that is within me, bless God's holy Name.

Make strong the bones of your Church, that it may be a well-watered garden whose streams never fail; a foundation through generations:

The Lord forgives all our sins, and heals all our infirmities.

Help us to take our joy in the Sabbath, laying aside the pursuit of our own interests for the sake of worship, that our delight may be in you, O Lord our God:

The Lord crowns us with mercy and loving-kindness.

We have not come to that which may be touched, but to the living One, and to Jesus, the mediator of the new covenant. Fill us with reverence and awe that we might offer acceptable worship; for you, O God, are a consuming fire:

The Lord satisfies us with good things, and our youth is renewed like an eagle's.

Show mercy, O Jesus, to our sick, and touch them as you touched the woman bound eighteen long years, remembering especially those for whom our prayers are now offered: Roz Waterman, Lisa Ferry, 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 & family, Marshall Hoyler & family, Frank & Tristan, Joe & Ellen, Jim and Nadine Schweizer, Cathy, James Steffy, Sue, Andrew and Steve Mazur, Jim Smith, and Mary Fornal; that they may find restoration, and rejoice:

The Lord executes righteousness for all who are oppressed.

Make kindness the signature of our assembly, and fill us with heartfelt praise, that you may be our all in all, and that all our works may speak of you:

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.

We thank you for all the blessings in our lives. We thank you for Deborah Collins, Brad Logan, Aileen Sprague, Art Stenberg, John Wunner, Elizabeth Kenworthy, Tom Kenworthy, Katie Gressle, Gayle Gilbert, Helen Biancani, John Biatowas, and Nora Wright who are celebrating birthdays this week. We also thank you for Bruce and Carol Stevens, and Peter and Alice Kelly who are celebrating their anniversaries this week.

The Congregation is Invited to offer prayers of thanksgiving, petition and lament.

One: God of peace, you have taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength. By the power of your Holy Spirit lift us, we pray, into your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God, through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

Transition Prayer

Gracious God, we are grateful to you for guiding us through our search process and give thanks for our Vestry and Search Team whose faith-filled work led us to our new rector. We are excited to welcome Fr. John, his wife Kelly, and daughters Gray, Eleanor, and Mary Mac into our church community and ask for your continued blessing through this next phase of transition. Open our hearts to welcome change with grace. We stand together in hope as we anticipate the future with joy and possibility. All this we ask, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Confession and Absolution

One: We live fractured lives, and God seeks not to punish us for those faults and fault lines, but to reconcile and restore us. Trusting in God's grace and mercy, let us then make our confession together, first in silent prayer.

Silence is kept

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

One Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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

One The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Many **And also with you.**

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome

Offertory Anthem

I waited for the Lord

Felix Mendelssohn

Victoria Cormier and Sarah Curtis, soloists

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

Presentation Hymn 380 (stanzas 1 and 3)

Old 100th

From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator's praise arise! Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, by every tongue! Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Eucharistic Prayer 2 from Enriching Our Worship 1

Please stand as you are able.

One The Lord be with you.

Many And also with you.

One Lift up your hearts.

Many We lift them to the Lord.

One Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many It is right to give our thanks and praise

One continues,

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

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.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with [_____ and] all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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.

Fraction Anthem: Hymnal S-154

setting by Hurd

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

One 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 seek God and are drawn to Christ are welcome to receive. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Simply ask the clergy. If you would like a blessing rather than communion, simply indicate so by folding your arms across your chest.

Communion Hymns 699

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*Aberystwyth
Land of Rest*

The Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

Let us pray: **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

Processional Hymn 493

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Dismissal

One Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Many **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Tuba Tune in D

C.S. Lang

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	8:00 Participants	10:00 Participants
Celebrant/Preacher:	The Rev. David Boyd, Celebrant/The Rev. Cathy Boyd, preacher	
Minister of Music:	Rodney Ayers	
Livestream Operator:	-	Geo Borgia
Ushers:	Eric Holmstedt, Dana Sparhawk, Bill McClintick	Gary Schweizer, Joseph Gomes, Bill & Patricia Warburton, Mike Anderson
Lay Eucharistic Ministers:	Steve Capps, Judi Nichols, Diane Benoit	Deb Lukens, Paul Brookes, Stephanie Leite
1st Reading	Judi Nichols	Marie Henedy
2nd Reading:	Lee Hardgrove	Julie Cronin
Prayers:	Marcia Gladue	Deb Lukens
Acolyte:	Judi Nichols	Christoph Stretz
	Jan Burch, Jane Eaton, Liz Fox, Fran Gammell-Roach, Julie Gemma, Ann Atwood, Arlene Serdakowski	

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