



# St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

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The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 28, 2025  
10:00 am - with Music

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST AND HOLY BAPTISM

**Prelude** *Nun danekt alle Gott* J.S. Bach/arr. Virgil Fox  
(based on Hymn 397 “Now thank we all our God”)

**Processional Hymn 397** *Nun danket alle Gott*

### Acclamation

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**  
*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;  
*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**  
*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
*People* **One God and Father of all.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

### The Collect of the Day

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria. Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

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

## Psalm 146 (*sung by all*)

Robert Knox Kennedy  
(b. 1945)



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- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my /soul! \*  
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my /being.
  - 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of /earth, \*  
for there is no /help in them.
  - 3 When they breathe their last, they return to /earth, \*  
and in that day their thoughts /perish.
  - 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their /help! \*  
whose hope is in the Lord their /God;
  - 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is /in them; \*  
who keeps his promise for /ever;
  - 6 Who gives justice to those who are op/pressed, \*  
and food to those who /hunger.
  - 7 The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the /blind; \*  
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed /down;
  - 8 The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the /stranger; \*  
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the /wicked.
- (*second half of the chant*)
- 9 The Lord shall reign for /ever, \*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Halle/lujah!

## A reading from First Timothy 6:6-19

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **Sequence Hymn 552**

*Pentecost*

### **The Gospel**

**Luke 16:19-31**

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

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

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

*Reader* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **Sermon**

The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Malone

## HOLY BAPTISM

### Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

*The Celebrant says*

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents and Godparents* I present Gabriel James Strang-Buchanan to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Celebrant* Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents* I will, with God's help.

*Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents*

*Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* I do.

*The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Gabriel in his life in Christ?

**People** **We will.**

*The Celebrant then says these or similar words*

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## The Baptismal Covenant

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

### Prayers for the Candidate

*The Celebrant then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*A Person appointed leads the following petitions*

*Leader* Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open his heart to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send him into the world in witness to your love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Thanksgiving over the Water**

*The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying*

The Lord be with you.

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

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

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Baptism

*The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant who then pours water upon, the candidate, saying*

Gabriel, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying*

Gabriel, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

*When this action has been completed, the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*Celebrant and People*      **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

*The Celebrant says*      Let us welcome the newly baptized.

## The Exchange of the Peace

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

*People*      **And also with you.**

## Announcements

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

## Offertory Anthems

*Evening Prayer from Hansel and Gretel*  
Judith Strang-Waldau and Victoria Strang, soloists

Engelbert Humperdinck

When at night I go to sleep, fourteen angels watch do keep;  
two my bed are guarding, two my feet are guiding.  
Two are on my right hand, two are on my left hand,  
two who warmly cover, two who o'er me hover,  
two to whom 'tis given to guide my steps to heaven.

One more angel by my bed, holds my hand and soothes my head.  
Glad I am when she is near singing songs I love to hear.  
Gone is all my grieving love is ne'er deceiving  
then her parting prayer to the angel there tender watch to keep  
while I in dreams lie asleep.

*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.**

### 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

*A Blessing: Walk Softly upon the Earth*  
Walk softly upon the earth.  
May its beauty forever surround you,  
its wonders forever astound you,  
may its wisdom delight you,  
its music invite you  
to dance and to play and to sing.  
May you love and be loved by all that you meet.  
May you know and practice compassion.  
Rejoice in the earth and in all of creation.  
Rejoice in life.  
Walk softly upon the earth.

Alfred V. Fedak

### Communion Hymns 490

812 (Green Hymnal: *Wonder Love and Praise*)

*Houston*  
*Here I am, Lord*

### 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 657

*Hyfrydol*

### Dismissal

*Celebrant*

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

*People*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Postlude

*Toccata in F*

Dietrich Buxtehude

***We are grateful for the addition of Gabriel James Strang-Buchanan to the Body of Christ, and we are thankful for his parents, Victoria Rose Strang and James Michael Buchanan, and his godparents, the Rev. Dr. Meg Stapleton Smith and Matthew Albert Gilmette.***

Please include those on our prayer list this week in your prayers: Roz Waterman, Tom Gunther, P.J. Deschenes, Dennis Fontaine, Bruce Dearnaley, Colin Beauvais, Harry Waterman, Paula Dunne, 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 Henneidy, Margaret Thomson, Jan Prifty, Kelie Hill, Bev O'Brien, Joanne, Paul & SallyAnne, Doreen Putnam, and Judy Robidous.

We pray for all who have died, especially Lillian Arbour, and Natalie Cockrell and their families.

We give thanks for all the blessings in our lives: especially for Patricia Young, Karen Rodriguez, Meredith Whittaker, and Norah Candito who are celebrating birthdays this week. We also thank you for Liz and Tony Fox who are celebrating their anniversary this week.

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	<b>10:00 Participants</b>	
Celebrant:	The Rev. John Fountain	
Preacher:	The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Malone	
Minister of Music:	Rodney Ayers	
Livestream Operator:	Geo Borgia	
Ushers:	Bill Warburton, Patricia Warburton, Mike Anderson	
Lay Eucharistic Ministers:	Nancy Arnold, Bill Capron	
1st Reading:	Mike Cerullo	
2nd Reading:	Tori Cormier	
Prayers:		
Acolyte:	Dan Larkin, Savannah Kerr, Audrey Levesque	
Altar Guild:	Marcia Gladue, Judy Horton, Delores Isenberg, Barbara Marshall, Stacey Nakasian, Lyn Oberg, Jan Prifty, Cathe Rezendes	

