



# St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost – October 26, 2025

8am – Spoken      10:00 am - with Music

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

### Prelude

Prelude on *Irish*

Dale Wood

(based on Hymn 428 “O all ye works of God, now come”)

### Processional Hymn 680

*St. Anne*

### 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

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 Sirach 35:12-17

Give to the Most High as he has given to you, and as generously as you can afford. For the Lord is the one who repays, and he will repay you sevenfold. Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice; for the Lord is the judge, and with him there is no partiality. He will not show partiality to the poor; but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan, or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

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

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

### Psalm 84:1-6 (spoken by all at 8am and sung by all at 10am)

Robert Knox Kennedy  
(b. 1945)



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- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of /hosts! \*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living /God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her /young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my /God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your /house! \*  
they will always be /praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in /you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' /way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of /springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of /water.
- 6 They will climb from height to /height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in /Zion.

### A reading from Second Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Sequence Hymn 656**

*Franconia*

**The Gospel**

**Luke 18:9-14**

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

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

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

*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 Ron & Christine Barber, Roz Waterman, Tom Gunther, John T., Kay Carlson, P.J. Deschenes, Dennis Fontaine, Colin Beauvais, Paula Dunne, Makenna, Ed L., Britt Burch, Bill Warburton, Jackie Hudson, Neal McNamara, Samantha E., James Steffy, Sue, Andrew & Steve Mazur, Shelbi Hess, Kelie Hill, Jan Prifty, Paul & SallyAnne, Judy Robidous, Henry Gorko, John Young, Ann Cerullo, Elizabeth & Joe Ford, James Michael Ford, Karen L., Mike Grady, Judy de Groot, Anthony Malone, Timothy Morley, Tony D., Ethel Wosencroft, and Karl E.. 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 Herbert Holmstedt, Sr, father of Eric Holmstedt, and Stanley Johnson, father of Chris, Andrew, and Erica Johnson – 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 Susan Thomson-Cordle, Sydney Dwyer, Victoria Strang, Michel Gemma, Barbara Harrison, Art Hall, Jan Burch, Dan Larkin, Carrie Larkin, and Jeremy Martin, who are celebrating birthdays this week. We also thank you for Michael and Laura Sullivan 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.

**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**

### **Stewardship Witness**

Charlie Cronin

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **Offertory Anthem**

*Psalm 84*  
(*Cantique de Jean Racine*)

Gabriel Fauré  
arranged by Hal Hopson

*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.

*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 Hymns 314**

**428**

*Adoro devote*

*Irish*

## 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 637

*Lyons*

### Dismissal

*Celebrant*

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

*People*

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

### Postlude

*Toccata from Suite Gothique*

Léon Boëllmann

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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:	-	Bill Clement
Ushers:	Diane Benoit, Jack Newton, Ken Fecteau, George West	Margaret Clifton, Bill Capron, Neal and James McNamara, Paul Brookes, Craig Stenning
Lay Eucharistic Ministers:	Steve Capps, Leslie Gunther, Judi Nichols	Bill Capron, Steve McLoughlin, Paul Brookes
1st Reading	Diane Benoit	Dana Borgia
2nd Reading:	Bill McClintick	Bruce Stevens
Prayers:	Harry Waterman	Leila O'Connell
Acolytes:	Steve Capps	Tori Cormier, Audrey Levesque, Charlie Knowlton
Altar Guild	Helen Biancani, Kay Carlson, Dede McGuire, Lauri Utterback, Anna Pilkington, Mimi West, Kathy Lynch, Deb Lukens, Leila O'Connell	

