



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost – August 31, 2025

9:00 am - with Music

HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude

Morning Song

Sam Batt Owens

(based on Hymn 583 "O holy city, seen of John")

Processional Hymn 450 (omit stanzas 4 and 5)

Coronation

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

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 10:12-18

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker. For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations. Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities, and destroys them completely. The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers, and enthrones the lowly in their place. The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations, and plants the humble in their place. The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations, and destroys them to the foundations of the earth. He removes some of them and destroys them, and erases the memory of them from the earth. Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women.

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

Many Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112 (*offered by all*)

1 Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

10 The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.

A reading from Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with

confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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Many **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn 656

Franconia

The Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

One The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Virginia Buckles

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

Our hearts cleave to you, O Lord our Maker; so save us from self-preoccupation and foolish pride that we may have a right sense of our dependence in all matters and for all things:

Happy are they that fear the Lord.

Establish us in the disciplines of mutual love that we may show hospitality, care for the oppressed, honor our relationships, eschew the love of money, and ground ourselves in the confidence which comes only through knowing Christ our Savior:

The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.

Teach humility to those that serve the State, remembering our President, Congress, Supreme Court, and military; and to those who serve the Church, that all might strive first for the well-being of those over whom they hold authority:

Light will shine in the darkness for the upright.

We intercede for the mission endeavors and ministries of this parish; that the counsels of your Spirit would shape us in the building of your Body through the world:

The righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

Sustain and bless our laity in all their ministries and efforts begun, continued and inspired in you. Make all their service to be strong, and bring them continuing joy in tasks completed and work well-done:

The righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

Comfort and restore our sick, remembering especially those for whom we now pray: 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 & 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, and Doris Hennedy; that they may know your saving help:

Their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

Through Christ, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess God's Name, and lives that do not neglect just pursuits, sharing what we have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God:

Let your loving-kindness be upon us, as we have put our trust in you.

We thank you for all the blessings in our lives. We thank you for Kathy Wosencroft, Bob Thurber, Linda Austin, Ted Lester, Sara Porcaro, Jackie Hudson, Andrew O'Brien, Deb Britt, Erica Simo, Bill McClintick Jr., and Judith Horton who are celebrating birthdays this week. We also thank you for Ryan and Macayla Percival who are celebrating their anniversary 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

The Call

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Ryan Scarber and Shawn Scarber, soloists

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

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:

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 586

583

Pleading Savior

Morning Song

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 344

Sicilian Mariners

Dismissal

One Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Many **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Anonymous 17th Century

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	9:00 Participants
Celebrant/Preacher:	The Rev. Virginia Buckles
Minister of Music:	Rodney Ayers
Livestream Operator:	Bill Clement
Ushers:	Diane Benoit, Jack Newton, Ken Fecteau, George West, David & Nora Wright, Mark Cordle, and Susan Cordle
Lay Eucharistic Ministers:	Harry Waterman, Judi Nichols, Deborah Collins
1st Reading	Diane Benoit
2nd Reading:	Deb Lukens
Prayers:	Steve Capps
Acolyte:	Judi Nichols
Altar Guild	Jan Burch, Jane Eaton, Liz Fox, Fran Gammell-Roach, Julie Gemma, Ann Atwood, and Arlene Serdakowski

*This schedule may have changed in the interim—admin fills in gaps after the bulletin has been finalized and printed.