

WELCOME TO
ST. LUKE'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A PARISH IN THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NORTH CAROLINA

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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
MORNING PRAYER (CHORAL MATTINS) WITH EUCHARIST

JULY 12, 2026

10:30 A.M.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are welcome!

Whether you are a guest or a long-time member, we are blessed by your presence today.

Children are most welcome and always celebrated as a part of our church community. Nursery care is available during worship for children 0 - 4 years old in "The Children's Space," first floor, Parish Hall building. Children's Church is offered for children 4 years old - elementary. We gather in the rear of the church and process to the Parish Hall for a lesson and activity, returning to worship at the Peace. Our trained staff and volunteers lead both of these ministries. The Parish Hall is also home to nursing and changing facilities and a comfortable, quiet space (St. Agnes room). Please ask an usher or greeter if you need assistance finding any of these locations.

Restrooms are in the hallway on the Church Street side of the building - exit through the Baptistry, turn left at the end of the ramp and then left at the sidewalk that runs alongside the church.

If you are visiting today, please complete a Guest Card (in the pew rack) and place it in the offering plate.

May the God who brought you here today bless you throughout the coming week.

The Rt. Rev. William O. Gregg, Ph.D., *Interim Rector*

VI Bishop of Eastern Oregon, res.

Assistant Bishop of North Carolina, ret.

The Rev. Bonnie Duckworth, *Deacon & Coordinator for Older Adult Ministry*

Stephen Williams, *Director of Music Ministry*

Caroline Stephenson, *Parish and Family Ministry Coordinator*

Jessica Moorman, *Parish Administrator*

Lynn Frick, *Director, The Children's Space*

Come and See
the difference Christ makes



THE WORD OF GOD

VOLUNTARY Praise God, dear Christians, all together Johann G. Walther

HYMN IN PROCESSION #390 Praise to the Lord, the almighty *Hymnal 1982*

OPENING SENTENCES Book of Common Prayer, 78

CONFESSION OF SIN *Please kneel, as able.* BCP 79

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (silence)

All: 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.

ABSOLUTION *Please remain kneeling.*

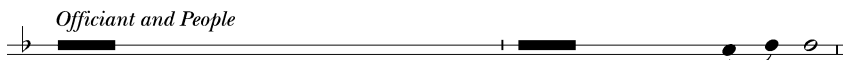
INVITATORY & PSALTER *Please stand.* BCP 80



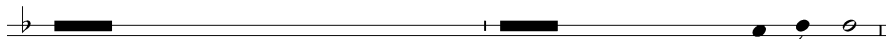
Lord, o - pen our lips.



And our mouth shall pro - claim your praise.

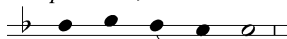


Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit:



As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men.

Except in Lent, add:



Al - le - lu - ia.

CANTICLE S-39 Venite *Sung by all.* *Hymnal 1982*

- 1 Come, let us ^{sing} to the ^{Lord}; *
let us shout for joy to the ^{Rock} of ^{our} sal^{va}tion.
- 2 Let us come before his ^{presence} with thanks^{giving} *
and raise a loud^{shout} to ^{him} with ^{psalms}.
- 3 For the Lord is a ^{great} ^{God}, *
and a great ^{King} a^{bove} all ^{gods}.
- 4 In his hand are the ^{caverns} of the ^{earth}, *
and the heights of the ^{hills} are ^{his} also.
- †5 The sea is ^{his}, for he ^{made} it, *
and his hands have ^{molded} the ^{dry} land.

- 6 Come, let us bow down, and 'bend the 'knee, *
and 'kneel before the 'Lord our 'Maker.
- 7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the 'sheep of his 'hand. *
Oh, that to 'day you would 'hearken to his 'voice!

†Second half of double chant.

Glory to the Father, and 'to the 'Son, *
and 'to the 'Holy 'Spirit:
As it was in the be 'ginning, is 'now, *
and 'will be for 'ever. A 'men.

PSALM 119:105-112 *Sung by all.*

chant, S-411
Robert Knox Kennedy



- 105 Your word is a lantern to my **feet** *
and a light upon my **path**.
- 106 I have sworn and am **determined** *
to keep your righteous **judgments**.
- 107 I am deeply **troubled**; *
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your **word**.
- 108 Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my **lips**, *
and teach me your **judgments**.
- 109 My life is always in my **hand**, *
yet I do not forget your **law**.
- 110 The wicked have set a trap for **me**, *
but I have not strayed from your **commandments**.
- 111 Your decrees are my inheritance for **ever**; *
truly, they are the joy of my **heart**.
- 112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your **statutes** *
for ever and to the **end**.

THE FIRST LESSON *Please be seated.*

Isaiah 55:10-13

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 11 S-225 The Third Song of Isaiah Sung by all.

Hymnal 1982

- 1 Arise, shine, for your light has come, *
and the glory of the Lord has dawned up on you.
- 2 For behold, darkness covers the land; *
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
- 3 But over you the Lord will rise, *
and his glory will appear up on you.
- 4 Nations will stream to your light, *
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
- 5 Your gates will always be open; *
by day or night they will never be shut.
- 6 They will call you, The City of the Lord, *
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
- 7 Violence will no more be heard in your land, *
ruin or destruction with in your borders.
- 8 You will call your walls, Salvation, *
and all your portals, Praise.
- 9 The sun will no more be your light by day; *
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
- 10 The Lord will be your everlasting light, *
and your God will be your glory.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be for ever. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law~ indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised

Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 21 S-286 You are God *Sung by all.*

Hymnal 1982

- 1 You are 'God: we 'praise you; *
You are the 'Lörd: 'we ac' claim you;
- 2 You are the e' ternal' Father: *
All cre' ation' worships' you.
- 3 To you all angels, all the 'powers of 'heaven, *
Cherubim and Seraphim, 'sing in 'endless' praise:
- 4 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of 'power and 'might, *
heaven and 'earth are 'full of your 'glory.
- 5 The glorious company of a 'postles' praise you. *
The noble 'fellowship of 'prophets' praise you.
- 6 The white-robed army of 'martyrs' praise you. *
Throughout the world the 'holy 'Church ac' claims you;
- 7 Father, of 'majesty un' bounded, *
your true and only Son, 'worthy' of all 'worship,
- 8 And the 'Holy 'Spirit, *
— 'advo' cate and 'guide.
- 9 You, Christ, are the 'king of 'glory, *
the e' ternal' Son of the ' Father.
- 10 When you became man to 'set us 'free *
you did not 'shun the 'Virgin's 'womb.
- 11 You overcame the 'sting of 'death *
and opened the kingdom of 'heaven to 'all be' lievers.
- 12 You are seated at God's right 'hand in 'glory. *
We believe that you will 'come and 'be our 'judge.
- 13 Come then, Lord, and 'help your 'people, *
bought with the 'price of 'your own 'blood,
- 14 And bring us 'with your 'saints *
to 'glory 'ever' lasting.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns,

and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Please be seated.

The Rt. Rev. William O. Gregg, Ph.D.

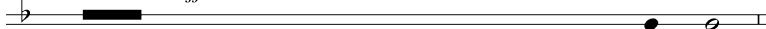
THE APOSTLES' CREED

Please stand, as able.

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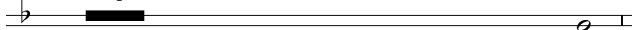
THE SUFFRAGES B

Cantor or Officiant



V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inher - i - tance;

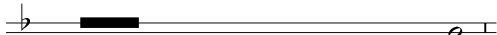
People



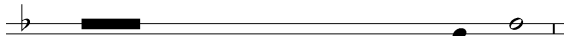
R. Govern and uphold them, now and al - ways.



V. Day by day we bless you;



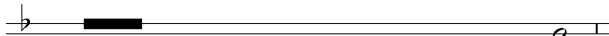
R. We praise your Name for ev - er.



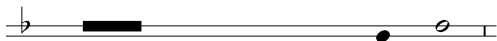
V. Lord, keep us from all sin to - day;



R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mer - cy.



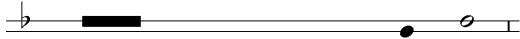
V. Lord, show us your love and mer - cy;



R. For we put our trust in you.



V. In you, Lord, is our hope;



R. And we shall never hope in vain.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Please kneel or remain standing.*

Deacon: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Intercessor: 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. We pray for our global companion, the Bishop James Hannington Memorial Cathedral in Mumias, Kenya, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially +Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; +Sean, our Presiding Bishop; +Samuel, our Diocesan; Jennifer, our Assistant Bishop; +Joseph, Bishop of the Diocese of Mumias, Kenya; +William, our Interim Rector; Tom+, our Priest Associate; and Bonnie, our Deacon. 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, especially Sturges; 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, 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.**

[Silence, after which the Celebrant adds a concluding collect.]

A PRAYER FOR THE CALLING OF OUR NEXT RECTOR

Gracious and loving God, who calls faithful leaders and has blessed St. Luke's with gifts of love, compassion, diversity, fellowship, inspiring liturgy, and historic spaces within which to worship: Send your Holy Spirit to guide us in our discernment as we seek the one you are calling to be our next rector. Continue to form us through intentional worship, empower our efforts in becoming your beloved community, and keep your abundant grace always before us. In the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

BCP 820

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

BCP 101

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

THE PEACE *Please stand.*

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

People: And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS

Prayed by all.

Those celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary in the previous or coming week are invited to come forward for a prayer. It is customary, but not at all required, to put an offering in the silver vessel when coming forward. Some choose to put an amount symbolic of the number of years being celebrated.

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Guest Information cards (found in the pew racks)
may be placed in the offering plate or given to the clergy after church today.*

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*Gifts to support the ministries of St. Luke's may be placed in the Offering Plate or given online at
www.SLS.church/give*

OFFERTORY SOLO

At the River

Aaron Copland

*Shall we gather by the river, where bright angels' feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever Flowing by the throne of God.
Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.
Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease,
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.
(1865 hymn tune by Robert Lowry)
Tommy Foster, soloist*

THE DOXOLOGY Hymn #380, verse 3 *Please stand, as able. Sung by all.*

Hymnal 1982

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP 361

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. 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.

SANCTUS S-124 *Sung by all.*

Hymnal 1982

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and

earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Please remain standing or kneel.

The Celebrant continues... Holy and gracious Father:

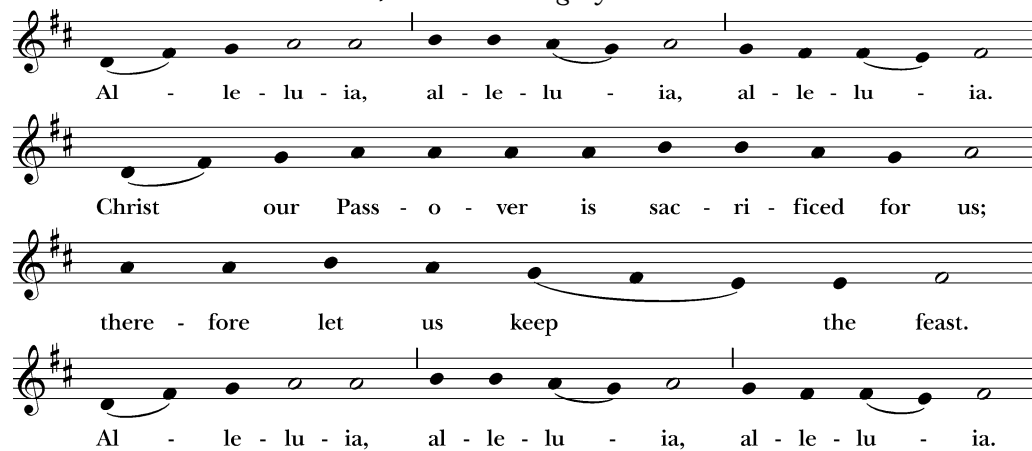
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues... all honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People: **AMEN.**

Celebrant: 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 S-154*Sung by all.**Hymnal 1982*

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All baptized persons are most welcome to receive Communion with us, regardless of the tradition in which you were baptized. If you do not wish to receive Communion or if you are not baptized, you are invited to come to the Altar for a blessing. To indicate that you want a blessing, place your arms across your heart.

COMMUNION HYMN #482 Lord of all hopefulness*Hymnal 1982*

Solo Amazing Grace

New Britain, arr. William Cutter

(text found at hymn #681)

Tommy Foster, soloist

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Please stand or kneel.**BCP 365**Celebrant: Let us pray.*

All: 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 Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

THE BLESSING**HYMN IN PROCESSION #544 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun** *Sung by all.* *Hymnal 1982***THE DISMISSAL***Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**People: Thanks be to God.***VOLUNTARY** Lobe den Herren

Craig Phillips

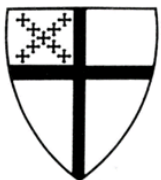
The Voluntaries are integral parts of the Liturgy. Please be mindful of the music and those around you who would like to listen. Thanks for your understanding and care!

Servers	<i>Today</i>	<i>Next Sunday</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	Andy Lund, Pennie Martin, Bob Setzer, Erik Lipscomb	Will Goodnight, Stewart Ash, Tyler Speir, Sandy Goodman
<i>Greeter</i>	Andy and Susanna Lund	Will Goodnight
<i>Emergency Response</i>	Pennie Martin	Stewart Ash
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<i>Verger</i>	Graham Corriher	Greg Shields
<i>Acolytes</i>	Anna Chamberlain, Joaquim Chamberlain, Ruby Corriher, John Graham Corriher	Marlee Speir, Stephanie Collins, James Stephenson, Jiselle Samolu
<i>Choir</i>	St. Luke's Choir	St. Luke's Choir
<i>Nursery & Children's Church</i>	Caroline Stephenson, Meredith Ellis	Caroline Stephenson, Hannah and Andrew Jacobson
<i>Wednesday Server</i>	Reg Boland	Ray Swann
<i>Vestry Deposit</i>	Tyler Ellis, Mary Ann McCubbin	Ray Swann, John Cowan
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Katie Setzer, Meredith Ellis, Laura Greene	Pati Carter, Terry Courtemanche, Trudy Thompson

Eucharistic and Office Candles given by: Edward Norvell in memory of Mary Linn Norvell, Edwin Overman Norvell, Lucille Proctor Norvell, Jane Overman Norvell Wagoner

Sanctuary Lamp given by: Nan Medley in memory of Grover Lee Medley

Altar Flowers given by: The Sparks Family in memory of Virginia Gregory Sparks, Andy Sparks



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