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ST. LUKE'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

JULY 19, 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 Mode de ré (from *Huit Pièces Modales*) Jean Langlais

HYMN IN PROCESSION #423 Immortal, invisible, God only wise *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



- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
- 4 For the Lord is good;
his mercy is ever lasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

PSALM 139:1-11, 22-23 *Sung by all, standing.*

chant, S-415
Jerome Webster Meachen



- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and **known me**; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my **lips**, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon **me**.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for **me**; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your **Spirit**? *
where can I flee from your **presence**?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are **there**; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there **also**.
- 8 If I take the wings of the **morning** *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the **sea**,
- 9 Even there your hand will **lead me** *
and your right hand hold me **fast**.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will **cover me**, *
and the light around me turn to **night**,"
- 11 Darkness is not dark to **you**; [2nd half]
the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both **alike**.
- 22 Search me out, O God, and know my **heart**; *
try me and know my restless **thoughts**.
- 23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in **me** *
and lead me in the way that is ever**lasting**.

THE FIRST LESSON

Please be seated.

Isaiah 44:6-8

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 11 S-225 The Third Song of Isaiah

Please stand. 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 en' shrouds the 'peoples.
- 3 But over you the 'Lord will 'rise, *
and his 'glory will ap'pear 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 de'struction with' in your' borders.
- 8 You will call your 'walls, Sal'vation, *
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 ever 'lasting' 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 be 'ginning, is' now, *
and 'will be for 'ever. A' men.

THE SECOND LESSON

Please be seated.

Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh~ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ~ if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 21 S-286 You are God

Please stand. 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 13:24-30,36-43

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

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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

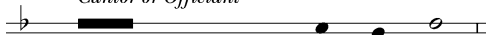
Please stand, as able.

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THE SUFFRAGES A

Please remain standing.

Cantor or Officiant



V. Show us your mer - cy, O Lord;

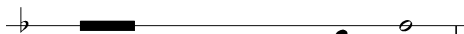
People



R. And grant us your salva - tion.



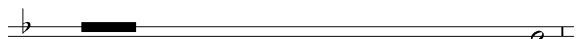
V. Clothe your ministers with right - eous - ness;



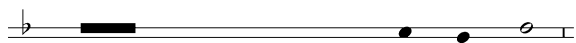
R. Let your people sing with joy.



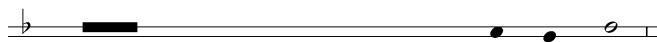
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;



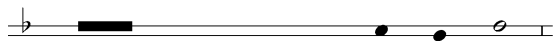
R. For only in you can we live in safe - ty.



V. Lord, keep this nation un - der your care;



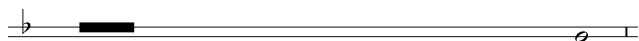
R. And guide us in the way of jus - tice and truth.



V. Let your way be known up - on earth;



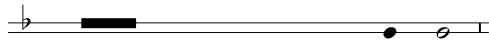
R. Your saving health among all na - tions.



V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgot - ten;



R. Nor the hope of the poor be ta - ken a - way.



V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;



R. And sustain us with your Holy Spi - rit.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son 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; 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 Sturges Bryan, 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

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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 *Please be seated.*

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

Song of the Wanderer

Dan Forrest

*The barren land around me lies, my flame is burning low,
Cold and pale the winter skies, and I am far from home.
With my light that burns so dim, am I visible to Him?
Does He hear the fragile song of creatures here below?
He wakes the lark and bids her fly to greet the coming spring,
Wakes our hearts and bids us rise then gives our spirits wing.
He speaks and winter melts away, hears us when we come to pray,
Turns our nighttime into day, our Light, our Life, our King.
Glorious joy of summer sun, the gentle healing rain.
Banish our tears and sighs with beauty for our pain.
Earth and sky, lay glory by, Christ, the Lord, is drawing nigh!
All creation, bow to Him from whom all blessings flow!
Blows the wind, and soon will come the autumn of the year
With its golden light of love still shining ever clear.
From the rising of the sun, to the place where day is done*

Peace on earth has now begun to cast away our fear;
 Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
 Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host.
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. (Johanna Anderson)
 Caroline Stephenson, soloist

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

Hymnal 1982

Praise God from whom all bless - ings 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 *Please remain standing.*

BCP 361

SURSUM CORDA S-120

Hymnal 1982

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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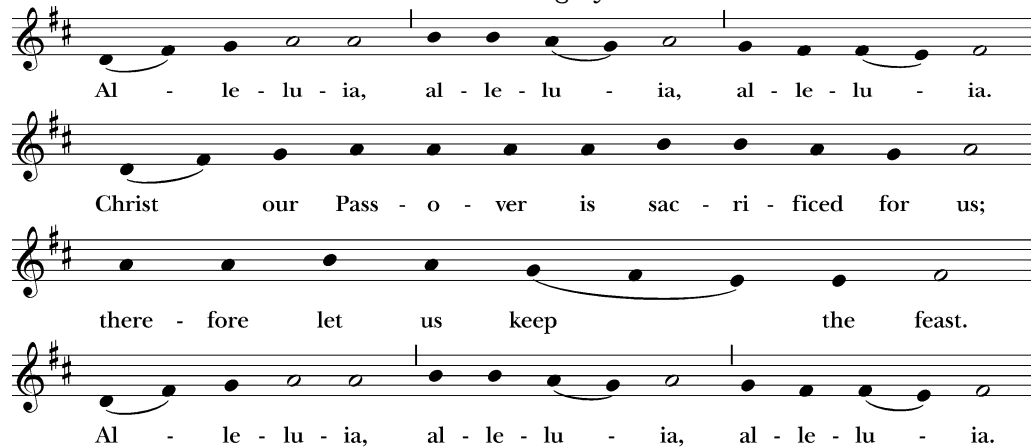
Please remain standing or kneel.

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 #302 Father, we thank thee who hast planted Hymnal 1982

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 #665 All my hope on God is founded *Sung by all.* Hymnal 1982

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

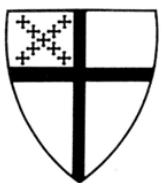
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Servers	Today	Next Sunday
Ushers	Will Goodnight, Stewart Ash, Tyler Speir, Sandy Goodman	Pati Carter, Cris Leckonby, Stewart Ash, Hank Newman
Greeter	Will Goodnight	Pati Carter
Emergency Response	Stewart Ash	Cris Leckonby
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Verger	Greg Shields	Davis Cooke
Acolytes	Marlee Speir, Stephanie Collins, James Stephenson, Jiselle Samolu	Nicholas Eppheimer, Pierce Ellis, Malachi Whitson, Salem Griffith
Choir	St. Luke's Choir	St. Luke's Choir
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Wednesday Server	Ray Swann	Davis Cooke
Vestry Deposit	Kathy Carter, John Cowan	Ray Swann, Penny Roemer
Altar Guild	Pati Carter, Terry Courtemanche, Trudy Thompson	Pennie Martin, Anne Scott Clement, Lisa Godbey

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: Liz & Dick Goodman in memory of Charles Collier Jr., Charles Collier Sr., Elizabeth Manning Collier, Thomas McNeal Doyle, Carol Collier Clement



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