

WELCOME TO
ST. LUKE'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A PARISH IN THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NORTH CAROLINA

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THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST

AUGUST 9, 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

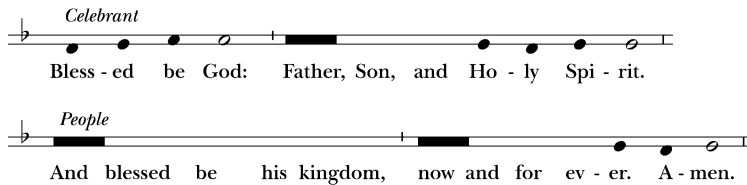
VOLUNTARY

Cantilène (from Symphonie No. 3)

Louis Vierne

HYMN IN PROCESSION #388 O worship the King

Hymnal 1982



Book of Common Prayer, 355

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

GLORIA S-231 A Song of Praise

Sung by all.

Hymnal 1982

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING *Please be seated.*

1 Kings 19:9-18

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from

the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

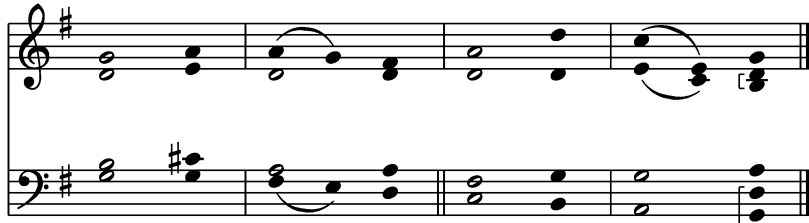
Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

Sung by all, seated.

chant, Jeffrey Rickard



- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his **Name**; *
make known his deeds **among the peoples**.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to **him**, *
and speak of all his marvelous **works**.
- 3 Glory in his holy **Name**; *
let the hearts of those who seek the **Lord rejoice**.
- 4 Search for the Lord and his **strength**; *
continually **seek his face**.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has **done**, *
his wonders and the judgments **of his mouth**,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his **servant**, *
O children of **Jacob his chosen**.
- 16 Then he called for a famine in the **land** *
and destroyed the **supply of bread**.
- 17 He sent a man **before them**, *
Joseph, who was sold **as a slave**.
- 18 They bruised his feet in **fetters**; *
his neck they put in an **iron collar**.
- 19 Until his prediction came to **pass**, *
the word of the Lord **tested him**.
- 20 The king sent and **released him**; *
the ruler of the peoples **set him free**.
- 21 He set him as a master over his **household**,
as a ruler over all **his possessions**,
- [2nd half of chant]
- 22 To instruct his princes according to his **will**
and to teach his elders wisdom.
- 45b **Hallelujah!**

THE SECOND READING

Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

Please stand, as able. Sung by all.

#129 Christ upon the mountain peak

Hymnal 1982

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

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

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

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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 NICENE CREED

Please stand, as able.

BCP 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please remain standing or kneel.

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; 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, 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

CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION *Please kneel, as able.*

BCP 359

Celebrant: 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.

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 ANTHEM

Thou art the way

Christopher Steel

*"Thou art the way: by thee alone from sin and death we flee;
And he who would the Father seek, must seek him, Lord, by thee.
Thou art the truth: thy word alone true wisdom can impart: Thou
only canst inform the mind and purify the heart. Thou art the life,
the rending tomb proclaims thy conquering arm; And those who
put their trust in thee nor death nor hell shall harm. Thou art the
way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know, that truth to keep,
that life to win, whose joys eternal flow." (Bishop G. W. Doane)*

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 creatures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

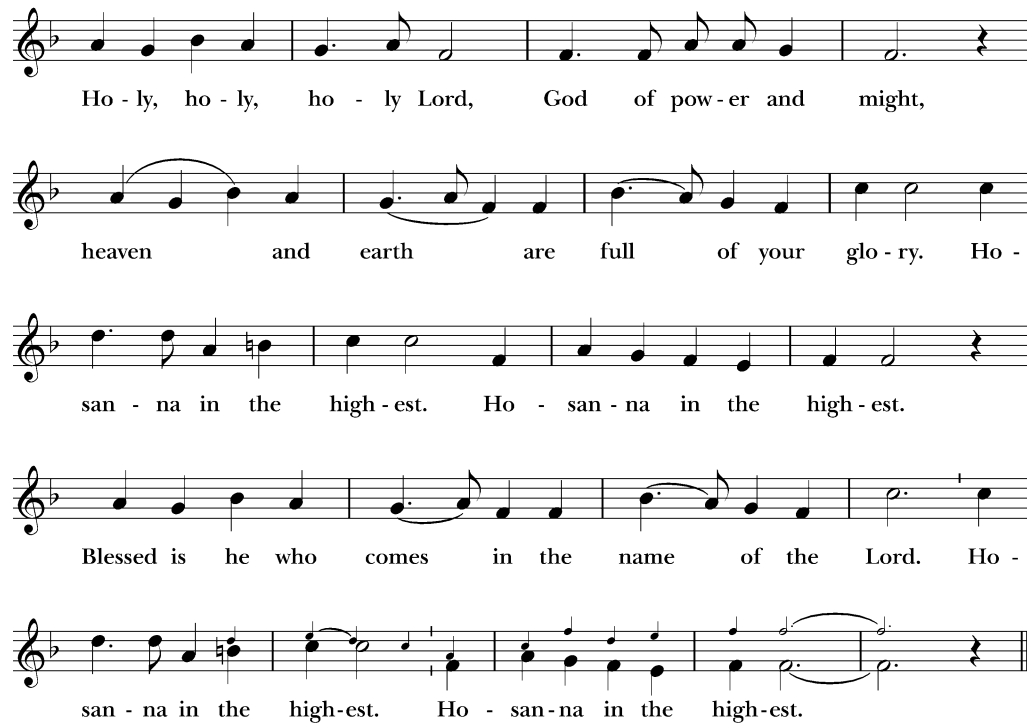
Please remain standing.

BCP 367

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.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Please remain standing or kneel.

The Celebrant continues: We give thanks to you, O God ...

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

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

People: **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 S-155*Sung by all.**Hymnal 1982*

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 #435 At the name of Jesus*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 #608** Eternal Father, strong to save *Sung by all.**Hymnal 1982***THE DISMISSAL**

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

People: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY Carillon du Longpont (from 24 Pièces)*Louis Vierne*

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!

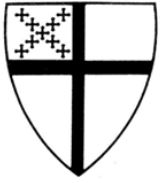
Servers	<i>Today</i>	<i>Next Sunday</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	Andy & Susanna Lund, Pennie Martin, Bob Setzer, Erik Lipscomb	Will Goodnight, Stewart Ash, Tyler Speir, Sandy Goodman
<i>Greeter</i>	Andy & Susanna Lund	Will Goodnight
<i>Emergency Response</i>	Pennie Martin	Stewart Ash
<i>Lectors</i>	Michelle Whitson, Pennie Martin	Graham Corriher, Luke Hamaty
<i>Chalicians</i>	Chip Carter, Pennie Martin	Bain Jones, Penny Roemer
<i>Intercessor</i>	Kathy Carter	Penny Roemer
<i>Verger</i>	Michelle Whitson	Graham Corriher
<i>Acolytes</i>	Clara Tinsley, Rachel Tinsley, Ruby Corriher, John Graham Corriher	Anna Chamberlain, Joaquim Chamberlain, James Stephenson, Jiselle Samolu
<i>Choir</i>	St. Luke's Choir	St. Luke's Choir
<i>Nursery & Children's Church</i>	Caroline Stephenson, Danielle Corriher	Caroline Stephenson, Katie Leckonby
<i>Wednesday Server</i>	Reg Boland	Ray Swann
<i>Vestry Deposit</i>	Tyler Ellis, David Cline	Penny Roemer, Mary Ann McCubbin
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Ann Dunn, Alex Dunn, Dora Wood, Tyler Breese, Eliza Breese	Barb Whenal, Ann Dandison, Reg Boland

Eucharistic Candles given by: Reg Boland in honor of teachers, firefighters and police officers

Office Candles given by: Marilyn King in memory of William Sturges Bryan, Dr. Rowland R. King, Sue Sample Bryan, James Blount Bryan, H. Blount and Annette S. Bryan, Norman L. and Marie W. Bailiff

Sanctuary Lamp given by: Nan Medley in honor of St. Luke's Choirs and Stephen Williams

Altar Flowers given by: Chip Carter in thanksgiving for Kathy Carter



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