



The 21st Sunday After Pentecost
October 18th, 2026

10:00 am

Holy Eucharist

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

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Our Vision Statement

We are an open, Christ-centered community, caring for each other, and doing God's work in the world.

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GATHERING RITE

Prelude:

Gathering Hymn: *How lovely is Thy dwelling place* *Hymnal # 517*

Gathering Sentences:

Presider: Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People: **And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.**

Presider: 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.

People: **Amen**

Gloria in Excelsis: *Hymnal #S278*

The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: **Amen**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lessons:

Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him--
and the gates shall not be closed:
I will go before you and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.
I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Our Psalm

Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13)

Cantate Domino

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 [Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the LORD when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.]

The Epistle

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: *How firm a foundation*

Hymn 636 vs 1-3

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the

tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you Lord Christ!

Sermon

The Rev. Kenneth R. Pepin

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

Deacon: We gather in prayer to open our hearts to God's grace in our lives. Through those times that are joyous inviting us to celebrate as well as those times that we are challenged by life's hurts may we be open to God's presence. **God ever-new and ever-old, teach us to listen**

Deacon: We pray for all who are in discernment and experiencing transition in their lives. **God ever-new and ever-old, teach us to listen:**

Deacon: For our leadership in these changing times; for Sean, our presiding bishop; Kara, our bishop; Ken, our rector; Rich our deacon; Sherry and Susan our wardens; our vestry; and all who lead us in faith. **God ever-new and ever-old, teach us to listen.**

Deacon: To listen with openness to a new word, when we are more comfortable with the old. We pray for the community that lives around us and for those who are new among us. **God ever-new and ever-old, teach us to listen.**

Deacon: We pray for Grace Mission, Lyons, The Rev. Columba Salamony; The Rev. Marian Schnieder; The Rev. Donald Schranz; Peace and Justice Teams; and The Anglican Church of Canada. **God ever-new and ever-old, teach us to listen:**

Deacon: Teach us to hear your voice in stillness and silence, when we expect thunder and lightning. We pray for all of God's creation, for peace and the end to violence. We pray for our sick and those who we surrender to God's eternal light especially, (pause) **God ever-new and ever-old, teach us to listen:**

Deacon: To hear a renewed call to return, even when this means hard, incompatible work. We pray for those who work on behalf of justice. We pray for full acceptance of all of God's people especially those disenfranchised by intolerance based on race, sexual identity, economic disparity, or hatred. **God ever-new and ever-old, teach us to listen.**

Deacon: Teach us to listen, ultimately, with faithfulness, knowing that your voice can come in unexpected places, through unlikely people. And, in listening, give us courage to act. **God ever-new and ever-old, teach us to listen**

Adapted from a work by Merryl Blair -Australia

Confession:

Presider: Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned.
[pause] God forgives and heals us

People: We need your healing, merciful God: give us true repentance. Some sins are plain to us; some escape us, some we cannot face. Forgive us; set us free to hear your Word to us; set us free to serve you. God shows love for us in that while we were yet in sin, Christ died for us.

Presider: God forgives you. Forgive others, forgive yourself. Through Christ. God has put away your sin. Approach your God in peace.

People : Amen.

The Peace

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

All: And, also with you.

Deacon: Let us share a sign of Christ's peace.

The Offertory:

Presider: Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us; an offering and sacrifice to Go

Offertory Hymn Blest are the pure in heart

Hymnal # 656

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: God be with you

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body.

People: **Through your Spirit, you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.**

Presider: Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say.

Sanctus

Hymnal # S125

Presider: Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all.

People: **Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.**

Presider: On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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 Jesus 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:

All: **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Presider: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ.

People: **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.**

Presider: All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

All: AMEN

The Lord's Prayer:

Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

People: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sin as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem:

Hymnal # 169

Presider: 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.

The Communion of the People

This is God's table and all are welcome.

Communion Hymn: *Now my tongue the mystery telling*

Hymnal # 331

SENDING RITE

Prayer after Communion

Presider: Let us pray.

People: Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Birthdays in October

Melissa Panara	10/1/1976
Angie Loblaw	10/1/1987
Chad Olson	10/3
Rachel Hucko	10/4/1985
Mary Lou Plakus	10/8/1949
Barbara Gasbarre	10/9/1958
Monroe Smith	10/10/2018
Jean Keplinger	10/15/1941
Douglas McGee	10/15/1971
Rev. Ken Pepin	10/16/1957
Judi Bauerlein	10/22/1959
Don Guglielmi	10/25/1945
James Ennis	10/25/1952

Prayer for our honored birthday

O God our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in Your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Blessing

Presider: May you know deep in your heart of hearts that you are beloved. Not because you are perfect or of great notoriety but because you are a child of God, one of a kind, rarest of the rare and capable of living into that grace. May God our Creator bless you, redeem you and call you to greater life.

People: Amen.

Announcements | Stewardship/ Rummage Sale Appreciation/ Feast of All Saints/

Sending Hymn: *Tell out my soul the greatness of the Lord Hymnal #437*

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go in peace to love and serve our God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia

The Ministry List for next week October 25, 2026

8:00am Service

Acolyte	Cathy Thayer
Lector	Meredith Fraser
LEM	Cathy Thayer

10:00am Service

Acolyte	Karen Keegan
Lector	Chris Veronda
LEM	Dave Crocker
Greeters/Ushers	Bill Hardin
Altar Guild	Marti St George
Counter	Marti St George

Our Prayer List

Laura O'Leary (Cousin to James Ennis) Alex Patterson (grandson of Jean Patterson)), Alice Hardin, Sue Veronda, Ellen Wheeler, Don Roemermann, Linda & Michael Dertzo (parents of Michael and Melissa Panara), Bruce Cady (husband of Mary Ann Cady).