



The 22nd Sunday After Pentecost
October 25th, 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.

The office is open: Mon - Wed 10:30 am - 3:00 pm; Tue & Thu 9:00 am – 12 noon

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GATHERING RITE

Prelude:

Gathering Hymn: *O bless the Lord my soul.*

Hymnal # 411

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, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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:

Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

Our Psalm

Psalm 1

Beatus vir qui non abiit

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Epistle

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we

seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

In your Mercy

Hymnal # 706

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:34-46

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet"'?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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 St. John's, Odessa; Rev. Robert Shannon; Rev. Lynne Sharp ; The Rt. Rev. Kara Wagner
Sherer; Seabury Woods Assisted Living; The Church of the Province of Central Africa **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 Meryll 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 *If thou but trust in God*

Hymnal # 635

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 # S169

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: *Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face Hymnal # 318*

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.

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.

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Sending Hymn: *King of Glory, King of Peace*

Hymnal # 382

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 November 1st ALL SAINTS DAY

8:00am Service

Acolyte	Cathy Thayer
Lector	Sharon Scott
LEM	NA

10:00am Service

Acolyte	Karen Keegan
Lector	Susan Palomaki
LEM	NA
Greeters/Ushers	Bonnie and Hunter Wasson
Altar Guild	Sandy Sucher
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 to Mary Ann Cady.