



The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 6th 2026

9:00 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: *When Christ was Lifted from the Earth* Hymnal # 603

Gathering Sentences:

Presider: Blessed be this day!

People: And all it shall bring.

Presider: Blessed be all creation.

People: **And all that has life.**

Presider: Spirit of Light and Love.

People: Hope of all ages in time and eternity.

Presider: *Let us take a moment of silence to appreciate God's presence in our midst.*

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 # S 280

The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lessons:

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Lector: You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Our Psalm

Psalm 119:33-40

Legem pone

33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.

- 35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.
- 36 Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.
- 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.
- 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.
- 39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life

The Epistle:

Romans 13:8-14

Lector: Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: *When charity and love prevail*

Hymnal 581 v. 1-4

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

Presider: A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew:

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

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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.

Prayers of the People:

Intercessor: Let us pray for all who seek to know the love of God, (pause) We pray:

All: Help us to be a witness to that love.

Intercessor: Let us pray for peace in our world...(pause) for the countless victims of unjustified violent acts, robbing children of their parents, uprooting and devastating their lives; in Ukraine and the Middle East

All: May our prayers bring about change and restoration of true peace.

Intercessor: Let us pray for our president Donald, governor Kathy and all elected officials who have sworn to serve and uphold our constitution.

All: **Help them to live up to what they profess.**

Intercessor: Let us pray for those who are innocent victims of war and geopolitical unrest and have been used as pawns in the midst of those seeking to retain dominance and power.

All: **Help us to practice justice, compassion and mercy in all of our relationships.**

Intercessor: Let us pray for our church. (pause) First and foremost for our assembly gathered as the Body of Christ, for those who serve us in leadership, our vestry, wardens, deacon, rector and bishop.

All: **May we all seek to serve God in faith.**

Intercessor: In our diocesan and Anglican cycles of prayer we pray for St. John's Chapel at Hobart & William Smith Colleges, Geneva Committee on the Laity, The Rev. Lawrence Mothersell, The Rev. Keith Patterson, The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria

All: **Help us all to walk in faith.**

Intercessor: Let us pray for those who are grieving the loss of loved ones, (pause)

We pray:

All: **May your loving kindness be upon us as we place our trust in you.**

Confession:

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. [pause]

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.**

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People : **Amen.**

The Peace

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

All: **And, also with you.**

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

Presider: All things come of thee O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee!

Offertory Anthem: *Praise the Lord through every nation* *Hymnal # 484*

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord 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 sing.

Sanctus

Hymnal # S 129

Presider: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

People: **But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.**

Presider: Through Abraham and Sarah, you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus.

People: **Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.**

Presider: On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Presider: Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

People: **Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.**

Presider: Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Luke and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

All: **AMEN**

Presider: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to 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 sins 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 # S 155

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: *Come Risen Lord*

Hymnal #306

SENDING RITE

Prayer after Communion

Presider: Let us pray.

People: **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen**

The Blessing

Presider: May the love of God find us on our journey. May God flood our hearts with mercy and grace. And may God bless us in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Announcements

Ministry Fair | Fall Schedule | Baby Face Contest | Stewardship

Sending Hymn: *God bless our native land*

Hymnal #716

Dismissal

Presider: Let us go in peace to love and serve our God, Alleluia, alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

September 6th

Acolyte	TBD
Lector	Meredith Fraser
LEM	Patty Lettenberger
Greeters/Ushers	Bonnie & Hunter Wasson
Altar Guild	Sandy Sucher
Counters	Marti St George

September 13th

8:00am Service

Acolyte	Cathy Thayer
Lector	Sharon Grantham
LEM	Cathy Thayer

10:00am Service

Acolyte	Vic Bridges
Lector	Marti St George
LEM	Lisa Krapf
Greeters/Ushers	Gary Gocek
Altar Guild	Sherry Ralston and Pat Knapp
Counter	Marti St George

Our Prayer List

Bridgette Witherspoon, (friend of Pat Knapp), Alex Patterson (grandson of Jean Patterson), Alice Hardin, Sue Veronda, Ellen Wheeler, Don Roermann, Linda & Michael Dertzo (parents of Michael and Melissa Panara), Bruce Cady (husband of Mary Ann Cady),