



THE 9<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST  
HOLY EUCHARIST  
AUGUST 7, 2022 + 10:30 A.M.



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*In the name of Jesus Christ, welcome! Whether you are our guest today or a long-time member, we are so glad to have you with us today at St. Luke's. We worship in the Episcopal tradition, placing an emphasis on both Word and Sacrament as we strive to participate in the timeless worship of the Church through the ages. We invite you to fully join in this liturgy through song, prayer, and physical action.*

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*The liturgy for the summer months comes from resources approved by the General Convention of the Episcopal Church called "Enriching Our Worship" and an expansive language version of the Holy Eucharist from the Prayer Book. Some of the language of the prayers is different from what we are accustomed to, which is helpful in keeping us alert to the meaning of the words we use. The language is also broader and more inclusive as it addresses God. There will be aspects of this liturgy that you appreciate and aspects that you do not – use both as opportunities to reflect, wonder, grow, and pray.*

*Hymns are found in the (blue) Hymnal 1982 and in the Music Supplement, located in your pew rack.*

***For the safety of all, masks are strongly encouraged.***

## THE WORD OF GOD

**VOLUNTARY** Air

Gerre Hancock

**HYMN IN PROCESSION** #135 Songs of thankfulness and praise

Salzburg

*Please stand. Sung by all.*

*The Procession symbolizes both our pilgrim journey as travelers in the world, and also our following of Christ as our Head. Music helps us to lift our voices in beauty and song as we praise God.*

**Celebrant:** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

*The Collect is a prayer that is connected to the theme of the day.*

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. **Amen.**

**GLORIA**     *Sung by all. Please see hymnal insert.*

Hayward

*The Gloria in excelsis Deo is an ancient Greek hymn that has been a feature of the Eucharistic liturgy for centuries. We join with all of creation in robustly singing the praises of the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and offering thanks for God's mercy.*

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant:* God be with you.

*People:*     **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray: 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.*

**Isaiah 1:1, 10-20**

*Each Eucharistic liturgy contains four readings from Scripture: from the Old Testament, the Psalms, a Letter of Paul or other New Testament book, and one of the Gospels.*

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the Lord,  
you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God,  
you people of Gomorrah!

What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?  
says the Lord;

I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams  
and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls,  
or of lambs, or of goats.

When you come to appear before me,  
who asked this from your hand?

Trample my courts no more;

bringing offerings is futile;  
incense is an abomination to me.  
New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation-  
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.  
Your new moons and your appointed festivals  
my soul hates;  
they have become a burden to me,  
I am weary of bearing them.  
When you stretch out your hands,  
I will hide my eyes from you;  
even though you make many prayers,  
I will not listen;  
your hands are full of blood.  
Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;  
remove the evil of your doings  
from before my eyes;  
cease to do evil,  
learn to do good;  
seek justice,  
rescue the oppressed,  
defend the orphan,  
plead for the widow.  
Come now, let us argue it out,  
says the Lord:  
though your sins are like scarlet,  
they shall be like snow;  
though they are red like crimson,  
they shall become like wool.  
If you are willing and obedient,  
you shall eat the good of the land;  
but if you refuse and rebel,  
you shall be devoured by the sword;  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 50: 1-8, 23-24** *Please remain seated. Sung by choir.*

BCP, 654

Jonathan Battishill (Anglican Chant Psalter)

*The Psalms constitute the prayer book and the hymnal of the Hebrew people, as well as the early Church, and were written to be sung.*

## THE SECOND READING

**Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old- and Sarah herself was barren- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL HYMN #383** Fairest Lord Jesus

*St. Elizabeth*

*Please stand. Sung by all.*

*In the ancient Church, the Gradual was a psalm sung by the Cantor on the lower step of the sanctuary. The word "Gradual" comes from the Latin word meaning "step." Liturgically, we are stepping towards the climax of the Liturgy of the Word - the proclamation of the Gospel.*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

**Luke 12:32-40**

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for

yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **THE SERMON**

*Please be seated*

The Rev. Dr. Robert Black

### SERMON NOTES FOR REFLECTION

How would you define worship?

How would you define justice?

How does being more connected to God help you?

What idols do you find yourself most captive to?

What helps you in making worship intentional?

What transformation do you seek in drawing nearer to God?

What sacrifices do you think God is calling you to make?

## **THE NICENE CREED**

*Please stand.*

*Book of Common Prayer, 358*

*The Nicene Creed is the summary of Christian teaching, sometimes called the Symbol of the Faith. It was formulated over two ecumenical councils in the fourth century, and focuses on the nature of Jesus Christ as both fully God and fully human.*

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Please remain standing, or kneel.*

*In the Prayers, we lift up the concerns of the community, the Church, and the world. This version of the prayers is adapted from Common Worship of the Church of England.*

*Deacon:* In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

*Intercessor:* Hear our prayers, O Lord God.

*People:* **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Intercessor:* Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will.

*People:* **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Intercessor:* Give us boldness to preach the Gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all the nations.

*People:* **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Intercessor:* Enlighten our bishops and all your ministers with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.

*People:* **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Intercessor:* Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.

*People:* **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Intercessor:* Bless those who administer the law, that they may uphold justice, honesty and truth.

*People:* **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Intercessor:* Give us the will to use the fruits of the earth to your glory, and for the good of all creation.

*People:* **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Intercessor:* Help and comfort the lonely, the oppressed, refugees, and prisoners.

*People:* **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Intercessor:* Keep in safety those who travel, and all who are in danger.

*People:* **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Intercessor:* Heal the sick in body and mind, and provide for the homeless, the hungry, and those in poverty.

*People:* **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Intercessor:* Hear us as we remember those who have died in the peace of Christ, and grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

*People:* **Hear us, good Lord.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer.*

## THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

*Before we move to receive the Sacrament of God's grace in the Eucharist, we are honest about our need for forgiveness as we seek reconciliation with God and one another.*

**Deacon:** Let us confess our sins to God.

*Please kneel. Silence is kept before the prayer begins.*

**All:** God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

## THE PEACE

*As we have been reconciled to God, we receive the peace from the Celebrant and show signs of reconciliation to one another.*

**Celebrant:** The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please be seated.*

### BIRTHDAY PRAYER *Prayed by all.*

*Church members and guests are invited to come forward if they are celebrating a birthday in the previous or upcoming week. No contribution is required, but many put money into the small birthday box in thanksgiving for a year of life. The funds go to the Rector's Discretionary Fund which is used in assisting those in economic hardship.*

**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

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*If you are our guest today, we encourage you to fill out a Guest Information card (found in the pew rack in front of you) and place it in the offering plate or give it to the clergy after church today. We want to be able to fully welcome you into the life of this parish. May God bless you this and every day.*

*At the Offertory, we offer gifts back to God, in thanksgiving for, and acknowledgment of, the divine source of all that we are and have. Gifts to support the ministries of St. Luke's may be placed in the Offering Plate or online via credit card. For instructions on online giving, please see the bulletin newsletter insert.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “How shall I sing that Majesty”

arr. John R. Daniels

*How shall I sing that majesty which angels do admire?  
Let dust and silence lie; sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.  
Thousands of thousands stand around thy throne,  
O God most high; ten thousand times ten thousand sound thy praise; but who am I?  
Thy brightness unto them appears;  
whilst I thy footsteps trace, a sound of God comes to my ears, but they behold thy face.  
They sing because thou art their sun;  
Lord, send a beam on me; for where heaven is but once begun, there alleluias be.*

*Enlighten with faith's light my heart, inflame it with love's fire;  
then shall I sing and bear a part with that celestial choir.  
I shall, I fear be dark and cold, with all my fire and light;  
yet, when thou dost accept their gold, Lord, treasure up my mite.*

*How great a being, Lord, is thine, which doth all beings keep!  
Thy knowledge is the only line to sound so vast a deep.  
Thou art a sea without a shore, a sun without a sphere;  
thy time is now and evermore, thy place is everywhere.  
(Text, John Mason; Tune, Coe Fen, Kenneth Naylor)*

Often an Anthem (from the Greek word “Antiphon,” a liturgical chant sung by a choir) is sung by the choir, an organ Voluntary is played, or a hymn is sung. In each case, this is not meant to be a performance for entertainment, but a prayerful offering through music on behalf of all who are gathered, typically related to the themes of the day or the season.

**DOXOLOGY: HYMN 397.3**

Sung by all. See insert.

Nun danke alle Gott

During the Presentation, we offer not only financial gifts to the glory of God and the work of his Church, but we also present the bread and wine that will become for us Christ's Body and Blood. This gesture flows into the Sursum Corda (Latin for “Lift up your hearts”) - we pray that our hearts and minds may be lifted up to God as we approach the Holy Table.

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 2**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: **And also with you.**  
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. People: **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**  
Celebrant: We praise you and we bless you... lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

**SANCTUS**

Sung by all. Please see hymnal insert.

Warren Brown

Celebrant: Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your



willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Ever-blessed Mary and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. 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.

People: **AMEN.**

*"Amen" is a Hebrew word of assent, meaning, "so be it" or "I agree." It has had an important place in Christian worship since the earliest days of the Church, and the Amen proclaimed by the people here, whether sung or spoken, is known as the "Great Amen" – representing one of the supreme high points of the entire Eucharistic liturgy, concluding the Eucharistic Prayer. It is printed in all capital letters in the Prayer Book to highlight its importance.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: **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      *Sung by all. Please see hymnal insert.*

Haywood

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God....

All are welcome and invited to come forward to receive either Communion or a blessing. After the invitation to Communion, you may be seated. Beginning from the front pews, when an usher reaches your pew please form a queue down the center aisle to the altar rail. If you need Communion brought to your pew, please let an usher know. Kneel (or stand if unable) at the rail, filling in spaces from your right to the left. Place your right palm face-up on your left palm and the clergy will give you a piece of bread, which you then consume. A chalice bearer will then give you the chalice to drink from. Please assist the chalice bearer in guiding it to your lips. If you do not wish to receive the chalice, cross your arms across your chest after receiving the bread and remain at the altar rail until after the chalice has passed you. You can return to your pew via the side aisles. There is no intinction (dipping) of the bread into the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available - to request one, place your palms face down instead of up. All Baptized Christians (in any tradition or denomination) are welcome to receive Communion. If you are not Baptized and desire to be a part of and receive the Body of Christ, please speak with our clergy. Any person (regardless of Baptismal status or tradition) may come forward for a prayer of blessing instead of receiving Communion. Place your arms across your chest to indicate this intent before receiving the bread.

## COMMUNION HYMN

#304 I come with joy to meet my Lord                      *Sung by all*                      *Land of Rest*  
*Hymns, anthems, or other musical offerings may be included during this time, as further meditation and reflection upon the great gift of life and grace offered to us through Christ's Sacrament. You might also find prayers 66 & 67 on page 834 of the Book of Common Prayer to be beneficial.*

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER                      *Please stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant:*                      Let us pray.

*All:*                      **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 for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

**HYMN #623** O what their joy and their glory must be                      *O quanta qualia*  
*Please stand. Sung by all.*

*Just as the Eucharistic liturgy began by singing in procession, following the Cross of Christ, so too we now depart as a travelling, singing people, following Christ where he may lead into the world, to serve and be witnesses of his love and grace.*

## THE DISMISSAL

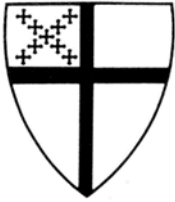
*Deacon:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.                      *People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**VOLUNTARY** Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

*Please be seated for the Voluntary, or exit quietly, mindful of those who remain to listen or pray.**The concluding Voluntary, much like the opening Voluntary, is a musical offering of prayer in celebration of God's great gifts to us. Those who wish to listen are invited to come forward to sit in the front pews of the nave (not the choir stalls).***Eucharistic candles in honor of:** teachers, firefighters, and police officers; given by Reg Boland**Office candles in memory of:** McRay and Susan Robinson, Julie Greene King; given by Jamie and Susan King**Sanctuary Lamp in honor of:** the choirs and musicians of St. Luke's; given by Nan Medley**Altar Flowers in thanksgiving for:** Kathy Carter; given by Chip Carter

<b>Servers</b>	<b>This Sunday</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
<i>Lectors:</i>	Reg Boland, Michelle Whitson	Chip Carter, Lee Piper
<i>Intercessor:</i>	Pennie Martin	Jennifer McKinney
<i>Verger:</i>	Gary Thornburg	Lee Piper
<i>Chalicians:</i>	Chip Carter, Kathy Carter	Pati Carter, Alex Dunn
<i>Acolytes:</i>	Grace Eppheimer, Nicholas Eppheimer, Malachi Whitson, Eleanor Black	Addison Griffith, Nick Clement, Marlee Speir, Joaquim Chamberlain
<i>Greeter:</i>	Gary Thornburg	Pennie Martin
<i>Ushers:</i>	George Simons, Donald Clement IV, Roy Bentley, Stephanie Phoenix	
<i>Emergency Response:</i>	Pennie Martin, Stephen Collins	Mark Stephenson, Roy Bentley
<i>Vestry Deposit:</i>	Anne Scott Clement, Stephen Collins	Ed Hall, Tory Curran
<i>Children's Church:</i>	-	Tyler Black



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The Rt. Rev. Samuel Rodman, Bishop

The Rt. Rev. Anne Hodges-Copple, Bishop Suffragan



## PARISH OFFICERS AND VESTRY

2022: Pati Carter, Anne Scott Clement, George Jones (Sr. Warden), Stephanie Phoenix

2023: Tory Curran, Kathleen Dunn, Mike Mills (Jr. Warden), Don Fortner

2024: Stephen Collins, Ed Hall, Greg Shields, Joe Trainor

Parish Officers: Mark Bias (Secretary); Kathy Carter (Treasurer); Chip Short (Chancellor)

### *A Prayer of Self-Dedication*

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray you, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

### *St. Luke's Parish Prayer*

O God, in your abundant grace you sent your Son to be the light of the world: Grant that we may come and see the difference that Christ makes in each of us as we seek to become your beloved community; and as we gather in intentional worship, may we ever be reminded of your transformative love which is the foundation of our faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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