



# ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## THE 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sept 12 & 13, 2026



**Our Mission:** *To know Christ and to make Christ known.*

**Our Vision:** *To follow Christ's teaching in an atmosphere of love, joy, and healing.*

**All are welcome!**

***We are so glad you are here today to celebrate  
with us the day of the Lord!***

*Please respect those who seek time for quiet reflection before worship begins and while listening to the prelude. Guests, friends, and family, we would like to know you. Please fill out a Let's Get Acquainted card to introduce yourself to us. Let us know how the people of St Luke's can serve you and your family.*

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**We hope this helps those who  
are struggling to hear the services.**



## THE 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE BELL

Calls us to Worship

PRELUDE

### GATHERING HYMN H-304

Music in the Hymnal

*I come with joy to meet my Lord*

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| <p>1 I come with joy to meet my Lord,<br/>forgiven, loved, and free,<br/>in awe and wonder to recall<br/>his life laid down for me.</p> <p>2 I come with Christians far and near<br/>to find, as all are fed,<br/>the new community of love<br/>in Christ's communion bread.</p> <p>3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,<br/>each proud division ends.<br/>That love that made us makes us one,<br/>and strangers now are friends.</p> | <p>4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord.<br/>His presence, always near,<br/>is in such friendship better known:<br/>we see, and praise him here.</p> <p>5 Together met, together bound,<br/>we'll go our different ways,<br/>and as his people in the world,<br/>we'll live and speak his praise.</p> |
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### ACCLAMATION

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

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

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

All: 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.

### LITANY OF PETITION - 5:30 PM ONLY

Celebrant: Lord, Have Mercy

People: **Lord, Have Mercy**

Celebrant: Christ, Have Mercy

People: **Christ, Have Mercy**

Celebrant: Lord, Have Mercy

People: **Lord, Have Mercy**

## SONG OF PRAISE

*Behold Our God*

*(Sung at 8:00 am. 1<sup>ST</sup> Verse Only / and 10:00 am both verses)*

*Music on page 13*

**VERSE 1**    **Who has held the oceans in His hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice  
All creation rises to rejoice**

**CHORUS**    **Behold our God seated on His throne  
Come let us adore Him  
Behold our King, nothing can compare  
Come let us adore Him!**

**VERSE 2**    **Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of His words?  
Who can teach the one who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

**Celebrant:**    The Lord be with you.

**People:**       **And also with you.**

**Celebrant:**    Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 50:15-21

**Lector:**        Our first lesson is a reading from the Book of Genesis

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## **PSALM 103:1-13**

Lector: The Psalm for today is Psalm 103. I invite you to read responsively by half verse.

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, \*  
**and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.**

2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, \*  
**and forget not all his benefits.**

3 He forgives all your sins \*  
**and heals all your infirmities;**

4 He redeems your life from the grave \*  
**and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;**

5 He satisfies you with good things, \*  
**and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.**

6 The Lord executes righteousness \*  
**and judgment for all who are oppressed.**

7 He made his ways known to Moses \*  
**and his works to the children of Israel.**

8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
**slow to anger and of great kindness.**

9 He will not always accuse us, \*  
**nor will he keep his anger for ever.**

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*  
**nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.**

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, \*  
**so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.**

12 As far as the east is from the west, \*  
**so far has he removed our sins from us.**

13 As a father cares for his children, \*  
**so does the Lord care for those who fear him.**

## **THE SECOND LESSON**

Romans 14:1-2

Lector: Our second lesson is a reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on

those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Lector : Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## **GOSPEL HYMN H-674, V1-2**

Music in the Hymnal

**1 "Forgive our sins as we forgive"  
you taught us, Lord, to pray;  
but you alone can grant us grace  
to live the words we say.**

*Forgive our sins as we forgive*

**2 How can your pardon reach and bless  
the unforgiving heart  
that broods on wrongs and will not let  
old bitterness depart?**

## **THE GOSPEL**

Matthew 18:21-35

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

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one

who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### **GOSPEL HYMN H-674, V3-4**

Music in the Hymnal

*Forgive our sins as we forgive*

**3 In blazing light your cross reveals  
the truth we dimly knew,  
how small the debts men owe to us,  
how great our debt to you.**

**4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls,  
and bid resentment cease;  
then, reconciled to God and man,  
our lives will spread your peace.**

## **HOMILY**

### **NICENE CREED** *All stand.*

Celebrant: I bid you remember that it is only when we love one another that we can truly say:

**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: (Bow) 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 (*Rise*) 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 (*Bow*) 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**

Sisters and brothers, there's a wide-ness in God's mercy like the wide-ness of the sea! Therefore, let us come before our loving God, saying,

"Hear us, we humbly pray:

**Lord, Help us."**

Loving God, you have shown your Church such great mercy. Through the witness of your Church, may those beyond our walls also experience the goodness of your mercy. "Hear us, we humbly pray:

**Lord, Help us."**

Lord of all peoples, you have created us to live together. Help us to see that our common life depends on each other's work and goodwill. Cause wars to cease and generosity to prevail. "Hear us, we humbly pray:

**Lord, Help us.**

Abundant God, you make the earth bring forth good food. As you provided for the children of Isreal, we pray you will also provide for all those suffering from famine or need. "Hear us, we humbly pray:

**Lord, Help us."**

Caring God, how good and pleasant it is when your children live together in unity. Pour out a spirit of reconciliation in our community. "Hear us, we humbly pray:

**Lord, Help us."**

Lord Christ, may those who call out to you in great faith, find your heart open to their cries. We ask for healing for the sick and suffering, the desperate and disturbed. "Hear us, we humbly pray:

**Lord, Help us."**



God of blessing, bless your people with life forevermore. May the dying find comfort; may the dead rest in your peace. "Hear us, we humbly pray: Lord, Help us."

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon: 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.

Celebrant: 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. **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**     *All stand.*

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

**People:** And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

O God, our times are in your hands: look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace. Send your blessings upon them, that their homes may be a haven of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. Psalm 50:14

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Bless the Lord O My Soul*



## PRESENTATION HYMN H-380 v.3

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

*(Spoken at 5:30 pm and sung at 8:00 am and 10:00am)*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here, below. Praise God above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## EUCCHARIST 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 our loving God.

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

**Celebrant:** We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say)

## SANCTUS S128 *(Spoken at 5:30 pm, sung at 8:00 am and 10:00 am)*

*Music on page 14*

**All:** **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

**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 St. Luke 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. **Amen.**

## **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.**

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

**People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

## FRACTION ANTHEM

(Sung at 10:00 am ONLY)

Music on page 15

*The Disciples Knew*

Refrain: **The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking  
of the bread.**

- 1 The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of  
the body of Christ. (Refrain)**
- 2 One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one  
bread. (Refrain)**

## THE INVITATION

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

The Table is ready and ALL are invited. So, come, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. Come, because it is Christ who invites you to meet God here. You are welcome to receive just the Body of Christ or to cross your arms in front of you to receive a blessing from the clergy. (Gluten-free option available, just let your server know.)

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

## EUCCHARIST HYMN H-296

Music in the Hymnal

*We know that Christ is Raised*

### Verse 1

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more  
Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold  
And our despair he turned to blazing joy  
Al - - le - lu - ia

### Verse 2

We share by water in his sav - ing death  
Reborn we share with him an Easter life  
As living members of a living Christ  
Al - - le - lu - ia

### Verse 3

The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life  
The Spirit's power shakes the Church of God  
Baptized we live with God the Three in One  
Al - - le - lu - ia

## **SENDING FORTH TO SERVE**

### **EUCCHARIST VISITOR COMMISSIONING**

On occasion, when communion is to be taken to shut-in parishioners, this liturgy is used, otherwise proceed to the Post Communion Prayer

Deacon: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People: **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

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 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **THE BLESSING**

#### **CLOSING HYMN H-558**

Music in the Hymnal

*Faith of our Fathers*

- 1 Faith of our fathers! living still  
in spite of dungeon, fire and sword:  
O how our hearts beat high with joy,  
whene'er we hear that glorious word:

*Faith of our fathers, holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death.*

- 2 Faith of our fathers! faith and prayer  
shall win all nations unto thee;  
and through the truth that comes from God,  
mankind shall then indeed be free.

*Refrain*

- 3 Faith of our fathers! we will love  
both friend and foe in all our strife:  
and preach thee, too, as love knows how,  
by kindly deeds and virtuous life.

*Refrain*

### **THE DISMISSAL**

Deacon Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### **POSTLUDE**

### Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we are on the ancestral and unceded lands of the Indigenous peoples of this region. This includes the Yavapai people, specifically the Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe and the Yavapai-Apache Nation, as well as the Hualapai Tribe, whose historical and cultural ties to this territory are enduring. We honor the original stewards of this land, who have resided here, and their deep connection to the earth, the water, and all living things. We pledge to honor Indigenous sovereignty, listen to Indigenous voices, and work toward a more just and equitable future in partnership with Native peoples.

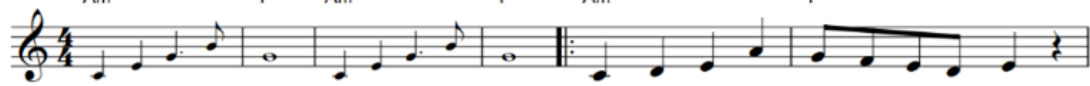
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## Behold Our God

Words and Music by Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird,  
Ryan Baird, and Stephen Altrogge

**VERSE**

♩ = 76   Am<sup>7</sup>   F<sup>2</sup>   Am<sup>7</sup>   F<sup>2</sup>   Am<sup>7</sup>   F<sup>2</sup>



1. Who has held the o - ceans in His hands?  
2. Who has giv - en coun - sel to the Lord?

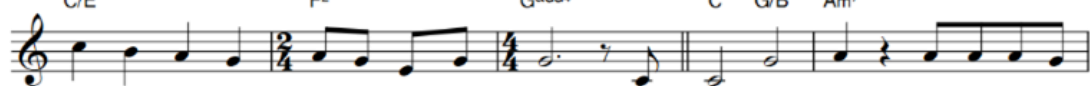
Am<sup>7</sup>   F<sup>2</sup>   C   F<sup>2</sup>



Who has num - bered ev - ery grain of sand?   Kings and na - tions trem - ble at His voice,  
Who can ques - tion an - y of His words?   Who can teach the One who knows all things?

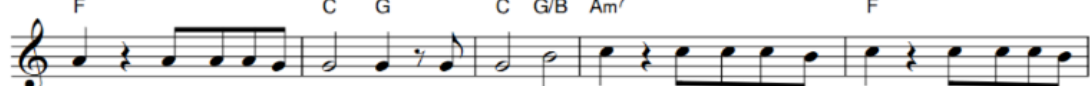
**CHORUS**

C/E   F<sup>2</sup>   Gadd<sup>4</sup>   C   G/B   Am<sup>7</sup>



All cre - a - tion ris - es to re - joice.   Be - hold our God seat - ed on His  
Who can fath - om all His won - drous deeds?

F   C   G   C   G/B   Am<sup>7</sup>   F



throne, Come, let us a - dore Him!   Be - hold our King!   Noth - ing can com - pare, Come, let us a -

C/G   G   Am<sup>7</sup>



dore \_\_\_\_\_ Him!

# Sanctus S128

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

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

# Fraction Anthem

## The Disciples Knew

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord — Je - sus — in the break - ing —

This musical system features a vocal melody in the upper staff and piano accompaniment in the lower staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

*Fine Verses*

— of the bread.

1. The bread which we break, Al-le - lu -
2. One bo - dy are we, Al-le - lu -

This section is marked 'Fine Verses'. It includes two verses of lyrics. The musical notation continues with a repeat sign at the end of the first verse line.

*All repeat Antiphon*

ia, is the com - mun - ion of the Bo - dy of Christ.  
ia, for though — ma - ny we share one — bread.

This section is marked 'All repeat Antiphon'. It contains two lines of lyrics. The musical notation includes a repeat sign at the end of the first line.

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