



An Historic Episcopal Church with a Contemporary Urban Ministry

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2026

10:00 a.m.

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Welcome! As our Lord Jesus Christ said, Peace be with you. Wherever you come from and wherever you are on your journey of faith, we are glad you are with us. Let us enter into God's presence together.

Prelude

Prelude on "Salzburg"

Paul Manz

Based on the tune of hymn 174.

Opening Hymn

"At the Lamb's high feast we sing"

Hymn #174

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

The Celebrant may say

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.**

Kyrie

Leader Ky - ri - e

Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky-ri -

Christ - te e e - le - i - son. Christ - te e - le - i -

son. Chris - te e - le - i - son. Ky - ri -

e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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. **Amen.**

The people are seated

First Lesson

(Ezekiel 33:7-11)

Reader A reading from the Book of Ezekiel:

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?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The antiphon is first sung by a cantor, then repeated by all.

The verses are sung by a cantor. All sing the antiphon where indicated.

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

³⁴Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;

I shall keep it with all my heart.

³⁵Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

³⁶Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain. *Antiphon*

³⁷Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

³⁸Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.

³⁹Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

⁴⁰Behold, I long for your commandments;

by your righteousness enliven me. *Antiphon*

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(Romans 13:8-14)

Reader A reading from the Letter to the Romans:

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn “Where charity and love prevail”

Hymn #581

The Gospel

(Matthew 18:15-20)

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, 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.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Matthew L. Buterbaugh

Nicene Creed

Authorized text from Enriching our Worship 2

**Asterisks indicate a variance from the Book of Common Prayer.*

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,
*was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
*and became truly human.**

**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,**
*who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
*who 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 – Form II

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Matthew, our diocesan Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Christ, have mercy.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people; for Donald, the President of the United States; Tony the Governor of Wisconsin; Cory, the Mayor of Racine; and all those running for office.

Pray for justice and peace.

Christ, have mercy.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, [especially _____; for] the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. We pray for the staff, volunteers and guests of the Hospitality Center, Racine/Kenosha Vocational Ministries, and the Brown Bag Lunch.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Christ, have mercy.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Christ, have mercy.

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially _____],

Pray for those who have died.

Christ, have mercy.

I ask your thanksgiving for all the blessings of our lives [especially _____].

Pray for God's blessing on all people.

Christ, have mercy.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored; for the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Luke, blessed James DeKoven, and all the Saints.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Christ, have mercy.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept for reflection.

Minister and People

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 Priest stands and says

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

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with the following sentence of Scripture

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.

Psalm 50:14

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Offertory

“Moderato”

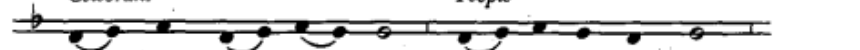
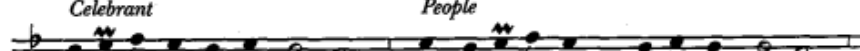
Elizabeth Stirling

Celebrant: All things come of Thee, O Lord

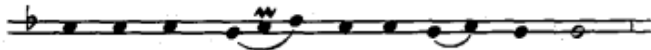
People: **And of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

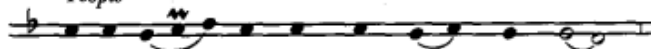
<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
	
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.	
<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
	
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.	

Celebrant



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.



Glo - ry to you for ev - er and ev - er.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.



By your will they were cre - a - ted and have their be - ing.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.



Have mer - cy, Lord, for we are sin - ners in your sight.

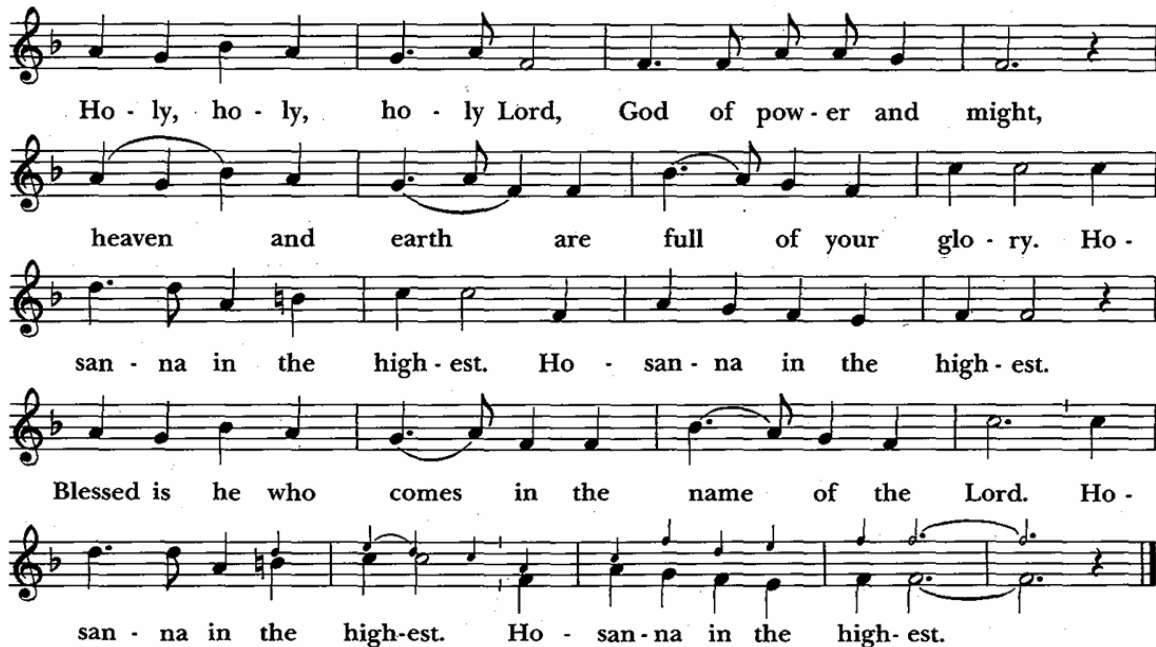
Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.



By his blood, he re - con - ciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus



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

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

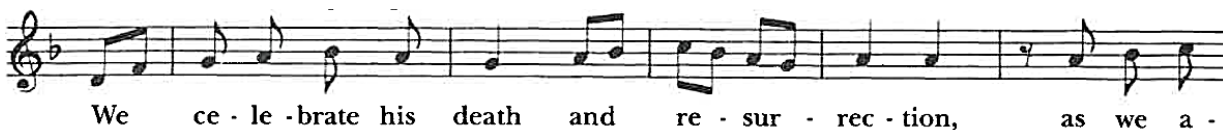
The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,



We ce - le - brate his death and re - sur - rec - tion, as we a -



Lord God of our Ancestors; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Tamar, Rahab and Ruth; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.



Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.



The Lord's Prayer

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

Celebrant and People:

**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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

We break this bread
to share in the Body of Christ.
**We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

Communion

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

In the Episcopal Church, all are welcome at the table of the Lord.

If you have been baptized in any Christian tradition, you may receive communion. If you have not been baptized, you are welcome to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like to receive a blessing or to indicate that you do not want to receive the bread or wine. For a gluten free host, please come to the celebrant and place your thumb in your palm.

Communion Hymn

“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”

1 Draw us in the Spir - it's te - ther, for when hum - bly
2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -

in thy name, two or three are met to - geth - er,
Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Fa - ther
ments of thee, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,

thou art in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!
break the bread and bless the cup: Al - le - lu - ia!
we may true dis - ci - ples be. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now thy gar - ment's hem.
Al - le - lu - ia! So now bind our friend - ship up.
Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve thee faith - ful - ly.

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Post-communion Prayer

The people kneel, if able.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and 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 for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant (Name), we send you out to share Communion this week with (Name).

People **May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence.**

Celebrant May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

The Kenyan Blessing

The people accompany the first three responses with a sweep of the arm towards the cross behind the Holy Table, and their final response with a sweep towards heaven.

Presider: All our problems

People: **We send to the cross of Christ.**

Presider: All our difficulties

People: **We send to the cross of Christ.**

Presider: All the devil's works

People: **We send to the cross of Christ.**

Presider: All our hopes

People: **We set on the risen Christ.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Deacon

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Voluntary on “Hymn to Joy”

Michael Burkhardt

If you are visiting St. Luke’s, we welcome you in the name of the Risen Lord. If you have any questions or want to know more about St. Luke’s Church, please speak with an usher.

TODAY’S MINISTERS

ACOLYTE: Roger Mertins

ALTAR GUILD: Zar Telfeyan

FIRST READER: Geoff Greeley

SECOND READER: Tricia Frost

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Hazel Dickfoss

CANTOR: Madie Lambert

PARISH PERSON OF THE DAY: Grace Ellingham

USHERS: Mike Dillon, Becky Turk

COFFEE HOUR: Birthday Sunday

NEXT WEEK COFFEE HOUR: Friendship Sunday

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For our Parish

For the Church: In the World

Season of Creation

St. Marc’s Church & school in Jeanette, Haiti

Cadnet Edneron and Charline Irossaint

For the Episcopal Ministries in Racine

Congregations of St. Luke's and St. Michael's Diocese of Wisconsin

Hospitality Center

Racine/Kenosha Vocational Ministry

The DeKoven Center

Brown Bag Ministry

Those who are Sick or in Need or Homebound

Bethany, Laandan, Tony, Ron, Gerald, Jean, Olivia, Katie, Sally, Heather, Leah, Elizabeth, George, Gregory, Andrea, John, Marcos, Tory, Irene, Lois, Ron, Ramon, Marvin, Bob, David, Rogelio, Antonio, Brandon **Homebound:** Barbara, Jeanne, Bill

Special Offering

Cash or checks in the offering that are not designated for regular needs will be given to the **St. Hospitality Center**. Thank you for your generous support for this ministry.

Today's **Altar flowers** are given by Darice Griffin to the glory of God and in memory of her mother, and in celebration of her son and granddaughter birthdays.

Friendship Sunday

Next Sunday, September 13, St. Luke's will have a "Bring a Friend" Sunday. Two things you should bring: a friend (not a church member) and a side dish to share. Mark your calendars!

Party on the Pavement

On Saturday, September 19th, St. Luke's Episcopal Church will host an Open House during Racine's Party on the Pavement. Volunteers are needed from noon to 7pm (or earlier) to staff the church for visitors. It's also Brown Bag Lunch Day at noon, so guests will be invited to eat in Simpson Hall. Anyone who is interested in helping, please contact Jessica MacPhail: 262-909-7323, jessica.macphail@gmail.com. Thank you!

Altar Flowers

A reminder that there are openings for our Sunday Altar flowers. Please check the flower chart in Simpson Hall, you can remember a loved one or a special occasion by this nice tribute. If you would like to include a dedication in the bulletin, please either call or email the church office or put your dedication in the collection plate no later than the Wednesday prior to the service. Thanks!

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