



An Historic Episcopal Church with a Contemporary Urban Ministry

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 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

"Like the murmur of the dove's song"

James Biery

Opening Hymn

"God of grace and God of glory"

Hymn #594

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.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson

(1 Kings 3:5-12)

Reader A reading from the First Book of Kings:

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?”

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:129-136

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.

¹²⁹Your decrees are wonderful; therefore I obey them with all my heart.

¹³⁰When your word is opened it gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

¹³¹I open my mouth and pant because I long for your commandments.

¹³²Turn to me and be gracious to me, as you always do to those who love your name.

Antiphon

¹³³Order my footsteps in your word; let no iniquity have dominion over me.

¹³⁴Rescue me from those who oppress me, and I will keep your commandments.

¹³⁵Let your face shine upon your servant and teach me your statutes.

¹³⁶My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your teaching. ***Antiphon***

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Second Lesson

(Romans 8:26-39)

Reader A reading from the Letter to the Romans:

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn “Like the murmur of the dove's song”

Hymn # 513

The Gospel

(Matthew 13:31-33,44-52)

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

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

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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.

Psalms 50:14

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Offertory Voluntary

“Chorale”

Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel

Celebrant: All things come of Thee, O Lord

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

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

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.



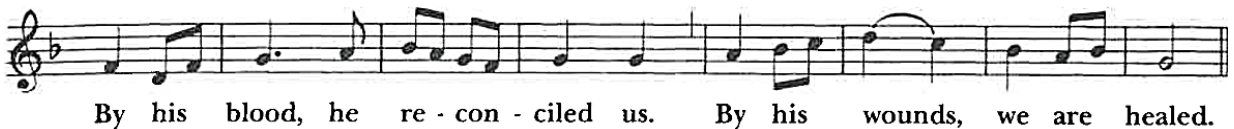
At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.



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.

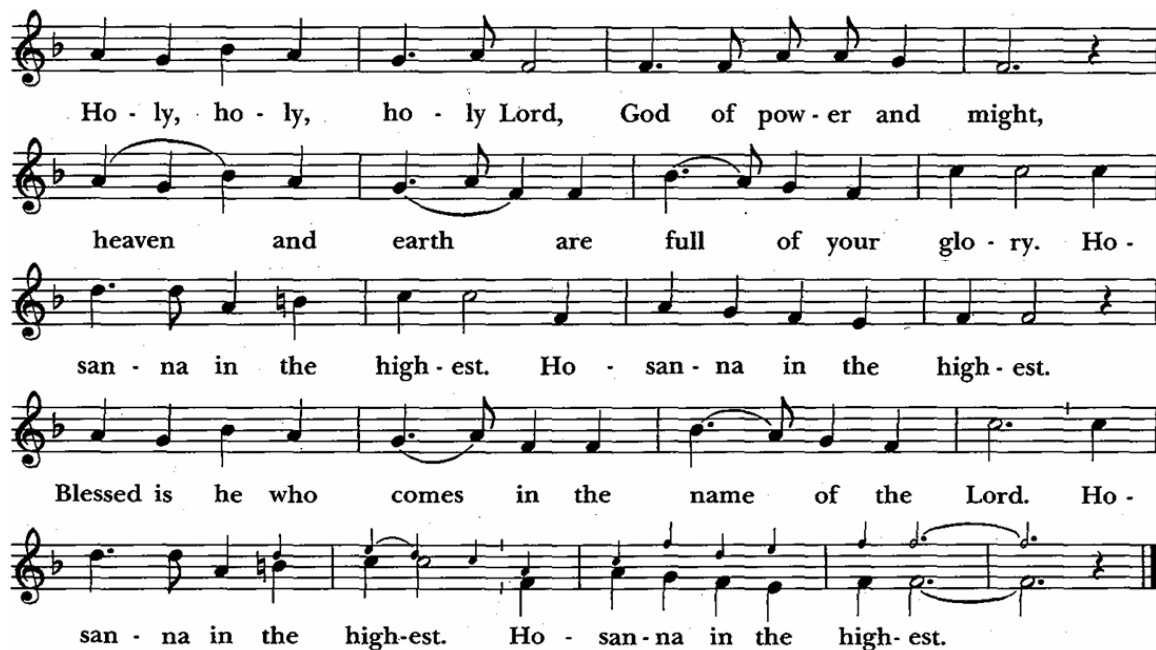


Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.



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.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the soprano range, with some lower notes in the third and fifth staves. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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

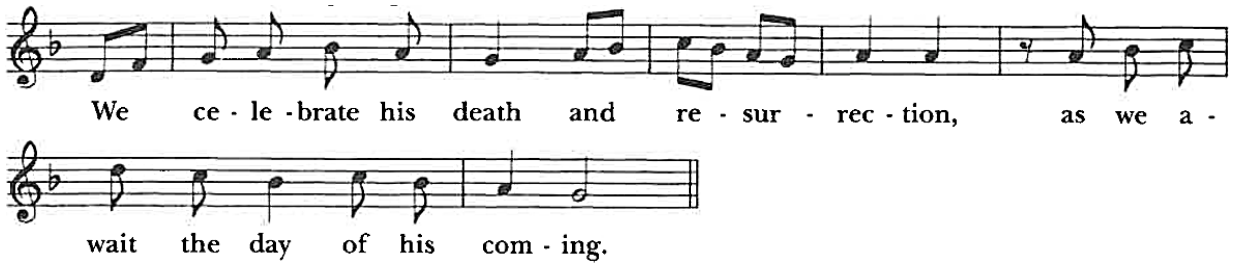
The Celebrant continues

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,



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

“Seek ye first the kingdom of God”

Hymn #711

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 Blessing

Closing Hymn "If thou but trust in God to guide thee" Hymn #635

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude "Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten" J.S Bach

Based on hymn 635

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: Zar Telfeyan

ALTAR GUILD: Cindy Ganzel

FIRST READER: Mick Burke

SECOND READER: Cindy Ganzel

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Tricia Frost

CANTOR: Madie Lambert

PARISH PERSON OF THE DAY: Mick Burke

USHERS: Jessica MacPhail, Becky Turk

COFFEE HOUR: Vestry

NEXT WEEK COFFEE HOUR: Birthday Sunday

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For our Parish

For the Church: In the World

The Anglican Church of Tanzania

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 **Homebound:** Barbara, Jeanne, Bill

Thanksgiving for Birthday: Lisa

Special Offering

Cash or checks in the offering that are not designated for regular needs will be given to the **St. Luke's Discretionary Funds**. Thank you for your generous support for this ministry.

Today's **Altar flowers** are given by Cindy Ganzel to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jennifer Menghe

Milwaukee Milkmen Game

On August 14 at 5:30pm, the Lakeshore Region will do an outing to a Milwaukee Milkmen game. Entry is paid for by the region. If you want a dinner of a Hamburger/Hotdog, chips and a drink, it will be \$5 per person. We are limited to a party of 59, so sign up early. The deadline for signing up is today, July 26. Contact Fr. Matthew for the link to sign up. Thanks!

Friendship Sunday

On 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. More information to come!

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