

**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.

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## **The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost:**

**September 17, 2023**

**10:00 a.m.**

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**Prelude**                      Meditation on        "*St. Helena*"    **David Lasky**

**Opening Hymn**..... "*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*".....**Hymn #690**

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

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

*People*    And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

*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.*

**Canticle:**    "*Glory to God*"    **S280**

#### **The Collect**

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.*

#### **Children's Time**

## **Reading from the book of Exodus (14:19-31)**

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm 114**

1 Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, \*  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

- 2 Judah became God's sanctuary \*  
and Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea beheld it and fled; \*  
Jordan turned and went back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, \*  
and the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \*  
O Jordan, that you turned back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \*  
you little hills like young sheep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, \*  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \*  
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

### **Reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (14:1-12)**

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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**Sequence Hymn**..... "There's a wideness in God's mercy".....**Hymnal #469**

### **The Holy Gospel Matthew (18:21-35)**

*Celebrant:* 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.”

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **The Sermon**

**Rev. Matthew L. Buterbough**

## **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**

Please respond to the bidding “Lord, come to bless us” with “**and fill us with your Spirit**”

### **Confession of Sin**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept. Please kneel or stand.*

*Minister and People*

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.

*The Priest, stands and says*

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.

**Announcements**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory**

*“Forgive our sins as we forgive”*

**Walter L. Pelz**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*Please Stand.*

Book of Common Prayer 361

*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 him thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus**

**S129**

*The people may stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all . . . Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

## *Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

## *The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts . . .

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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**

### **Fraction Anthem**

*“Christ Our Passover”*

**S155**

### **Communion**

*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*



**Communion Hymn.....** *“Forgive our sins as we forgive”* .....**Hymnal #674**

**Post-communion Prayer**

*Celebrant and People*

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 spiritual food in the Sacrament of 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.

**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

**Blessing**

*Please stand.*

**Recessional Hymn.....** *“When Christ was lifted from the earth”* .....**Hymnal #603**

**Dismissal**

**Postlude**

*“Guide me, O thou great Jehovah”*

**Paul Manz**

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*We welcome you to St. Luke's in the name of the Risen Lord. Please join us for fellowship in Simpson Hall immediately following the service - coffee, juice and snacks are available.*

## **TODAY'S MINISTERS**

**ACOLYTE:** Roger Mertins

**ALTAR GUILD:** Marshall Cushman, Chris Schatzman

**FIRST READER:** Tricia Frost

**SECOND READER:** Marshall Cushman

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** Becky Turk

**CANTOR:** Jenna Meola

**PARISH PERSON OF THE DAY:** Becky Turk

**USHERS:** Darice Griffin, David Groth

**COFFEE HOUR:** Men of the Church

**NEXT WEEK COFFEE HOUR:** Vestry

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **For our Parish**

#### **Those who are Sick or in Need or Homebound**

Doris, Debbie, Bethany, Tony, Christi, Chris, Ron, Bob, Lisa, Jean, Jason, Laandan, Ed, Pam,  
Jack, John, Neil, Olivia, Bill, Kathie, Ty, Michael, Julie, Katie, Leah Grace and Esther

**Homebound:** Jeanne, Barbara

#### **For the Episcopal Ministries in Racine:**

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

Hospitality Center

Racine Vocational Ministry

The DeKoven Center

#### **For the Church: In the World**

The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

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

Cadnet Ednerson and Charline Irossaint

#### **For Recent Immigrants to Racine**

Khalid, Christiana, Ayo, Ako, and those arrived from Afghanistan

### **Special Offering**

Cash or checks in the offering that are not designated for regular needs will be given to the following **Racine Vocational Ministries**. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry.

### **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 by this nice tribute.

Today's **Altar flowers** are given by Becky Turk to the glory of God and in memory of her dad, Bob on his birthday month, and thankful for all the Packer games they watched together.

### **Note of Thanks**

Dear People of St. Luke's,

Thank you for the privilege of serving you. It has been a blessed experience and I look forward to seeing you again.

Thank you also for the statue of St. Luke. It was a bit dim in the sanctuary and I saw the winged ox. Only later did I notice a paint brush in St. Luke's hand, as he was the first to paint Mary and the baby Jesus.

This will be a wonderful remembrance of your love and of our time together!

Love and prayers,  
Pastor Nancy Eggert

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