



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

*Sharing, Celebrating and Showing
Jesus Christ's Overflowing, Unconditional Love*

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist II

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 12, 2026

10:00 am



Entry into Worship

✠ Opening Acclamation ✠

Blessed be God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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.

Hymn of Praise

Bless'd Jesus, at thy word

Hymnal, #440

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Children depart for Children's Chapel



The Lessons

Hebrew Scriptures

Genesis 25:19-34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;
the one shall be stronger than the other,
the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 119:105-112

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light upon my path.

¹⁰⁶ I have sworn and am determined to keep your righteous judgments.

¹⁰⁷ I am deeply troubled; preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.

¹⁰⁸ Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, and teach me your judgments.

¹⁰⁹ My life is always in my hand, yet I do not forget your law.

¹¹⁰ The wicked have set a trap for me, but I have not strayed from your commandments.

¹¹¹ Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; truly, they are the joy of my heart.

¹¹² I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes for ever and to the end.

New Testament

Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Hymn

Surely it is God who saves me

Hymnal, #679

The Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they

withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!”

“Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon

Kay Lockhart

The 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.

After the Creed the couple stands before the Celebrant.

Dear friends, God established the bond and covenant of marriage in our creation, and Jesus Christ the Lover of all humankind blessed this shared way of life by his presence and first miracle at a wedding in Cana of Galilee. Marriage is an icon, a powerful sign for us, of the everlasting union between Christ and his Church, and Holy Scripture commends it to be honored among all people.

Julian and Sarah Wheeler, you have come here today in celebration of your twenty-five years of married life together, to renew and reaffirm your vows before God to each other and to seek the blessing of God and his Church upon your marriage. I invite you now, with full heart, soul, mind, and strength, to recall and reaffirm the vows that you made at your wedding.

Julian and Sarah, are you ready to renew and reaffirm your vows?

We are.

Julian, facing Sarah and taking her right hand in his, says

Sarah, you are my beloved wife. With joy and in the name of God, I will continue to have and to hold you from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death. With my body I honor and adore you, all that I am I give to you, and all that I have I share with you, within the love of God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is my solemn vow.

Then they loose their hands, and Sarah, facing Julian, takes his right hand in hers, and says

Julian, you are my beloved husband. With joy and in the name of God, I will continue to have and to hold you from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death. With my body I honor and adore you, all that I am I give to you, and all that I have I share with you, within the love of God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is my solemn vow.

They loose their hands.

The Celebrant then addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who have witnessed these promises do all in your power to continue to uphold Sarah and Julian in their marriage?

People **We will.**

In thanks and joy, let us pray to the Lord.

Blessed are you, heavenly Father.

You give joy to husband and wife.

Blessed are you, Lord Jesus Christ.

You have brought new life to humankind.

Blessed are you, Holy Spirit of God.

You bring us together in love.

Blessed be Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

One God, to be praised for ever. Amen.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

We thank you, Lord.

Eternal God, creator and preserver of all life, author of salvation, and giver of all grace: Look with favor upon the world you have made, and for which your Son gave his life, and especially upon Sarah and Julian whom you have made one flesh in Holy Matrimony. ***Amen.***

We praise you for the gift of marriage in which the love of husband and wife is brought together and reflects your ultimate design and desire of love for the world. We thank you today for Julian and Sarah, and for leading them to each other in friendship and love, commitment and trust, and for bringing them here among us for the blessing of their marriage.

Living God, by the presence of your Holy Spirit, may they know the risen Christ to be with them now, as they celebrate this covenant together. May their lives be a witness to your saving love in this troubled world. ***Amen.***

Continue to bless them with wisdom and devotion in their shared life, that they may be to each other a strength in need, a counselor in perplexity, a comfort in sorrow, and a companion in joy. ***Amen.***

Draw their wills ever more closely together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their life. **Amen.**

Give them grace, when they hurt each other, to recognize and acknowledge their fault, and to seek each other's forgiveness and yours. **Amen.**

Make their life together a sign of Christ's love to this sinful and broken world, that unity may overcome estrangement, forgiveness heal guilt, and joy conquer despair. **Amen.**

Give them continuing fulfillment of their mutual affection, that their lives and their home may be a fountain and wellspring of love and concern for others. **Amen.**

Grant that all married persons who have witnessed these vows may find their own lives strengthened and their loyalties confirmed. **Amen.**

In our common humanity, we are all united one to another, and the living to the dead. We pray that all our lives may be so transformed by your grace, that your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven; where, O Father, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign in perfect unity, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Blessing of the Marriage

The people remain standing. The husband and wife kneel and pray together,

Heavenly Father, we offer you our souls and bodies, our thoughts and words and deeds, our love for one another. Unite our wills in your will, that we may grow together in love and peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Priest says this prayer and blessing.

Most gracious God, we give you thanks for your tender love in sending Jesus Christ to come among us, to be born of a human mother, and to make the way of complete self-giving love to be the way of life. By the power of your Holy Spirit, pour out the abundance of your blessing upon Julian and Sarah joined these many years in Holy Matrimony. Defend them from every enemy. Lead them into all peace. Let their love for each other continue to be a seal upon their hearts, a mantle about their shoulders, and a crown upon their foreheads. Bless them in their labors and their companionship; in their sleeping and their waking; in their joys and their sorrows; in their life and in their death. Finally, in your mercy, bring them and all of us to that great marriage banquet of Christ, where, with all your saints and angels, in the glory of your presence, we will for ever praise you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with his favor look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace;

that you may continue to abide and journey faithfully together in this life, and in the age to come have life everlasting. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

(Greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

Children return from Children's Chapel

Announcements

Offering

Offertory Hymn

Before thy throne, O God, we kneel

Hymnal, #574



The Holy Eucharist

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

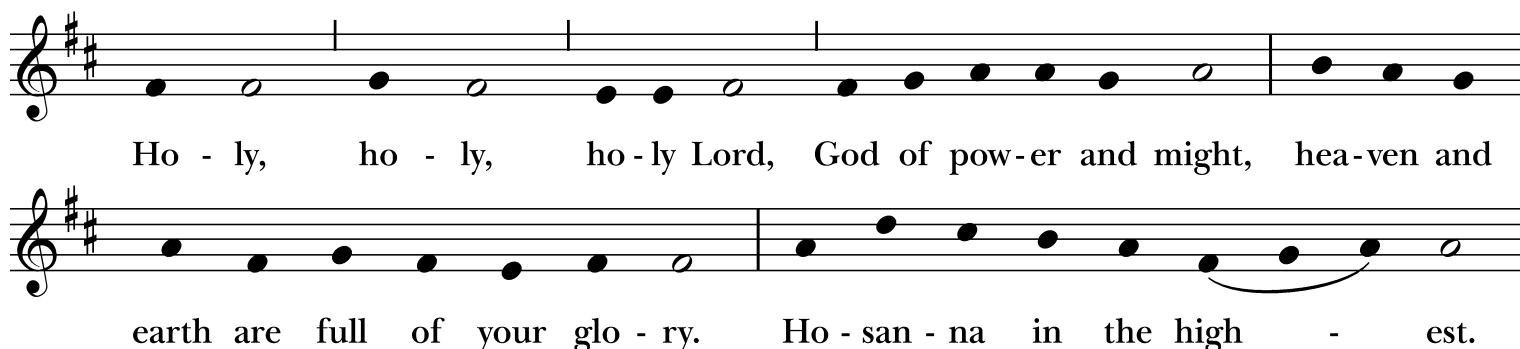
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

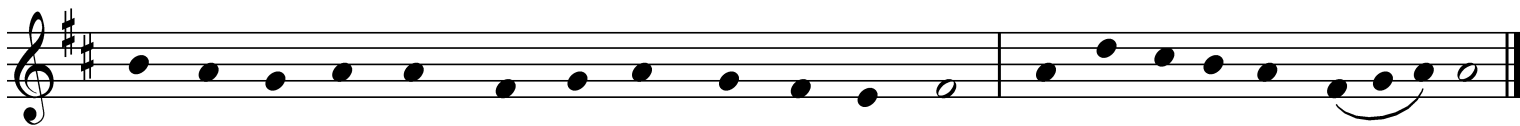
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven 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.

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We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 for ever. *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.

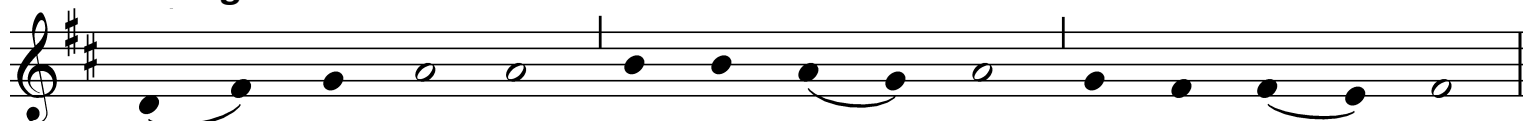
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

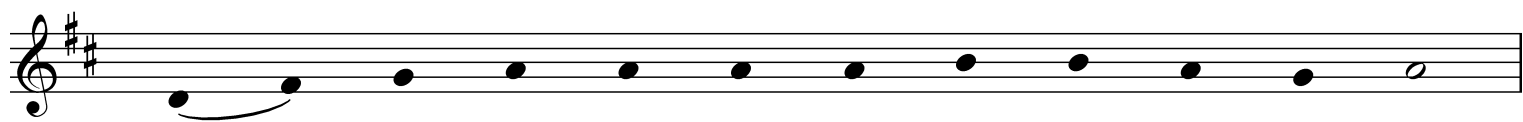
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

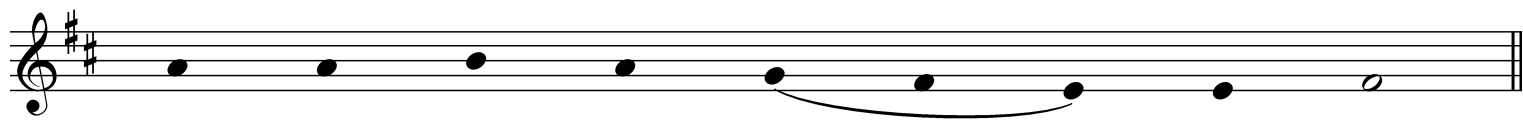
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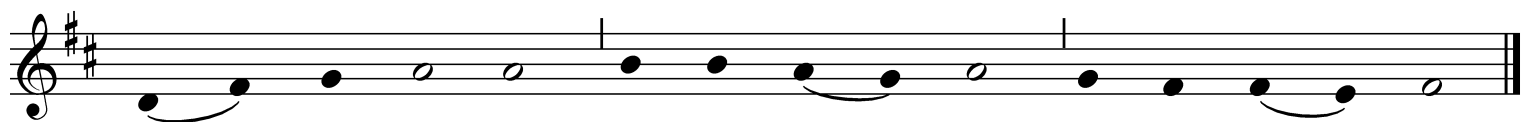
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;



there - fore let us keep the feast.



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Communion

People present may receive. People joining online receive inwardly, continuing to pray.

Communion Hymns

Spirit of the Living God

LEVAS, #115

Musical notation for the hymn 'Spirit of the Living God'. It features a treble and bass clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat major), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: 'Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me,'

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.

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All who hunger gather gladly

WLP, #761

1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na
 2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a
 3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is

is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.
 wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.
 liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.



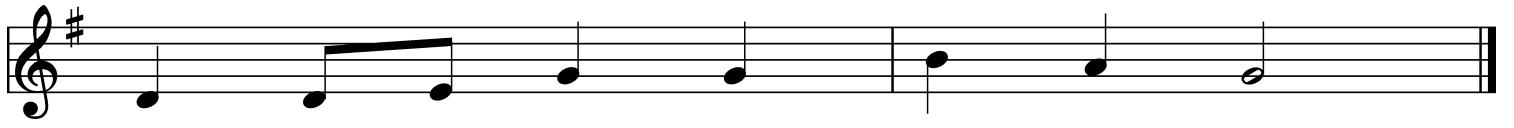
Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for
 Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were
 Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who



days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
 lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.
 from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.



Taste and see that God is good.
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 Taste and see that God is good.

Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993). Music: *Holy Manna*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; alt. harm., *Columbian Harmony*, 1825.

Prayer after Communion

*Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image
 and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
 Now send us forth into the world as a people forgiven, healed, renewed;
 that we may proclaim your love to the world
 and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*



Sending into the World

Hymn

If thou but trust in God to guide thee

Hymnal, #635

Blessing and Dismissal

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. *Thanks be to God.*



***The Liturgy is drawn from a combination of sources:
The Book of Common Prayer (Rite II); The Book of Occasional Services; Enriching Our Worship;
and adaptations to prayers made by the Rector of St. Luke's.***

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Serving Today

Preacher	Kay Lockhart
Readers	Michelle Johnson, Cary Miller
Chalice/Cruet	Kate Dolan, Christopher Wigley
Acolyte	Kate Dolan
Ushers	Jennifer Gardner, Dianne Pratt
Altar Guild	Michelle Johnson
Technology	Kristin Keyes
Greeter	Christopher Wigley
Children's Chapel	Jennifer and Kinzo Mihara

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The Rev. Dr. David Gortner	Rector
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Erica Waterman	Lay Minister, Christian Formation
Eric Betz	Choir Director
Ty Peterson	Organist



Welcome to St. Luke's! We are so glad to have you join us in worship and fellowship. We are a reconciling, affirming and inclusive Christian community. We welcome all people in worship, love and service just as God created them.



God is with you. You are loved. You are welcome here, as we seek to follow Jesus on his Way of Love. Join us as we seek to move deeper in faith, closer in bonds of love, and wider in our sharing, celebrating, and embodying of Jesus' overflowing, unconditional love in North Idaho.

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