



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist II

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 19, 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.

Hymns of Praise

Come, ye thankful people, come

Hymnal, #290

(vs. 1,2,4)

Gloria 3 (Taizé)

Canon
♩ = 80

(A) Dm Gm C F (B)

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

(C) (D)

Glo - ri - a. glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son 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

Old Testament

Genesis 28:10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

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

Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23

- ¹ LORD, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
- ² You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.
- ³ Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- ⁴ You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.
- ⁵ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- ⁶ Where can I go then from your Spirit? where can I flee from your presence?
- ⁷ If I climb up to heaven, you are there; if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- ⁸ If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- ⁹ Even there your hand will lead me and your right hand hold me fast.
- ¹⁰ If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night,"
- ¹¹ Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day;
darkness and light to you are both alike.
- ²² Search me out, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my restless thoughts.
- ²³ Look well whether there be any wickedness in me and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

New Testament

Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

The Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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

Sermon

Cassie Gortner and Caison Farley

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.



The Prayers of the People

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Concluding Collect

Confession and Absolution of Sin

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.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Children return from Children's Chapel

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

(Greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

Announcements

Prayers for Camp Cross

Almighty God, you are in the wind and the waters and the pines. Surround us and walk with us as we work to share your love with the campers and each other; through Jesus Christ, who share your love with the world and your Spirit of Love who moves through all people and all creation. *Amen.*

Holy and Ever-loving God, thank you for the gifts and visions of our summer camps and the amazing experiences of community and closeness to your creation that they bring. Thank you for your presence in the lives of all our youth. May their friendships with each other fill them with hope; may their gathering and their traveling be thin places where your love and mercy

are felt in their lives today and in the years to come. We ask you to bless the time they share and fill their hearts with joy and wonder as they experience wonder, joy, and love at Camp Cross. Guide and protect all the campers, counselors, staff, and volunteers. Grant them safety in their activities, wisdom in their learning, and joy and lovingkindness in their interactions. Help them all grow in friendship and fellowship, building a community rooted in your love. Help them and us to see your presence in the world around us, with each other, and in themselves and ourselves. For all at Camp Cross, may their learnings, adventures, and experiences together build rich memories, enrich their lives, and draw everyone closer to you. May they know you, Jesus, in each other and in everything around them as Emmanuel, God with us, now and always. *Amen.*

2026 Diocesan Prayer

sung to Hymn 25

O Holy One of steadfast love, the fount of hope in whom we trust;
Draw near to us in our laments and bind our broken heartedness.

God, you alone our song and source, sustainer of our very breath;
In every chorus teach your way: do justice, mercy, humbleness.

Our melody we lift to you, Creator of the sea and sky;
Sing glory, laud, and praise utmost, to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Offering

Offertory Hymn

All God's critters got a place in the choir

Camp Cross



The Holy Eucharist

✠ The Great Thanksgiving ✠

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 God 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...

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

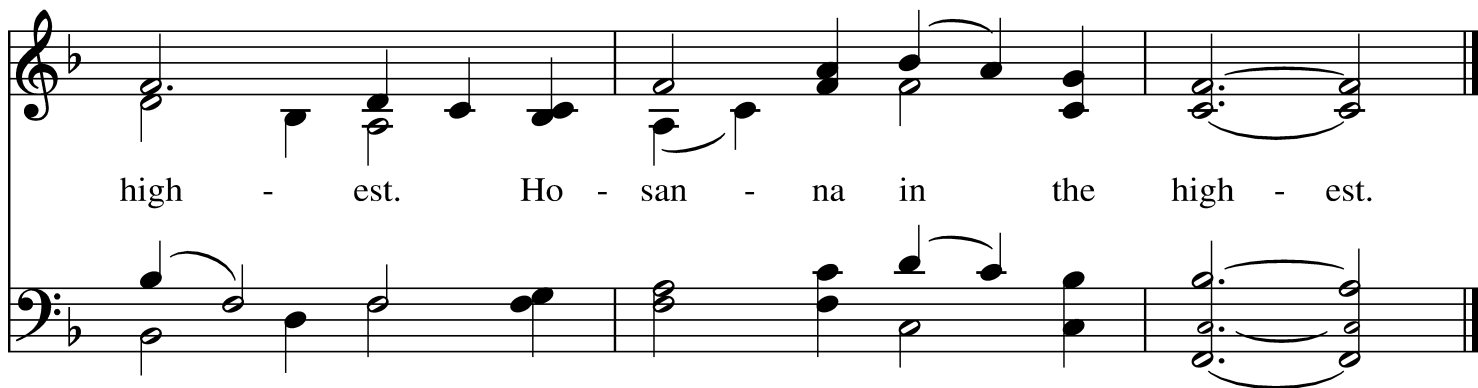
WLP, #858

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



Music: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner, harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983).

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.*

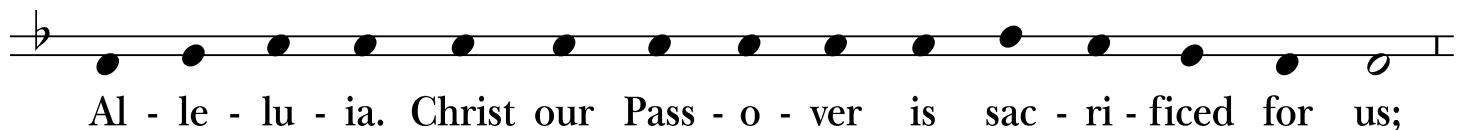
The Lord's Prayer

*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

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal, #S-152



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

Communion

Communion Hymns

Sanctuary

Camp Cross

Father, we thank thee who hast planted

Hymnal, #302

O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God

Hymnal, #505

We are in the Spirit

Camp Cross

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

Earth and all stars

Hymnal, #412

Final verse: Waters and pines, loud praying campers,
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Wind through the leaves, loud chirping songbirds,
Sing to the Lord a new song!

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;
prayers from Camp Cross and Episcopal Camps & Conference Centers;
and adaptations to prayers made by the Rector of St. Luke's.*

Serving Today

Preachers	Cassie Gortner and Caison Farley
Readers	Dave and Nan Palmer
Chalice/Cruet	Matthew Gardner, Kristin Keyes
Acolytes	Melinda Hennig, Matthew Gardner
Ushers	Gordon and Terri Radford
Altar Guild	Debbie Lane
Technology	Michelle Johnson
Greeters	Jeane and Brent Neumark
Children's Chapel	Lyndi Phifer

Clergy & Staff

The Rev. Dr. David Gortner	Rector
The Rev. Glenda Empsall	Deacon
DeDe Pederson	Parish Administrator
Erica Waterman	Lay Minister, Christian Formation
Eric Betz	Choir Director
Jeffrey Barnes	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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