



St. Luke's

Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist II
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 6, 2026
10:00 am



A Reading for Labor Day Weekend

Ecclesiasticus 38:27-32a

So it is with every artisan and master artisan who labors by night as well as by day; those who cut the signets of seals, each is diligent in making a great variety; they set their heart on painting a lifelike image, and they are careful to finish their work.

So it is with the smith, sitting by the anvil, intent on his iron-work; the breath of the fire melts his flesh, and he struggles with the heat of the furnace; the sound of the hammer deafens his ears, and his eyes are on the pattern of the object. He sets his heart on finishing his handiwork, and he is careful to complete its decoration.

So it is with the potter sitting at his work and turning the wheel with his feet; he is always deeply concerned over his products, and he produces them in quantity. He molds the clay with his arm and makes it pliable with his feet; he sets his heart to finish the glazing, and he takes care in firing the kiln.

All these rely on their hands, and all are skillful in their own work. Without them no city can be inhabited, and wherever they live, they will not go hungry.



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

God of grace and God of glory

Hymnal, #594

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.*

Children depart for Children's Chapel



The Lessons



Old Testament

Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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

Psalm 149

¹ Hallelujah!

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

² Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

³ Let them praise his Name in the dance; let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

⁴ For the LORD takes pleasure in his people and adorns the poor with victory.

⁵ Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them be joyful on their beds.

⁶ Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand;

⁷ To wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples;

⁸ To bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron;

⁹ To inflict on them the judgment decreed; this is glory for all his faithful people.

Hallelujah!

New Testament

Romans 13:8-14

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.

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



Gospel Hymn

Zimbabwe Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,

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The Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

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."

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



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

Prayer for Labor Day

Almighty God our heavenly Father, you declare your glory and show forth your handiwork in the heavens and in the earth, and through your Son Jesus Christ in his earthly life you have shared our toil and made work holy: Be present with your people where they work; deliver us in our various occupations from the service of self alone, that we may do our work in truth and beauty and for the common good; make those who carry on the industries and commerce of this land responsive to your will, and guide us in using our public and private wealth that all may find suitable and fulfilling employment, and receive just payment for their labor; give to us all a pride in what we do, and fair compensation and treatment for our labor; as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who came among us as one who serves, and who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*



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



Offering



Offertory Anthem

Albion

Robert Boyd, 1816

Offertory Hymn

Have thy own way, Lord

LEVAS, #145

1. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!_____

2. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!_____

3. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!_____

4. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!_____

1. Thou art the pot - ter, I am the clay! _____
 2. Search me and try me, Mas - ter, to - day! _____
 3. Wound - ed and wea - ry, Help me, I pray! _____
 4. Hold o'er my be - ing Ab - so - lute sway! _____

1. Mold me and make me Aft - er thy will, _____
 2. Pur - er than snow, Lord, Wash me just now, _____
 3. Pow - er all pow - er Sure - ly is thine! _____
 4. Fill with thy Spir - it 'Til all shall see _____

1. While I am wait - ing, Yield - ed and still. _____
 2. As in thy pres - ence Hum - bly I bow. _____
 3. Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine! _____
 4. Christ on - ly, al - ways, Liv - ing in me! _____

Words: Adelaide A. Pollard (1862-1934). Music: George C. Stebbins (1846-1945).



The Holy Eucharist



† The Great Thanksgiving †

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us adore the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

We praise and adore you with all our hearts and minds and strength, O God, for from the very beginning you delighted in your creation. You exulted to play among your sons and daughters. You urged our universe into being, breathing life into the void, and, over primal waters, sending out your Word to call forth the creatures of the deep.

You filled us, also, with your breath of life. Our bodies move in harmony of movement with all that surrounds us. In the dance of creation, the world joins with your Spirit and anticipates the fulfillment of your presence.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it.

Let the trees clap their hands, and the rivers sing with joy.

You set us a place in this your garden of delight, where we could take our part in creation. And now, in gratitude, in deep gratitude, we join our voices with all your creatures in ceaseless song:

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

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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



Holy and Divine Lover, you have never ceased to bless us, and shower us with gifts. You formed us in your image. You gave us the breath of life, the power to know, the ability to delight, and the desire to share with creation in your abundance.

But how often we have betrayed you, and squandered your gifts! How often we have deceived ourselves, and hurt one another! We sought only after ourselves, and we tried to possess what we were meant to enjoy, leaving us without happiness, fulfillment, or passion.

Yet, though we are daily unfaithful to you, you have never abandoned us. Daily you have searched us out and called to us. And when we could only see you as Judge, remote and unapproachable, you came to us tender and vulnerable. You lured us again and again to rekindle our love for you and your creation. You have never abandoned us.

I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine.

Through the ages, you have endured our fickleness, as we turn against each other, as we refuse you, as we search for you, lonely but arrogant and despising of ourselves. Dining with Abraham and Sarah, wrestling through the night with Jacob and calling Moses to approach you on bare feet, in ever-new ways you continued to pledge yourself to us. With a shielding cloud in the heat of day and a fiery light in the darkness, you journeyed with your chosen people Israel through the wilderness.

I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine.

To consummate your love for us, your very Word of invitation became flesh, conceived in Mary's womb as Jesus, your child. You held Mary, body and soul, in your embrace, bringing forth in her the fullness of Delight in the birth of Jesus. Jesus lived among us. He ate and drank with us, in our greatest joys and deepest woes. His only rebuke for the arrogant and proud, Jesus turned none aside from his care.

We rejected him in the body, nailing him to a tree. But you triumphed over us, and raised him bodily from the dead. And our salvation was won.

I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine.

What gift can we give in return? You gave your only child, that we might have life. We offer you ourselves, our souls and bodies. And we set this table: Bread and Wine for us to share.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

And so we declare the great mystery of love:

Christ you dwelt among us.

Christ you died at our hands.

Christ you rose again.

Christ we long for your return.

Divine love, Holy wisdom, Author and Source of all, come down upon this meal of bread and wine. Move over it in a new creation. By your Holy Spirit, make this bread and wine the gift of your presence, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Embrace your people, O God.

Praise to you, O Lord, for the goodness of this food and drink. As we take the bread on our tongue, the wine to our lips, we ask you to feed us with your presence, now known to our senses. By your Holy Spirit, make us also holy, that we may receive your gifts without shame or anxiety, and be united with you and one another through this Sacrament of your Love.

Embrace your people, O God.

May your redemption spread from this feast across the whole creation, that all may be made new, clean, and holy in You. Draw us again to live beneath your shadow, that we and all creation may flourish as a garden and blossom like the vine.

As grain was scattered over the hillsides and then was brought together and made one in this bread, so let all your people be brought together from the ends of the earth into your Kingdom.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you, our God and Creator, in voices of unending praise.

Amen.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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

LEVAS, #269

Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the



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The Bread is broken

Whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst, says the Lord.

Words of Invitation

Eat, my friends, and drink, and be filled with joy and love.

Communion

Communion Hymns

Christ the worker

Hymnal, #611

New every morning is the love

Hymnal, #10

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

Go forth for God; go to the world in peace

Hymnal, #347

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.*

The Eucharistic Prayer was written by the Rector of St. Luke's and approved by the Bishop.

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Serving Today

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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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