

Welcome to the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd and St. Luke

We welcome you to this celebration of God's Good News!
Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith,
you are welcome here!

May God's blessing and peace be with you.

The Rt. Rev. Deon K. Johnson, *Bishop of Missouri*
The Rev. C. Earl Mahan, *Rector*
The Rev. Dr. Pamela Stuerke, *Assisting Priest*
The Rev. Dr. Angela Ferree, *Deacon*
Bobbi Reese, *Organist and Choir Director*
Chris Sturgeon, *Contemporary Music Director*



Please silence cell phones during the church service.

***Due to covid-19 restrictions, we will not be passing an offertory plate.
Please place your gifts and offerings in the offertory plate
located at the rear of the church. Thank you!***



Liturgical Participants for June 26, 2022

Rt. Rev. Deon K. Johnson, *Preacher and Presider*
Rev. C. Earl Mahan, Rev. Dr. Pamela Stuerke, *Assisting Priests*
Rev. Dr. Angela Ferree, *Deacon*
Kathy Joslin, Carie Kennedy, *Lectors*
Bobbi Reese, Bernard Barth, Connor Donnelly, Jennifer Holtmann,
Joanne Owen, Mary Scott, Vicki Thompson, *Musicians*
Carie Kennedy, Paul Mercurio, *Counters*
Carol Link, Brenda Finch, *Altar Guild*
Barry Schenck, Mark Dinzler, *Videography*

ORDER OF WORSHIP
THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

Processional Hymn Christ is made the sure foundation Hymn 518

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***
Presider There is one Body and one Spirit;
People ***There is one hope in God's call to us;***
Presider One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People ***One God and Father of all.***

Presider God is with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Presider Let us pray.

THE OPENING COLLECT

Presider Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON: 1 Kings 19:15-16,19-21

The LORD said to Elijah, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place."

So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 16 *Conserva me, Domine* (Said by all)

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."
All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.
But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.
Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.
My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.
I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.
For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

THE SECOND LESSON: Galatians 5:1,13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

Sequence Hymn

In your mercy, Lord, you called me

Hymn 706

THE GOSPEL: Luke 9:51-62

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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

THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Deon K. Johnson

CONFIRMATION

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Bishop The Candidate will now be presented.

Presenter I present Ellie Burd for Confirmation.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

Bishop Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Ellie in her life in Christ?

People ***We will.***

Bishop Let us join with Ellie who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

People ***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.***

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People ***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.***

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People ***I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.***

- Presider* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
- People* ***I will, with God's help.***
- Presider* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
- People* ***I will, with God's help.***
- Presider* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
- People* ***I will, with God's help.***
- Presider* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
- People* ***I will, with God's help.***
- Presider* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
- People* ***I will, with God's help.***

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

- Bishop* Let us now pray for Ellie who has renewed her commitment to Christ.
- Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in Ellie, your servant, the covenant you have made with her at her Baptism. Send her forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before her; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Bishop lays hands upon the Candidate

Bishop Strengthen, O Lord, your servant, Ellie, with your Holy Spirit; empower her for your service; and sustain her all the days of her life. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over this your servant; let your Holy Spirit ever be with her; and so lead her in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that she may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader As Elijah cast his mantle over Elisha and summoned him into your service, so grant to us a willingness to follow where you have led the way, and lay upon us a mantle of truth:

People ***Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing.***

Leader For freedom Christ has set us free, not for self-indulgence, but that we might love our neighbor as our very selves. So make us to stand firm that we may no more submit to the yoke of slavery:

People ***I am persuaded that your love is established for ever.***

Leader Lead us by your Spirit, and grant us the fruits of discipleship, even love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control; that we who live by the Spirit may be guided by the Spirit:

People ***You have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.***

Leader Be with the "Requiem or Renaissance" congregations and the St. Luke's / Good Shepherd team, as they discern, with God's help, the trajectory of their parishes' future. Lord, in your mercy,

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Leader When your Church is subject to enmity while striving for the Gospel, help us never to return hostility in kind, and to find love for those who hate us:

People ***Happy are the people who know the festal shout.***

- Leader* Gird up our sick, O Lord, and especially those for whom our prayers are now offered, (the people may offer their petitions), that they may be strong in the midst of any adversity, and claim the gifts of the Spirit for their own:
- People* ***You are the glory of our strength.***
- Leader* Teach us not to desire too much creature comforts and material goods, for “foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head”:
- People* ***We walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.***
- Leader* Fix our gaze on the prize ahead, and give us strength for the tasks before us, for “no one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God”:
- People* ***We rejoice daily in your Name and sing to you in the night watch!***

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

- Leader* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
Silence
- All* ***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.***
- Presider* 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

All stand.

- Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.
People ***And also with you.***

The Ministers and People greet one another with the Peace of God.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Music

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them up to the Lord.***

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

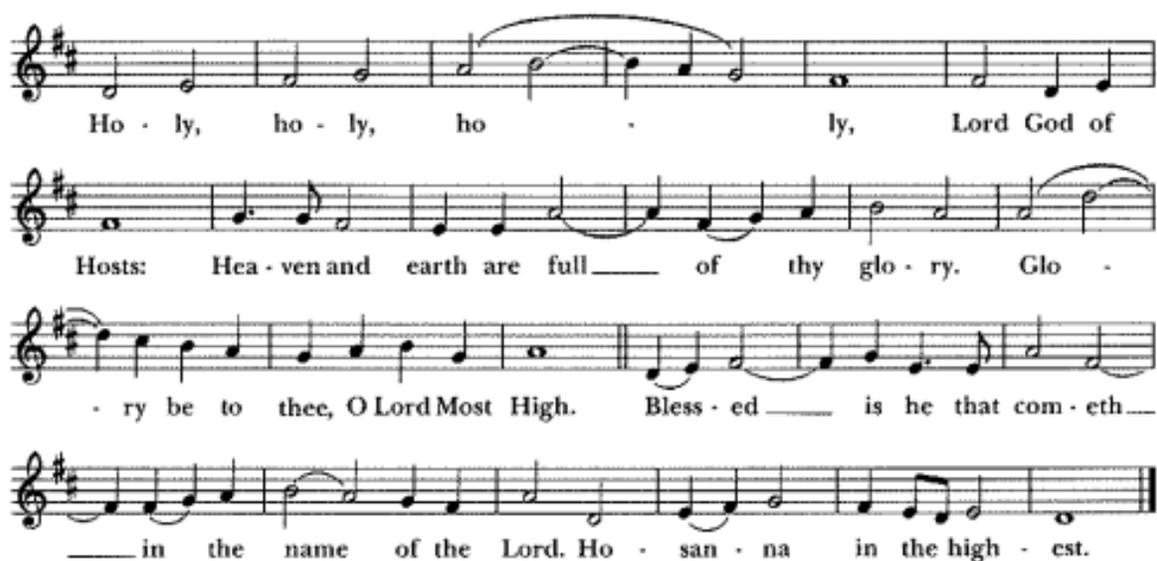
Presider It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory.

Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All ***Christ has died.***
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.

Presider Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

All ***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,
forever and ever. Amen.***

THE BREAKING OF BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia. Christ, our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People ***Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

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 sins of the world: grant us peace.

THE INVITATION

Presider: This is the banquet of the Lamb.
 It is made ready for those who love God,
 and for those who want to love God more.
 So, come you who have much faith, and you who have little;
 You who have been here often, and you who have not been here long;
 You who have tried to follow, and you who have failed.
 Come because it is the Lord who invites you;
 it is Christ's will that those who want him should meet him here.
 The Gifts of God for the People of God!

A consecrated gluten-free wafer may be requested from the Presider.

Music during Communion

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider God is with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Presider Let us pray.

People ***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 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.***

THE BLESSING

The Presider blesses the people.

Presider God's Blessing be with you,
Christ's peace be with you,
the Spirit's outpouring be with you,
now and always. Amen. *(source: Celtic)*

Recessional Hymn

Ye holy angels bright

Hymn 625

THE DISMISSAL

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

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Postlude

Immediately following the Dismissal, the ministers and people will gather outside at the labyrinth for the Dedication and Blessing of The Labyrinth, by the Bishop. A reception will then follow, in the parish hall. All are welcome!

PRAYERS FOR THE DEDICATION AND BLESSING OF A LABYRINTH

Leader Heavenly God of Blessing, be with us as we consecrate and dedicate this Sacred Path. Send your Spirit to bless this labyrinth and all who encounter it. Sanctify this place of prayer and contemplation.

All **"Show me your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths."** (Psalm 25:4)

Leader Loving Shepherd, grant that those who come seeking you, may know your voice.

All **"My steps have held your paths; my feet have not slipped. I call on you, O God, for you will answer me."** (Psalm 17:5-6)

Leader Teacher, grant that those who come for guidance, may discover your understanding.

All **"Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight."** (Psalm 119:35)

Leader Holy Wisdom, grant that those who come in search of meaning, may be enlightened.

All **"Teach me your way, O Lord; and I will walk in your truth."** (Psalm 86:11)

Leader Lord of Life, grant that those who come seeking your support, may be encouraged.

All **"When my spirit grows faint within me, it is you who knows my way."** (Psalm 142:3)

Leader Great creator, grant that those who come to celebrate, may find the freedom to dance.

All **"You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence."** (Psalm 16:11)

Leader Mighty Counselor, grant that those who come seeking forgiveness, may be lifted up, opened to reflection, transformation and reconciliation, and freed to step forward, in celebration and life renewed.

All **"I run in the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free."** (Psalm 119:32)

Leader Holy Guide, grant that those who come as pilgrims, filled with questions, may discover a ready source of wisdom, power, and awe.
All **"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path."**
(Psalm 119:105)

Leader God of All, grant that this labyrinth may bring together your faithful people in service to one another and to the world and that your Holy Name may be glorified. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray.
All **Amen.**

(Litany by Lisa Gidlow Moriarty)

Presider O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray you, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God. **Amen.**
(Collect for Quiet Confidence, BCP p.832)

Presider Dear Creator and Guide, our God, be with us today as we dedicate and set apart this Sacred Path. Grant that those who come to it seeking your wisdom may find it. Grant that those who come to it seeking your healing, may receive it. Grant that those who come with guilt may be freed for transformation and become able to reconcile the past and be released to walk into the future celebrating the gift of life. Grant that those who come as a pilgrim seeking whatever answers they need, may find you a ready source of love, power, and peace. We ask you to hallow +, bless + and sanctify + this labyrinth with your benediction, and grant that it may continually and effectually bring together your faithful people to magnify by praise and work your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Presider The peace of our Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you!**

Presider Let us walk in the peace of Christ, alleluia, alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

Please join us for a reception in the Parish Hall.