

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. Angela Ferree, *Deacon*
Bobbi Reese, *Organist and Choir Director*
Chris Sturgeon, *Contemporary Music Director*
Debbie Boles, *Parish Administrator*



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 September 18, 2022

Rev. C. Earl Mahan, *Celebrant and Preacher*
Rev. Angela Ferree, *Deacon*
Chris Sturgeon, *Lector*
Bobbi Reese, Bernard Barth, Katharine Brown,
Heidi Hoffman Brown, Connor Donnelly, Jennifer Holtmann,
Joanne Owen, Vicki Thompson, *Musicians*
Mickey Harrison, Paul Mercurio, *Counters*
Carol Link, Brenda Finch, *Altar Guild*
Barry Schenck, Mark Dinzler, *Videography*

ORDER OF WORSHIP
THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

Processional Hymn Judge eternal, throned in splendor Hymn 596

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

Celebrant 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.***

GLORIA

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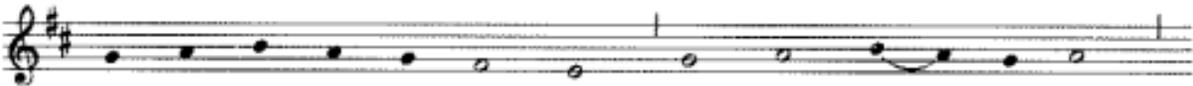
1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



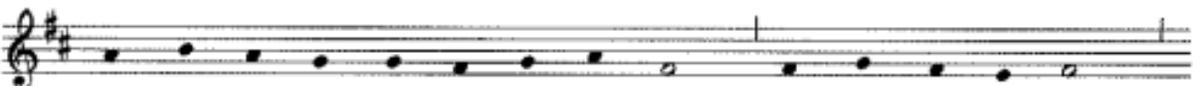
2. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, -



we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



4. you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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

THE OPENING COLLECT

Celebrant Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

My joy is gone, grief is upon me,
my heart is sick.

Hark, the cry of my poor people
from far and wide in the land:

"Is the LORD not in Zion?
Is her King not in her?"

("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images,
with their foreign idols?")

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended,
and we are not saved."

For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,
I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

Is there no balm in Gilead?
Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people
not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water,
and my eyes a fountain of tears,
so that I might weep day and night
for the slain of my poor people!

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

Psalm 79:1-9 *Deus, venerunt* (*Said by all*)

O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;
they have profaned your holy temple;
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.

They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air,
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.

They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem,
and there was no one to bury them.

We have become a reproach to our neighbors,
an object of scorn and derision to those around us.

How long will you be angry, O LORD?
will your fury blaze like fire for ever?

Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.

For they have devoured Jacob
and made his dwelling a ruin.

Remember not our past sins;
let your compassion be swift to meet us;
for we have been brought very low.

Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name;
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,
who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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

THE GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

THE SERMON

The Rev. C. Earl Mahan

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand.

Leader Let us profess our faith.

Silence

***People:* 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Leader Give to us a balm in Gilead and restore the poor, for they have languished in sorrow too long. May we receive a portion of the prophet's spirit to contend for them, and hearts that feel the pain of tears:

People ***Help us O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name.***

Leader Grant to your Church the passion of Jeremiah and the prudence of Timothy that we may not fall into any complacency, neither be taken captive by any ideology in our quest to serve Christ's Gospel, remembering especially the laity, clergy and bishops of our diocese:

People ***Deliver us and forgive our sins, for your Name's sake.***

Leader Because we have been taught to be faithful with our temporal goods that we may be entrusted also with true riches, grant us wisdom and discernment and a spirit of generosity in our earthly stewardship:

People ***Help us O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name.***

Leader We intercede for our President, for our Congress and Supreme Court, and for all in positions of national authority, that we might lead peaceable lives in all quietness and dignity, strive for the increase of right and liberty, and labor for the common good:

People ***Deliver us and forgive our sins, for your Name's sake.***

Leader Remember our sick, Lord Christ, especially those for whom our prayers are now offered (*the people may offer their petitions*), tend the suffering, soothe the dying, and raise the poor from their distress:

People ***Help us O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name.***

Leader Lead us into the knowledge of the truth revealed through the one mediator Jesus Christ, and make us heralds in our day of the quest for light and faith:

People ***Deliver us and forgive our sins, for your Name's sake.***

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

People ***Hear our prayer.***

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

Leader God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence

All ***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.***

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Offertory Music

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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

S125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant Holy and gracious God:
 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 maker of all.
 Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross,
 and offered himself in obedience to your will,
 a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death,
 our Savior 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 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 shed for you and for many
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.***

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God,
in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.
Recalling Christ’s death, resurrection, and ascension,
we offer you these gifts.
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit
to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son,
the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ.
Sanctify us also
that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament,
and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace;
and at the last day bring us with all your saints
into the joy of your eternal kingdom.
All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior.
By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God,
now and for ever. ***AMEN.***

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant "I am the bread of life" says the Lord.

"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, whoever believes in me will never thirst."

People ***Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in God!***

AGNUS DEI

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O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
 on us. O Lamb of God, that
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
 mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
 world, grant us thy peace.

THE INVITATION

Celebrant 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 Celebrant.

Music during Communion

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand.

Celebrant Let us pray.
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.***

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant blesses the people.

Closing Hymn

We walk by faith, and not by sight

Hymn 209

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude