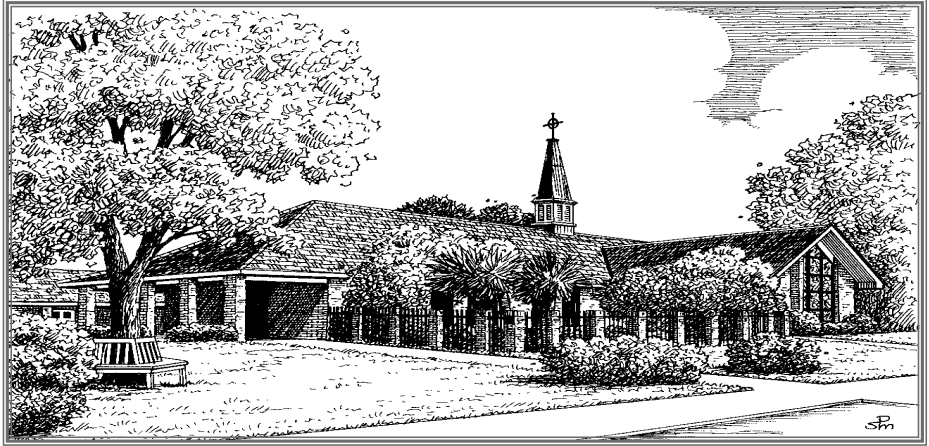


# ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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August 10, 2025—10:00 a.m.  
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



*Worshipping God; Caring for others; Growing in Christ.*

(Romans 12:1; Galatians 5:14; Ephesians 4:15)

The Reverend Dr. Bryan Owen, Rector

The Reverend Trish Toburen, Associate Rector & Chaplain

## ***Mission Statement:***

*“We are a community committed to caring for one another,  
to spiritual growth, and to bringing others closer  
to God through Jesus Christ.”*



# MINISTRY OF THE WORD FROM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

*The following is sung by the Congregation, all standing*

Opening Hymn

Hymn No. 636

How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.  
Amen.

*The Celebrant continues*

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.*

*The following is sung by the Congregation, all standing*

Gloria

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Collect for Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

*Reader*                      The Word of the Lord.

*People*                      Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 33:12-22

- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! \*  
    happy the people he has chosen to be his own!
- 13 The LORD looks down from heaven, \*  
    and beholds all the people in the world.
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze \*  
    on all who dwell on the earth.
- 15 He fashions all the hearts of them \*  
    and understands all their works.
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; \*  
    a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; \*  
    for all its strength it cannot save.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, \*  
    on those who wait upon his love,
- 19 To pluck their lives from death, \*  
    and to feed them in time of famine.
- 20 Our soul waits for the LORD; \*  
    he is our help and our shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, \*  
    for in his holy Name we put our trust.
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, \*  
    as we have put our trust in you.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reader	The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

*All stand and remain standing for the Gospel.*

*The following is sung by the Congregation.*

Sequence Hymn

Hymn No. 510

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

*Deacon or Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

*Deacon or Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Fr. Bryan Owen

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.

### Prayers of the People Form III

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

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.

## Confession of Sin

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

## Silence

*Celebrant and People*

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.



*The Celebrant stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord 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. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another.*

Announcements

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Hagenberg

Alleluia

Doxology

Hymn No. 380, v.3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant says*

The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is said by the Celebrant who then continues with*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*The following is sung by the Congregation*

Sanctus

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*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all.

He 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 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 your Son Jesus Christ: 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

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

*Celebrant and People*

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

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Receiving Holy Communion** - *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion in The Episcopal Church.*

*The following is sung by the Congregation.*

Communion Hymn

Hymn No. 335

I Am the Bread of Life

Communion Hymn

Hymn No. 383

Fairest Lord Jesus

*When there is a dismissal of Lay Eucharistic Visitors, the following form is used:*

## Dismissal of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

*The Celebrant and People say together:*

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many share one bread, one cup, because we are one Body in Christ Jesus. *Amen.*

## Post Communion Prayer

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and 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.

## Blessing

*The priest blesses the people, saying*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

*The following is sung by the Congregation, all standing*

## Closing Hymn

Hymn No. 544

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

## Dismissal

*A Deacon or Priest says the Dismissal*

*The People respond:*        Thanks be to God.

## Postlude



## Lay Ministers Serving Today

### Acolyte

Harrison Breaux

Madeline McDowell

Isaac Juban

### Altar Guild

Susan Alligood

Joan Barron

Lynda Bedeian

Jeanmarie Hinkle

Jan McNaughton

Cheryl Patterson

Marsha Sills

Liz Guerry

### Lector

Elise Roberson

### LEM

Joseph Kahler

Martha Singletary

Adam McDowell

### MC

Denise Carvalho

### Usher

Wallace VanNortwick

Tom Cole

Cameron Roberson

Rob Hawkins

### LEV

Mary Tharp

Mary Lee Bass

### Greeter

Brenda Randall

### Flower Guild

Loree Fields

Mary Tharp

### **Parish Choir**

Jennie Bae	Robin Sills
Skyler Bluemel	Sarah Stogner-Dickinson
Owen Cope	Ben Thomas
Steve Irving	Laura Thomas
Keith James	Nina Wachter
Jennifer Johnson	Dr. Richard Webb
Cody King	Dr. Mark Zielinski
Ana Litvinoff	Rhonda Zielinski
Katherine Norton	Terry R. Bowman, Director
Dr. Jo Ann Puissegur	Don Hill, Accompanist

### **Hospitality Team**

Marianne Denker	Robin Coever
Joanne Carver	Jean Blanche
Brookie Allphin	Robin Sills
Jason Danos	Carolyn Grace Millet
Mary Leteff	Brittany Allphin-Smith
Rob Hawkins	Wanda Halkett
Bridget Collins	Margo Gonzalez
Jackie Lawless	Chinyere Agu

### **Vestry**

Joe Kahler-Sr. Warden	Sharon Edmon
Courtney Breaux-Jr. Warden	Steve Irving
Janie Braud-Secretary	Adam MacDowell
Lacey Allphin Anderson	Gloria McKenzie
Brian Binck	David Palmer
Gordon Denker	Laura Thomas

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS ARE  
GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
IN MEMORY OF KELLY ROOT BY  
HIS WIFE STACY AND HIS CHILDREN,  
EMILEE, CATHERINE, ELIZABETH LOUISE AND  
DONALD AARON ROOT