

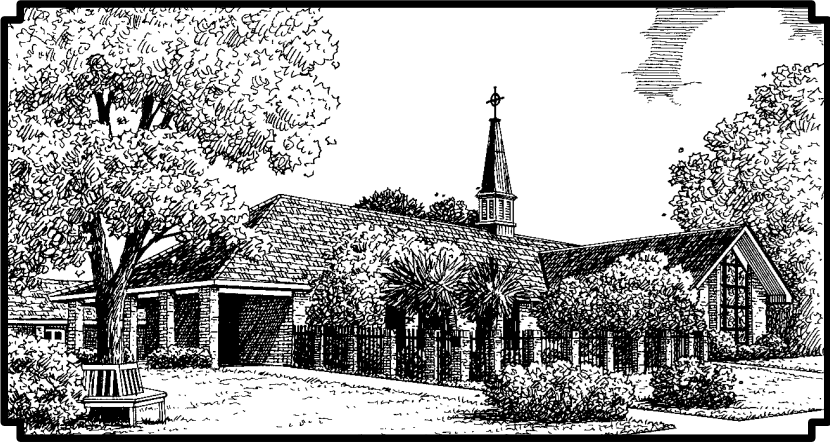
ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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July 26, 2026 - 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

No. 388

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

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

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. 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 the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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.

First Lesson

I Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God

said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:129-136

- 129 Your decrees are wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
- 130 When your word goes forth it gives light; *
it gives understanding to the simple.
- 131 I open my mouth and pant; *
I long for your commandments.
- 132 Turn to me in mercy, *
as you always do to those who love your Name.
- 133 Steady my footsteps in your word; *
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
- 134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, *
and I will keep your commandments.
- 135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant *

and teach me your statutes.

I 36 My eyes shed streams of tears, *
because people do not keep your law.

Second Lesson

Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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.



Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to

them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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

Sermon

The Rev. Canon Morgan MacIntire

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

Written by the youth of St. Luke's

Let us pray for the Church and the world.

Silence

We pray for the Church and Christians around the world. We pray you strengthen their faith, encourage their hearts, and empower them to be bold witnesses of your love.

Silence

We pray for the leaders of this nation, especially President Trump, Governor Landry and Mayor-President Edwards. We ask that they be guided by principles of peace, justice, and respect for human dignity.

Silence

We pray for the world and its inhabitants, especially those who are vulnerable—the poor, the hungry, the displaced, and those affected by natural disasters. Strengthen those who work to bring aid and comfort, and open our hearts to be instruments of Your love and mercy. Teach us to be faithful stewards of Your gifts, caring for the land, waters, and all living creatures.

Silence

We pray for the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana, especially Bishop Duckworth and all who hold leadership positions in the church. That they may be filled with Your grace, encouraged in their calling, and equipped to nurture and guide those they serve

Silence

We pray for the community of St. Luke's and its leaders, including Fr. Bryan, Mtr. Trish, the vestry, building committee, and all other ministries of St. Luke's. We ask that you bless this congregation, that we may be a

people of hospitality, compassion, and grace. Strengthen the bonds that unite us, and help us to support and encourage one another in our faith journey.

Silence

We pray for the greater Baton Rouge community, the police department, and the fire department, including their leaders, police chief Morse and fire chief Kimble. Grant them wisdom in their leadership, courage in their service, and strength for each new day. Watch over them as they risk their lives for the safety and well-being of others.

Silence

We pray for those battling illness, pain, or facing uncertainty that they will experience light and hope in moments of darkness or despair. Grant them strength, wisdom, patience, compassion, and rest.

Silence

We pray for the departed and ask that you surround the grieving with Your love. Give them the peace that surpasses all understanding.

Silence

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

Silence

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

Talmadge

Sing Alleluia Forth

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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.

<i>Celebrant</i>	Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
<i>People</i>	Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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	No. 615
"Thy Kingdom Come!" On Bended Knee	

Communion Hymn	No. 564
He Who Would Be Valiant Be	

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

No. 601

O Day of God, Draw Nigh

Dismissal

A Deacon or Priest says the Dismissal

The People respond: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Lay Ministers Serving Today

Acolytes

Clayton Baucom

Isaac Juban

Lightsey Breaux

Altar Guild

Donna Berry

Cheryl Patterson

Debby Boies

Luanne Pusateri

Jeannemarie Hinkle

Shanon Riley

Eucharistic Ministers

Mike Gaudet

Linda Adams

Eucharistic Visitors

Denise Carvalho

Debbie Copeland

Flower Guild

Mary Lee Bass

Jean Blanche

Greeters

Ginger Speer

Angie Juban

Lector

Harrison Breaux

Brennan Lemoine

MC

Jim Thompson

Ushers

David Palmer

Lacy Howe

Tyler deFrances

Pat Van Burkleo

Parish Choir

Sarah Bolt	Dr. Jo Ann Puissegur
Owen Cope	Robin Sills
Peter Fogg	Sarah Stogner-Dickinson
Don Hill	Ben Thomas
Steve Irving	Laura Thomas
Keith James	Dr. Richard Webb
Jennifer Johnson	Dr. Mark Zielinski
Cody King	Rhonda Zielinski
Ana Litvinoff	Wilma Loe, Accompanist
Jaden LeBean	Terry R. Bowman, Director
Katherine Norton	

Hospitality Team

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

Vestry

Laura Thomas, Sr. Warden	Sharon Edmon
Adam MacDowell, Jr. Warden	Tessie Edmonds
Lacey Anderson, Secretary	David Holladay
Brian Binck	Mary Leteff
Gordon Denker	Gloria McKenzie
John East	David Palmer

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