

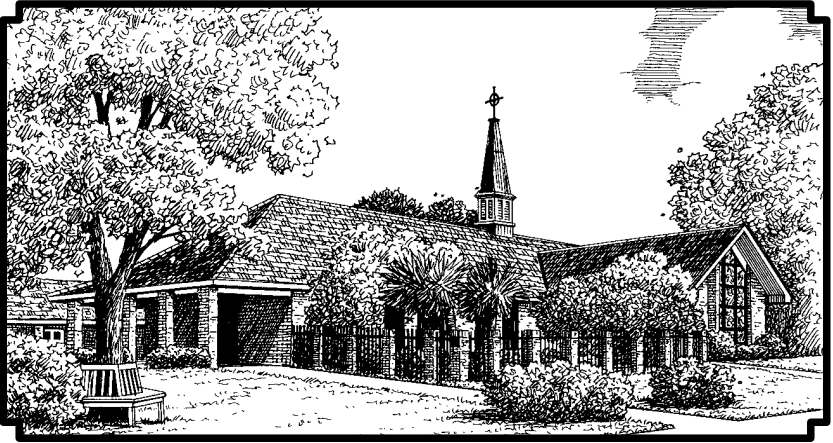
ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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September 27, 2026 - 10:00 a.m.

Eighteenth 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 & School 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. 435

At the Name of Jesus
(omit verses 5 & 6)

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

Smith: Mass in E (page 3)

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect for the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Lesson

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord

God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

Psalm 25:1-8

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

Second Lesson

Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

No. 68

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and

you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

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

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

Hagenberg

O Love

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

Smith: Mass in E (page 5)

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.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People 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. 439
What Wondrous Love is This	

Communion Hymn	No. 332
O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near	

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

Jesus Shall Reign

No. 544

Dismissal

A Deacon or Priest says the Dismissal

The People respond: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Lay Ministers Serving Today

Acolytes

Madeline MacDowell Simon MacDowell Benjamin Guelfo

Altar Guild

Susan Alligood Liz Guerry
Joan Barron Marsha Sills
Lynda Bedeian

Eucharistic Ministers

Courtney Breaux Denise Carvalho
Brookie Allphin

Eucharistic Visitors

Denise Carvalho Debbie Copeland

Flower Guild

Janet Hollday

Greeters

Youth

Lector

Samantha Goar Brennan Lemoine
Harrison Breaux Blake Binck

MC

Wanda Allphin

Ushers

Youth

Parish Choir

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

Hospitality Team

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

Vestry

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Adam MacDowell, Jr. Warden	David Holladay
Tessie Edmonds, Secretary	Mary Leteff
Brian Binck	Gloria McKenzie
Gordon Denker	Katherine Norton
John East	David Palmer

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GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD
BY JOHN AND MARSHA SILLS
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MALINDA HILTON AND
ROBERT AND JO SILLS