

***The Twenty-Eighth Sunday
after Pentecost
November 8, 2020***

10:30 a.m. Worship Service



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Greeting

The Word of God

Opening Hymn (listen in silence)

Blue Hymnal 680

“O God Our Help in Ages Past”

Acclamation

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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 (spoken)

Blue Hymnal S280

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day:

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

The First Lesson:

Both God and Joshua know the Israelites to be a flighty people, but they insist they will remain faithful to their God, Yahweh, who brought them out of the land of Egypt. They make a covenant to this effect.

A reading from the Book of Joshua: 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors – Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor – lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God." But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD; for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve

foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Reader Concludes with: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78:1-7 *Attendite, popule*

Refrain: God gave them drink as from the great deep.

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;

6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments;

The Second Lesson: The Epistle

Unlike pagan teachings and practices surrounding those who have died, Paul's message to the Thessalonians encourages them to understand that because of God in Christ, they too will be resurrected.

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader Concludes with: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual (spoken)

Red Book 113 (v. 1)

Speak now the word of life, Dear Lord to me,
As once you spoke the word Beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page I seek you Lord;
My spirit longs for you, The living word!

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you Lord Christ

The Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Celebrant Concludes with: The Gospel of our Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Gradual (spoken)

Red Book 113 (v. 2)

Show me the truth concealed Within your word,
That by your book revealed I know you, Lord;
So send your Spirit, now, Dear Lord, to me
That he may touch my eyes And make me see.

The Homily: Rev. Paul Parsons

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 of God, Light of 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*

The 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.

The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer.



*St. Luke's Prayer Requests
for the week of November 8, 2020*

*May all congregants and those on the prayer list
receive God's grace this day and throughout 2020*
Illness/Injured/Surgeries

Don & Nancy Drummond

David Thompson's Mom

Loren Elston, Sandy & 12 yo Samuel Barrett (Greg &
Janet's Family)

Eduvijos Rodriquez (Leida's Mother)

Lee & Park Street

David Cross (ALS) and family

Continued Healing & Prayers

Jim & Grace Willson (Ann & Ann
Family)

Mary Chandler (The Ann's Cousin)

Wilson Begay and family

Kathleen Stocker

Parson's Dad & Grandson

Helen Ensrude (Mike's Mom)

Cathy LoPresti and Family

Emily Trujillo & Family

Neal Johnson & wife Joanne
(Sandra Attebery's Family)

Billie Jo Hermansson and Family

(Ann & Ann's

Daughter and Sister)

Suzane Steele

Sara Barthrop Simpson

Sally McQueen & Family

Linda & Alan McPeak

Willdra Ruzanski

Robyn Tems

Fr. Wayne & Shannon Ewing

Dean Zylich

Lisa Kidwell

Maria Thrurn

Zahara

Carryn Anderson

(Mike and Bonnie's daughter)

The Rev. Wendie & Evalds Jekabsons

For our Military

God of compassion, we pray for military personnel,
offered for the sake of others,
and separated from family and loved ones.

Care for them; meet their needs.

Grant them courage, compassion, strength, and
all they need for the living of these days. *Amen*

May the Lord's Blessings Be Upon You All Now and Forever

Liturgy Seasonal Note :

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Resource: liturgytools.net

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(Silence may be kept.)

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 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with
you.

People And also with you.

Blessings (Birthdays, Anniversaries, Traveling, Healing)

Offertory: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

*Pledges and Plate can be mailed to POB 208, Westcliffe 81252

Offertory Music (listen in silence)

Doxology (listen in silence)

"Praise God to Whom All Blessings Flow"

Spiritual Communion

The Lord's Prayer

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.*

Agnus Dei (spoken)

Blue Hymnal S158

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world.

have mercy upon us.

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grant - us thy peace

The Communion Prayer

In union, O Lord,

with the faithful who yearn to gather

at the altar of your Church with the Holy Eucharist,

we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving.

We present you our souls and bodies

with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you,

and,

since we cannot now receive you sacramentally,

we beseech you to come spiritually into ours heart.

We unite ourselves with you,

and embrace you with all the love of our souls.

Let nothing ever separate you from us.

May we live in you,

and may you live in us,

both in this life and in the life to come. *Amen.*

A General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
We, your unworthy servants, give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation,
preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world
by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with a truly thankful hearts we may show forth your
praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus
Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn (listen in silence)

Blue Hymnal 493

"O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Benediction (remain seated)

Dismissal : *Celebrant:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
 People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Announcements

Postlude

Announcements & Calendar

St. Luke's Supply Priest Schedule

November 15th: The Rev. Dr. Wayne A. Ewing

November 22th: The Rev. Dr. Winnie Mitchell

November 29th: The Rev. Dr. Wayne A. Ewing

Thank you for serving St. Luke's; your gifts of time, presence & guidance are greatly appreciated by all of St. Luke's congregants and community



St. Luke's Pastoral Care Priests

Father David Thompson (719-488-3952 home #) will be available for the Colorado Springs, Pueblo etc. area for personal visits

Father Wayne Ewing (719-371-3507 cell #) will be available for the Westcliffe-Silver Cliff-Wetmore etc. area for personal visits

Both priests are available to *everyone* via phone or email.



November - December 2020 Calendar

✦ Weekly Morning Prayer Service: Thursdays 8:30 am ✦

✦ 2nd Sunday: Discretionary Plate Offering November 8, 2020 ✦

November 24th: **Christ the King Sunday**

November 26th: **Thanksgiving**

November 29th: **The First Sunday in Advent (Year B)**

Decorate the church after the worship service. All are encouraged to stay & give a helping hand.

December 24: **Christmas Eve Candlelight service ~**

Details to Follow



. . . a little bird told me Thank you to Roger Gregg for the new kitchen faucet - check it out. Our wrists and hands thank you!!!

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