

Welcome
to
Hope Episcopal Church

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 Very Rev. Jared Moore, *Priest-in-Charge*
Bobbi Reese, *Organist and Choir Director*
Chris Sturgeon, *Contemporary Music Director*
Debbie Boles, *Parish Administrator*



Please silence your cell phone during the church service.



The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgical Participants for September 7, 2025

The Very Rev. Jared Moore, *Celebrant and Preacher*
Kathy Joslin, *Eucharistic Minister*
Marion Lyons-Koch, *Lector*
Bobbi Reese, *Organist and Choir Director*
Carol Link, *Usher*
Kathy Joslin, Carol Link, Carie Kennedy,
Mary Miller, Kaye Weerts, Wendy Wirkus, *Altar Guild*
Barry Schenck, Mark Dinzler, Chris Sturgeon, Bob Stirling, *Videography*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

Processional Hymn

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Hymn 423

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

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



Here in this place new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness van-ished a - way,

5 here in this place the new light is shin-ing, brought here to you in the light of this day.

11 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev - er, gath-er us in and make us your own;

15 gath-er us in all peo-ples to-geth-er, livethat are ho - ly and heartsthat are true.

Celebrant: The Lord is with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

THE OPENING COLLECT

Celebrant: Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE: Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

Reader: Let us read Psalm 139 responsively by half verse.

LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.
How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!
If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

THE EPISTLE: Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment.

Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to

me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother--especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Sequence Hymn

If thou but trust in God to guide thee

Hymn 635

THE GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-33

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

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

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Following the sermon, a brief period of silence is observed.

Please stand.

THE NICENE CREED

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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Leader: Beloved siblings, the Psalmist says that God inhabits the praises of God's people. Let us collect those moments and experiences of our lives right now that we are most grateful for and offer them to God. What are those things that we are grateful for?

Leader: We also come together with hearts burdened with the weight of suffering and unfulfilled hopes. Let us offer aloud the concerns of our homes, our community, and the wider world, including those who are sick, in need, or in want. What are those things that we need prayer for?

Leader: Lord, we gather in this special place to renew our commitment to your dream of a world reconciled to you in love. Remind us that we are loved and that we have been united to you through Jesus Christ. Help us to bring this message to our neighbors.

People: **We turn our hearts to you.**

Leader: Lord, you told your disciples to, "let the children come to me." Deepen the call on this parish to welcome families and create a loving home and for all kids, youth, and young adults. With St. Lukes Preschool, Sunday School, and youth group, please bless our efforts to fulfill your call.

People: **Make us a home for all, Lord.**

Leader: We specifically pray today for the deeply troubled places of this world; Iran, Israel, Palestine, Ukraine. We pray for peace, but not peace as the world gives, but the abiding and eternal peace that comes from the Spirit of God. As we co-labor with you in the work of making things right, help us resist the desire to hate our enemies. Give us grace to follow Jesus' teaching of loving those we've named as enemies.

People: **And help us pray for those who offend us.**

Leader: For the leaders of our nation and communities; particularly the president, Donald, and the governor, Mike, give them courage to serve the interests of those who cannot advocate for themselves and lift up those whose cries for mercy are drowned out by noise of politics.

People: **Help us to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

Leader: At last, we pray for the ministry entrusted to us, the laity, that we would be empowered as in the day of Pentecost to be bold witnesses of Jesus Christ; we pray for our priest, Jared, that he would be strengthened and renewed; and for our bishop, Deon, that he would be energized and revitalized in his season of sabbatical. We also pray for our Companion Community, St. Marks, Portland and their priest, Jessica.

People **Bless them and enrich them in every way, Jesus.**

The Celebrant may add a concluding collect.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence

All: **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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

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

Celebrant: St. Paul says each of you should give as you have made your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves **a cheerful giver.**

Please be seated.

Offertory Music

Please stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

SANCTUS

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord; God of pow - er, God of

12 might. Hea - ven and earth are filled with your glo - ry:_____

17 _____ Ho - san - na in the high - est!_____ Bless - ed is he who

24 comes in the name of the Lord;_____ Hos - san - na in the

30 high - est,_____ ho - san - na in the high_____ est_____

Celebrant: 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."

Celebrant: 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, 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.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to 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: Alleluia. Christ, our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

AGNUS DEI

Je - sus, Lamb of God; you take a - way the
 4 sin of the world, have mer - cy on us. 2
 10 Je - sus, Bread of Life; you take a - way the
 13 sin of the world, have mer - cy on us. 2
 19 Je - sus, Lamb of God; you take a - way the
 22 sin of the world: grant us your Peace.

THE INVITATION

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God!

A consecrated gluten-free wafer may be requested from the Presider.

Please be seated.

Communion Hymn

As long as the deer for cooling streams

Hymn 658

If a Eucharistic visitor is to be sent, the following prayer is said. If no Eucharistic visitor is sent, the service continues with the Post-Communion Prayer.

PRAYER FOR SENDING FORTH EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Celebrant: 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.

People: **We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

Please stand.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Closing Hymn

Praise to the living God

Hymn 372

THE DISMISSAL

The Celebrant will offer words of dismissal.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude