



St. Lawrence Episcopal Church

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST
July 28, 2024 at 9 AM

Today will be a contemplative service format that holds space for reflection and prayer. This will be a spoken service, with time held for silent reflection. We plan to use this format roughly once a month and welcome your feedback as we continue to practice new ways of worshipping together.

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
All **Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Presider May God be with you.
All **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

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.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Reading

2 Samuel 11:1-15

Reader So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back."

So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house. In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 14 (*spoken together*)

All

1 The foolish have said in their hearts, "There is no God." *

**All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
there is none who does any good.**

2 The Holy One looks down from heaven upon us all, *

**to see if there is any who is wise,
if there is one who seeks after God.**

3 Everyone has proved faithless;

**all alike have turned bad; *
there is none who does good; no, not one.**

4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers *

**who eat up my people like bread
and do not call upon God?**

5 See how they tremble with fear, *

because God is in the company of the righteous.

6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, *

but God is their refuge.

7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! *

**When God restores the fortunes of the people,
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad..**

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21

Reader I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

All children are invited to join the Gospel procession! Take an instrument from the basket and with joy & enthusiasm herald the proclamation of the Gospel!

Holy Gospel

John 6:1-21

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospeler Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

The Rev. Kristin Saylor

Following the sermon, we will hold a short period of silence, begun and ended with the ringing of a bell. As with all things in our liturgy, we do not expect perfection and celebrate that the Holy Spirit meets us wherever we are - be it in stillness or in the joyful presence of children in our midst.

Nicene Creed

All

**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 and the Son,
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

Intercessor With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

We pray, holy God, for the church universal -
for Paula, our Bishop
For our Better Together Partners,
For all who serve your name in love.
O God, our Sanctuary, empower the church, and in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray, merciful God, for the well-being of creation -
For the will and wisdom to care for the earth
For all those who strive to heal this planet we call home.
O God, our Sustainer, preserve the earth, and in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray, benevolent God, for the poor, oppressed, sick, bereaved, and lonely -
For those who are hungry and the homeless
For those without family or friends
O God, our Shepherd and Mother, protect the needy, and in your mercy,

All **Hear our Prayer**

Intercessor We pray, compassionate God, for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit -
For those in hospitals and those preparing for surgery
For those who have no medical care
For those who are incarcerated, especially those participating in our
prison pen pal Ministry
For those on our parish prayer list, and those whom we name now:
O God, our Healer, heal the sick, and in your mercy,

All **Hear our Prayer**

Intercessor We pray, faithful God, for our congregation -
For deeper faith and stronger commitment for us all.
O God, Everlasting Arms, embrace this assembly, and in your mercy,

All **Hear our Prayer.**

Intercessor Receive our thanksgiving, eternal God, for all who have died in the faith, especially those we name now:
That, at the end, we will join with them to rejoice in your presence.
O God, our Homeland, gather us to yourself, and in your mercy,
All **Hear our Prayer**

Presider Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
All **Amen.**

Adapted from: Gail Ramshaw. *pray, praise, and give thanks: A Collection of Litanies, Laments, and Thanksgivings at Font and Table* (Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 2017), 20-21.

Confession

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

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**

Presider 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.
All **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
All **And also with you.**

Eucharistic Prayer

*All Creation Sings: Evangelical Lutheran Worship Supplement.
Augsburg Fortress, 2020.*

Presider The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus *(spoken together)*

All **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider Holy God, mighty and merciful, your people praise you, saying:
Your mercy endures forever.
All **Your mercy endures forever.**

Presider By your promise you bound yourself to earth and all its creatures, granting them life and calling them to flourish, setting the sign of your bow in the clouds, the colors of your love and faithfulness.
All **Your mercy endures forever.**

Presider By your promise you bound yourself to your people of old, blessing them with family outnumbering the stars and calling them to be a blessing to others, showing them steadfast love in every generation and calling them to be a light to the nations.
All **Your mercy endures forever.**

Presider By your promise you joined us to Jesus, your Beloved, grafting us into your living Vine, and calling us to bear the fruit of your self-giving love.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember his life laid down and lifted up as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and these gifts of bread and wine. Bless us to be a blessing. Make us a sign of your faithfulness. Send us to tend and cherish the earth and to serve the world with mercy and love.

With Lawrence and all the saints in light, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, through Christ Jesus, in your Spirit, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All **Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Presider Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

All **Therefore, let us keep the feast, Alleluia**

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

Ushers will guide you to the front of the congregation, where you will have the option to receive regular or gluten-free bread. Chalice bearers will be stationed on either side of the bread station. If you wish to receive from the common cup, please do so by drinking directly from the chalice. Communion by intinction (dipping bread in the cup of wine) is not permitted at this time. If you prefer not to drink from the common cup, please know that receiving Communion in one kind (bread only) is a perfectly valid choice and is considered full participation in the Sacrament.

Spiritual Communion

Zoom Host Since we cannot share in the Body and Blood of Christ at this time, you are invited to join in the following prayer. The very intention to receive is enough to receive the spiritual blessing of the sacrament.

Let us pray.

All **In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. And particularly for the blessings given me....**

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you or from my sisters and brothers in Christ; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

The sending forth of Eucharistic Visitors

When Eucharistic Visitors are sent out the following words are used.

All **In the name of God and 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. We who are many are one body because we share one bread, one cup.**

Postcommunion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

All **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

Presider May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

WELCOME!

New to St. Lawrence? Please complete the top part of the newcomers card found in the pews and either drop it in the collection plate or hand it to an usher.

"Soft Space" for Children

This space is for children young enough to enjoy a front row seat, up to age 10.

The soft space gives kids a chance to experience our liturgy, worship, and communion without anything in their way.

Join us for coffee hour in the narthex
immediately following the service

Community Prayers

The Universal Church, its members and its mission; The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East and for our Companion Dioceses of Southeast Mexico and Renk.

The concerns of the local community, especially those who are affected by gun violence

Those who suffer and are in any trouble and those who have requested our prayers: Kyra, the Smith family, Celeste, Jerry, Ruth, Mike, Rosanne, Robin, Duke, Hal, Marc, Glen, the Frank family, Connor, Jonah, Phyliss, Dale, Pam, Fran, Marcus, Cathleen, Eddie, Raga, Holly, David, Cherie, Courtney, Carly, Michael, Yvonne, Nancy, George, Donna, Larry, Gene, Melanie

We pray for those who are incarcerated, especially: Charles, Christian, Christino, Gregory, Gregory, Jermain, Karlondo, Maurice, Raymond, Rickie, Robert, Roy, Shane, Apolinar, Ernesto, Theddias

We pray for those awaiting children, especially: Max and Frankie

We pray for our beloved animal companions

We pray for peace and healing in our nation and the world

We pray that peace and justice may come soon in places of war and conflict, and for all whose life of service puts them at risk; and for all victims of religious oppression throughout the world.

If you have a loved one you would like mentioned in the Prayers of the People list, please write their first name on the clipboard located at the rear of the church. You may also visit www.stlawrencechurch.org and click on "worship" and look for "Online Prayer Group". Names are checked and updated weekly and refreshed every month.

STL EVENTS AND MINISTRIES



Prison Pen Pal Ministry Meeting

Please join us on
Sunday, July 28
10 AM
Fireside Room

The PPPM provides Christian
friendship through writing letters
to men and women
in Illinois prisons

Help us be a welcoming space in our community

St. Lawrence is hosting a children's space for activities and crafts in front of our building on Thursdays during the Libertyville Farmers Market, from 9 AM - Noon.

We need volunteers to be welcomers and supervisor of the Open Space. There are 2 hour shifts available each week. Everything you need will be waiting for you at the front door. We are keeping it safe and simple. Contact the office, office@stlawrencechurch.org for more information.

OPEN PLAY ROCKS!

We have a new activity at OPEN PLAY, Rock Painting and it is a hit! We need donations of smooth rocks and paint pens. If you have rocks, stop by craft stores or like to do some rock hunting bring them to church for our Thursday Morning fun. Thanks!



Thursday, August 1 will be Kristin's last Office Hours for the year.

**Join Kristin outside
for conversation
in a beautiful setting**
Family Friendly

Thursday
5:00 - 6:30 PM
(weather permitting)

**Independence Grove
Beer Garden**

The entrance is on Buckley Rd. (Rt. 137)
east of Milwaukee Ave. (Rt. 21)
Follow signs to the Beer Garden



*St. Lawrence beyond
our walls*

Summer Fridays with Friends

Jackie Lynn and Leslie Young look forward to hosting Friday With Friends on August 2 from 5:30-7:30 in their backyard. Non-alcoholic drinks, light appetizers and pizza will be provided, bring your spirited beverages if desired. Their address is 316 S. Butterfield Rd. in Libertyville. Parking is available in their driveway and if full, street parking is available on Pine Street Lane, one street North.

**Hosted by:
Jackie Lynn and Leslie Young
316 Butterfield Rd., Libertyville**



Please join us for
Summer Fridays
with Friends
August 2
5:30 - 7:30 PM



On the STL calendar (*see the entire calendar on the STL website, stlawrencechurch.org*)

Sunday, July 28 - Prison Pen Pal Ministry, Fireside Rm, 10 AM

Thursday, August 1 - Open Play during Libertyville Farmers Market, front circle of the church, 9-noon; Kristin's **final** Office Hours, Independence Grove, 5-6:30 PM

Friday, August 2 - Friday with Friends at Jackie Lynn and Leslie Young's house

Tuesday, August 6 - Eucharist at StoryPoint Libertyville, 2 PM

Thursday, August 8 - Open Play during Libertyville Farmers Market, front circle of the church, 9-noon; HOPE Food Pantry drop off 9-noon front door

Saturday, August 10 - HOPE Food Pantry, Narthex, 8-10 AM

Sunday, August 11 - St. Lawrence Day with an Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, August 14 - Creative in the Nave, 6-8 PM

Thursday, August 15 - Open Play during Libertyville Farmers Market, front circle of the church, 9-noon

Tuesday, August 20 - Young Episcopal Seniors, Library, 11:30 AM

Thursday, August 22 - **Final** Open Play during Libertyville Farmers Market, front circle of the church, 9-noon; HOPE Food Pantry drop off at front door, 9-noon

Saturday, August 24 - HOPE Food Pantry, Narthex, 8-10 AM



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