



# St. Lawrence

Episcopal Church

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST

September 21, 2025 at 9 AM

## Prelude

Prelude on *O Store Gud (How Great Thou Art)*, Robert Hobby

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Opening Hymn

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

*Hymnal 390*

*Descant*

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly  
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -  
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his  
fend - thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall  
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,  
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou  
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -  
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

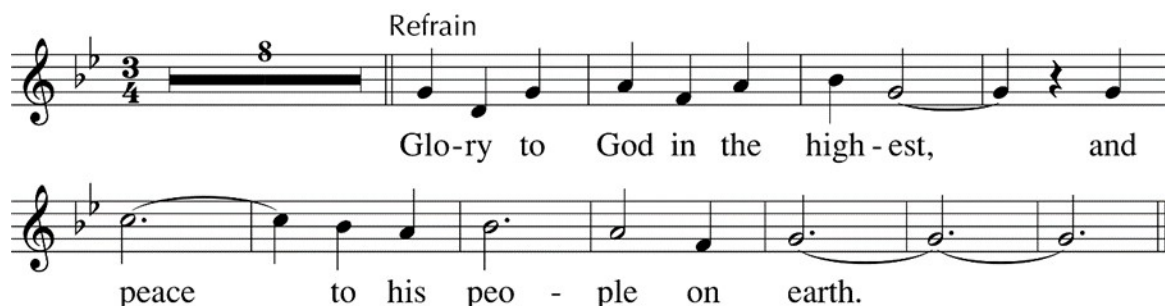
or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.  
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.  
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

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## Opening Acclamation

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

## Gloria



### Verses

1. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.
2. 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.
3. 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! Amen!

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## Collect of the Day

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

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly;  
and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast  
to those that shall endure; 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.*

*Reader* My joy is gone, grief is upon me,  
                   my heart is sick.  
 Hark, the cry of my poor people  
                   from far and wide in the land:  
 "Is the LORD not in Zion?  
                   Is her King not in her?"  
 ("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images,  
                   with their foreign idols?")  
 "The harvest is past, the summer is ended,  
                   and we are not saved."  
 For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,  
                   I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.  
 Is there no balm in Gilead?  
                   Is there no physician there?  
 Why then has the health of my poor people  
                   not been restored?  
 O that my head were a spring of water,  
                   and my eyes a fountain of tears,  
 so that I might weep day and night  
                   for the slain of my poor people!

*All* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 79:1-9** (*spoken together*)

- 1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;  
                   they have profaned your holy temple; \*  
                   they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.**
- 2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for  
                   the birds of the air, \*  
                   and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.**
- 3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, \*  
                   and there was no one to bury them.**
- 4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, \*  
                   an object of scorn and derision to those around us.**
- 5 How long will you be angry, O God; \*  
                   will your fury blaze like fire for ever?**
- 6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you \*  
                   and upon the nations that have not called upon your Name.**
- 7 For they have devoured Jacob \*  
                   and made his dwelling a ruin.**

**8 Remember not our past sins;  
let your compassion be swift to meet us; \*  
for we have been brought very low.**

**9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; \*  
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.**

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## Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-7

*Reader* First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

For there is one God;  
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,  
who gave himself a ransom for all  
- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle  
(I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

*Reader* 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!*

## Sequence Hymn

*Zimbabwe Alleluia (sung before and after the Gospel)*



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*Gospeler*  
*All*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

*Gospeler*  
*All*

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **Homily**

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* In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, Lord in your mercy,  
*All* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* For the holy Church of God: that it may be filled with truth and love and be found  
 faithful at the day of your coming. We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Paula,  
 our Diocesan Bishop; for all bishops and ministers; and for all the holy people of God.  
 Lord, in your mercy,  
*All* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* We thank you for raising up women of faith to preach your Word and administer your  
 Sacrament especially we pray for our rector St. Lawrence, the Rev. Kristin Saylor and  
 for the work of the Holy Spirit in the Church and in the whole world. As you have  
 blessed her during 10 years of ministry. Grant that may continue to renew her ordi-  
 nation Vows and fulfill the duties of ministry. Almighty God, we give you thanks for  
 pouring out your Spirit upon her and bringing forth abundant gifts for the ministry of  
 the people of God. Fill the Church with truth and love, build up your Church, and  
 glorify your name. Lord, in your mercy.  
*All* **Hear your prayers.**

*Intercessor* We give thanks as well her spouse Rev. Kyle Oliver and Fiona, her child and all who,  
 in their love and support of her have made a significant self-offering to the mission of  
 your Holy Church. As they have shared their love, so shower them with your love and  
 blessings. Lord, in your mercy,  
*All* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be united in your truth and show forth your glory in all that we do.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
*All* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* For all who hold authority in public life: that, guided by your wisdom, they may faithfully administer justice, seek the common good, and uphold the dignity and liberty of every person. Lord, in your mercy,  
*All* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors: that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health. Lord, in your mercy,  
*All* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* We remember especially those on our parish prayer list, particularly those suffering from illness or entrusted to us for special needs. Strengthen our families, friends, and neighbors, that, released from fear, they may live in peace, joy, and wholeness. Lord, in your mercy,  
*All* **Here Our prayers**

*Intercessor* We remember our children in school and those who are far from home for their studies or work; Lord, bless them with wisdom, knowledge, and strength. Lord, in your mercy,  
*All* **Hear our prayers.**

*Intercessor* For all who have died in your love, and for those known to you alone, may they rest in peace with all the saints, in a place without pain or sorrow, only eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,  
*All* **Hear our prayer.**

## **Confession**

*Deacon* 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.**

### **Blessings for Kristin's Ten Year Ordination Anniversary**

*Wardens* O God, by whose command the order of all time runs its course; look graciously on your servant, Kristin Saylor whom you have been pleased to ordain to the order of your holy presbyterate for ten years; and that her service may be pleasing to you, mercifully preserve her in your gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*(Congregation is invited to extend their hands for blessing)*

*All* **Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your servant, Kristin  
Strengthen her when she is weary,  
now renew her joy in serving,  
and deepen her wisdom and compassion.**

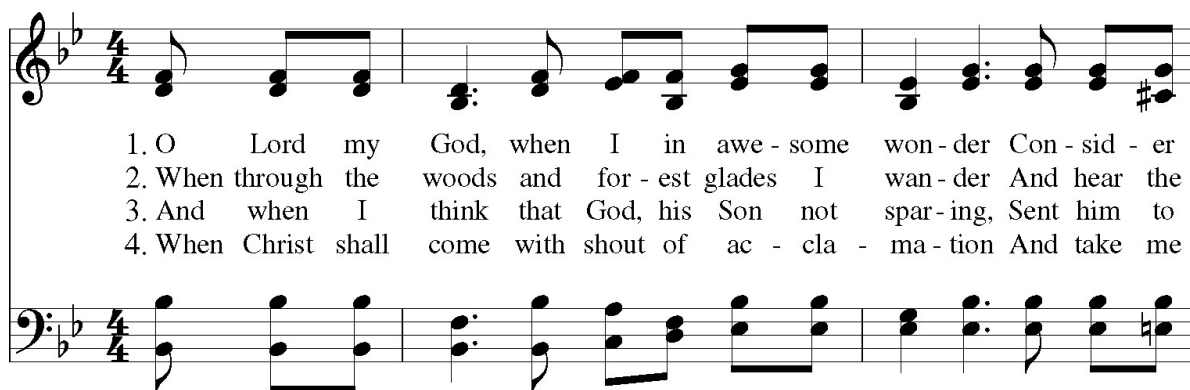
**Bless the work of her hands,  
the words of her mouth,  
and the love of her heart.**

**May she continue to lead us faithfully,  
proclaiming your truth with courage,  
and guiding us with gentleness and grace.**

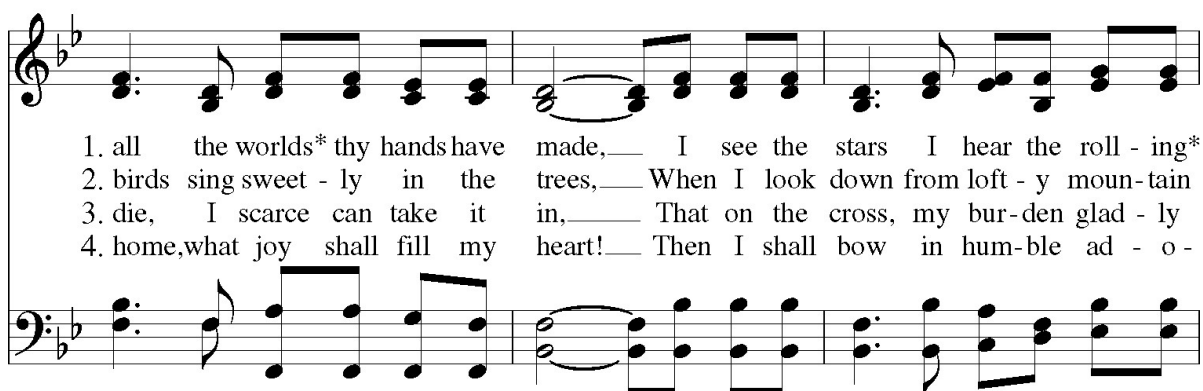
**Grant that together we may grow in love for you and for one another,  
and may your Kingdom be revealed in our life and ministry.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen**

# Offertory

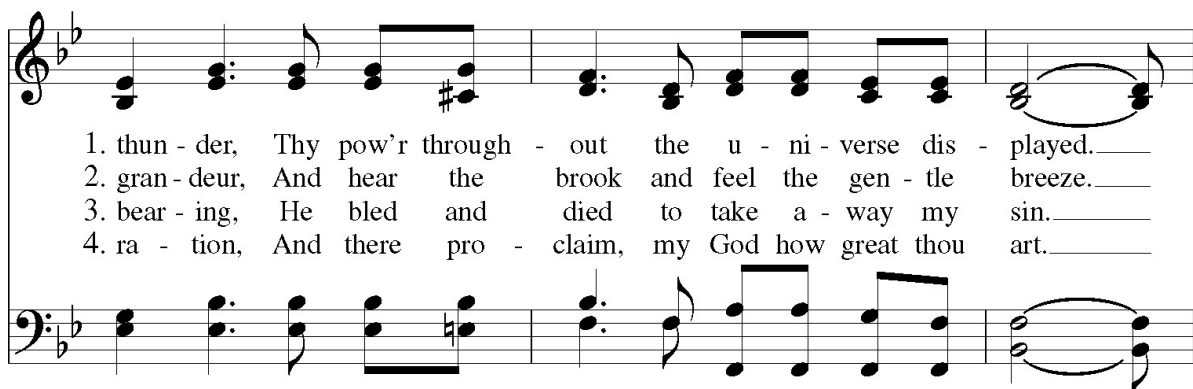
*O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder (How Great Thou Art)  
Lift Every Voice and Sing 60*



1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er  
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the  
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to  
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



1. all the worlds\* thy hands have made, — I see the stars I hear the roll - ing\*  
2. birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, — When I look down from loft - y moun - tain  
3. die, I scarce can take it in, — That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly  
4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! — Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



1. thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played. —  
2. gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze. —  
3. bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin. —  
4. ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God how great thou art. —



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to Thee: — How great Thou

art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to

Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

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### Eucharist Prayer A – Expansive language (Mass of Creation)

*Priest:* The Lord be with you. *Assembly:* And al - so with you. *Priest:* Lift up your hearts.

*Assembly:* We lift them up to the Lord. *Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

*Assembly:* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Presider* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of pow - er, God of might, heav - en and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is  
he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -  
san - na in the high - est.

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## Presider

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all.


Jesus 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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."

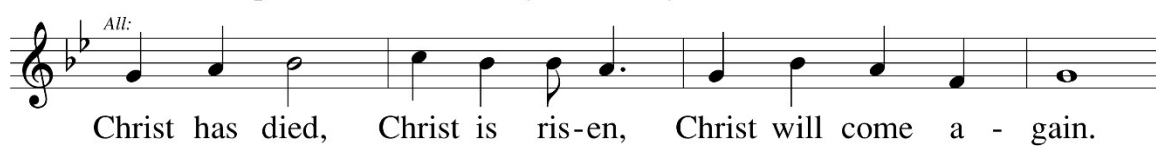
## Memorial Acclamation

*Priest:*




Let us pro-claim the mys-ter-y of faith:

*All:*



Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.




Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain!

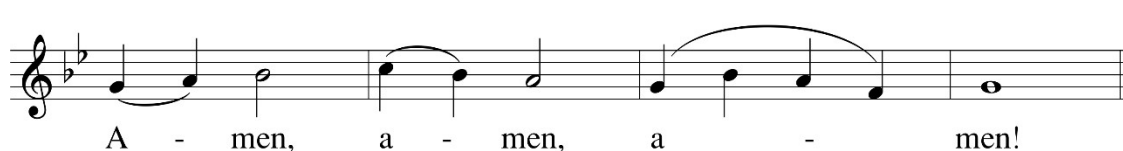
*Presider* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

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 Christ. 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 Lawrence and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.



A - men, a - men, a - men!



A - men, a - men, a - men!

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## 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


## Fraction Anthem

*Cantor:*




1. Je-sus, Lamb of  
2. Je-sus, Bread of  
3. Je-sus, Prince of

*All:*



God,  
Life, you take a-way the sins of the world: have  
Peace,

*Last time*  
*Cantor:*



mer-cy on us. Je-sus, Lamb of God; you

*All:*

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*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.*

*We offer two options for receiving wine. If you wish to drink directly from the common cup, please proceed to the communion ministers holding chalices, directly next to the bread stations. If you wish to receive by intinction (dipping the bread into the wine), please proceed to the external communion stations, where you will find Eucharistic ministers holding intinction bowls.*

## Communion Hymn

*There is a balm in Gilead*

*Hymnal 676*

*Refrain*

There is a balm in Gil - e - ad, to make the wound - ed

whole, there is a balm in Gil - e - ad, to

1 heal the sin - sick soul. 2 soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged, and  
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you

think my work's in vain, but then the Ho - ly  
can - not pray like Paul, you can tell the love of

*Repeat Refrain*

Spi - rit re - vives my soul a - gain.  
Je - sus, and say, "He died for all."

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## 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

### Closing Hymn

*God of grace and God of glory*

*Hymnal 594*

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;  
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!  
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:  
shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this  
grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these  
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king-dom's  
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
goal, lest we miss thy king-dom's goal.  
dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

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## Dismissal

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

### 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; Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; 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: the Smith family, the Frank family, Joe, Celeste, Danny, Kristine, Valorie, Craig, Jane, Evelyn, Cara, Robin, Duke, Phylliss, Mike, Ruth, Sherry, Mark, Jen, Fran, Jay, Nancy, Kristin, Marianne, Dave, Liz, Katie, Jackie, Jeremy, Evelyn, Alan, Paul, Van, Julia, Jack, Courtenay, Beverly, Sharon

We pray for those who are incarcerated, especially: Charles, Christino, Gregory, Jermaine Karlondo, Maurice, Rickie, Robert, Shane, Damian

We pray for those awaiting children, especially: Lauran and Daniel, Diana and Shane; Liz and Nathanael

We offer thanksgiving for the arrival of children, especially: Ason

We pray for those who have died, especially: Trey Reed

We pray for our beloved animal companions, especially: Buster

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, racial and gender 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](http://www.stlawrencechurch.org) and click on "worship" and look for "Online Prayer Group". Names are checked and updated weekly and refreshed every month*



**GODLY PLAY 2025**  
Registration Open for ages 3 and up!

Bible stories with Wondering Q/A,  
Action songs, and Fun crafts!

We can't wait to see  
your child there!

For more information contact  
[associate@stlawrencechurch.org](mailto:associate@stlawrencechurch.org)

  
St. Lawrence  
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## Godly Play 2025!

After receiving the Eucharist, children will go to their assigned classrooms according to age groups. Our dedicated Godly Play teachers are ready and excited to welcome them.

### This Week's Focus:

**Elementary Class (ages 3–7):** *Introduction to the Holy Bible.* The Bible is God's big story of love, and in Godly Play children discover they are part of that story too. Through wondering, silence, and creativity, they learn that God still speaks to us today.

**Junior Class (ages 8+):** This week in Godly Play, the children will explore Jesus' parable about *Being Faithful in Small Things*, **Luke 16:1-13** along with the *story of Mother Teresa*. They'll wonder, create, and learn how simple acts of kindness can show God's love.

**Note for Parents:** You are warmly invited to join us for coffee hour after the service while the children participate in Godly Play. Kindly pick up your children at 10:45 a.m. from the Godly Playroom.

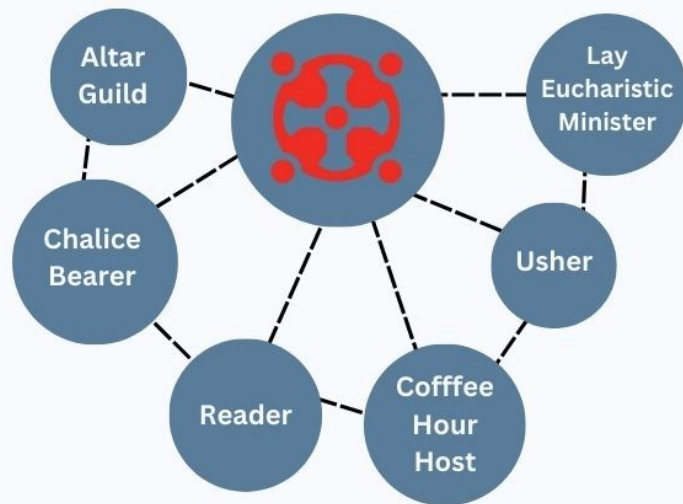
## Get Connected Through Ministry

Join us  
**TODAY**  
10:15 – 11:15 AM

This event will be divided into three 15-minute periods with 5 minutes in between.

Leaders from Altar Guild, Readers, Chalice Bearers, Ushers, Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Coffee Hour will give short introductions and demonstrations at stations throughout the church.

Attend as many as you like!



## FIND YOUR PERFECT FIT

**COMING SOON**

**St. Lawrence Church 2026 Stewardship Campaign  
Kickoff Sunday, October 5**



# A CHORUS OF GENEROSITY

The miracle of St. Lawrence: a diverse community worshipping, working, and serving together, sometimes in unison, sometimes in harmony. A chorus of generosity, continually giving gifts to one another and the wider world, and therefore well worth supporting.

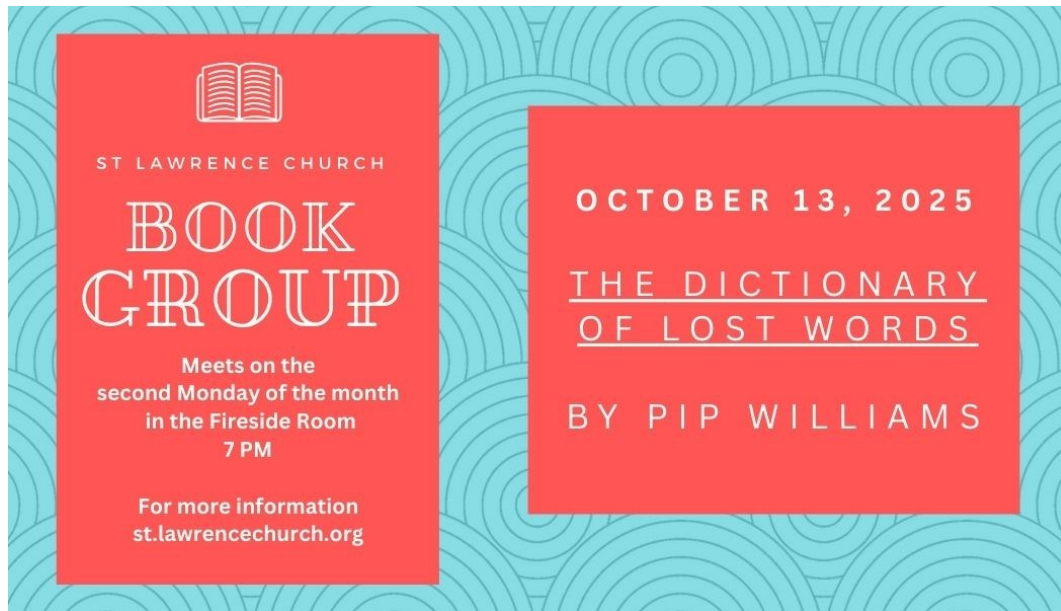
With our "Chorus of Generosity" stewardship team leaders Mell Wishau and Steve Haight we will kickoff the 2026 Stewardship Campaign on Sunday, October 5. Let's make this year's giving campaign the best one yet.




*Add your voice.  
Join the choir!*

Rehearsals Thursday  
7:00- 8:30PM in the Sanctuary  
*(please see calendar on the website)*

For more information contact:  
Alan Whaley, St. Lawrence Music Director  
[music@stlawrencechurch.org](mailto:music@stlawrencechurch.org)

A flyer for a book group at St. Lawrence Church. The background is a light blue pattern of concentric circles. There are two red rectangular boxes. The left box contains the church's logo (an open book), the name 'ST LAWRENCE CHURCH', the title 'BOOK GROUP' in large letters, meeting details, and a website. The right box contains the date, book title, and author.



ST LAWRENCE CHURCH

**BOOK  
GROUP**

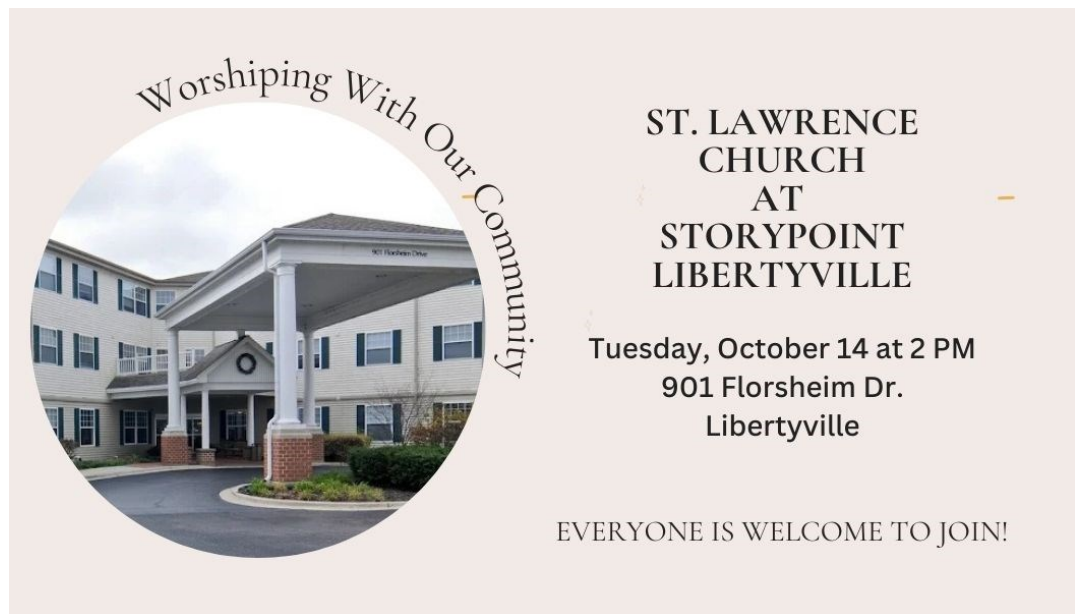
Meets on the  
second Monday of the month  
in the Fireside Room  
7 PM

For more information  
[st.lawrencechurch.org](http://st.lawrencechurch.org)

**OCTOBER 13, 2025**

THE DICTIONARY  
OF LOST WORDS

BY PIP WILLIAMS

A flyer for a church event. On the left is a circular photo of a church building with a portico. A curved banner with the text 'Worshipping With Our Community' arches over the photo. To the right of the photo, the event details are listed in a serif font.

*Worshipping With Our Community*

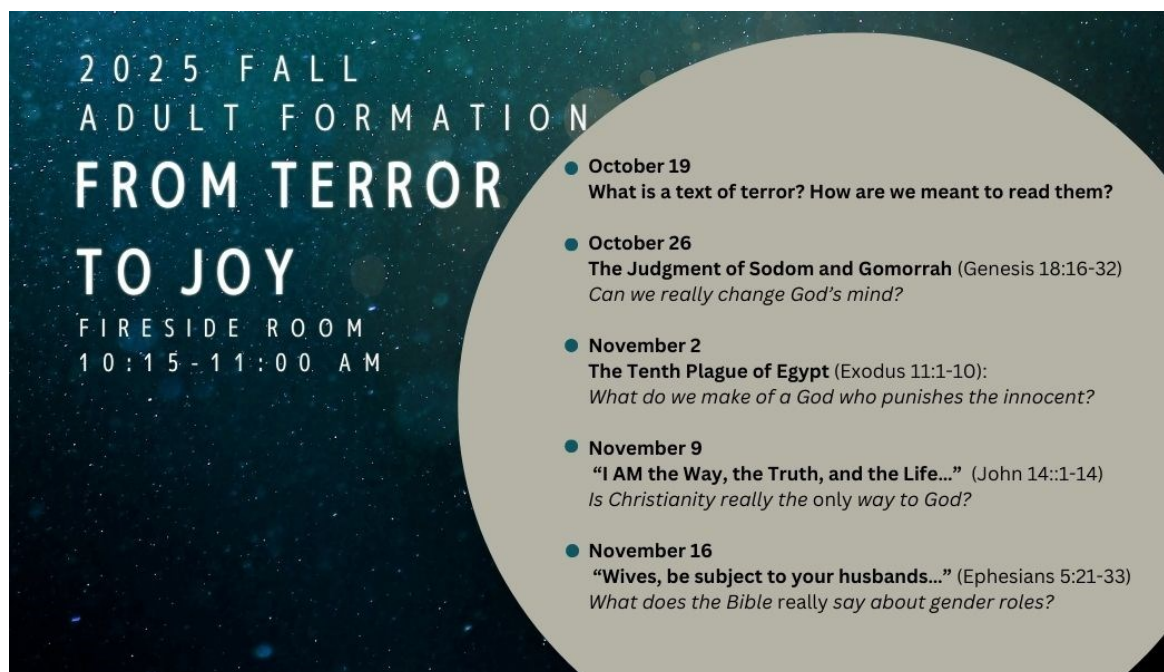
**ST. LAWRENCE  
CHURCH  
AT  
STORYPOINT  
LIBERTYVILLE**

**Tuesday, October 14 at 2 PM**  
**901 Florsheim Dr.**  
**Libertyville**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN!

## Join us Sundays at 10:15am to explore passages of the bible

The theologian Phyllis Trible coined the term "Texts of Terror" to describe passages in the Bible that have, in human hands, been used as tools of oppression, especially towards those on the margins of communities. While it is tempting to sweep these uncomfortable texts under the proverbial rug, our faith tradition invites us to face what makes us cringe head on, to wrestle with God and these stories until we can make meaning from them. In this five week series, we will discuss what it means that our sacred texts include stories with such a capacity for violence and explore how we might read them in ways that, instead of causing terror, lead to joy and new life.



2025 FALL  
ADULT FORMATION  
**FROM TERROR  
TO JOY**  
FIRESIDE ROOM  
10:15 - 11:00 AM

- **October 19**  
What is a text of terror? How are we meant to read them?
- **October 26**  
**The Judgment of Sodom and Gomorrah** (Genesis 18:16-32)  
*Can we really change God's mind?*
- **November 2**  
**The Tenth Plague of Egypt** (Exodus 11:1-10):  
*What do we make of a God who punishes the innocent?*
- **November 9**  
**"I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life..."** (John 14::1-14)  
*Is Christianity really the only way to God?*
- **November 16**  
**"Wives, be subject to your husbands..."** (Ephesians 5:21-33)  
*What does the Bible really say about gender roles?*

## Trick or Treat on MainStreet Libertyville—Friday October 31

When you are picking up your candy for Halloween consider grabbing an extra bag for St. Lawrence. (We also need nut-free options). We are participating in the downtown trick or treat with Mainstreet. This is a wonderful opportunity to support our community. Please leave bags in the box across from the office. Thank you!



MAINSTREET LIBERTYVILLE

# TRICK or TREAT

JOIN US AT  
 **St. Lawrence**  
Episcopal Church

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31  
125 W. CHURCH STREET  
11 AM - 2 PM

Illustrations of children in costumes: a dinosaur, an alien, a witch, a princess, and a pirate.



**On the STL calendar** (see the entire calendar on the STL website, [stlawrencechurch.org](http://stlawrencechurch.org))

**Sunday, September 21** - Ministry Connection, Sanctuary, 10:15

**Thursday, September 25** - Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary, 7 PM

**Saturday, September 27** - Hope Food Pantry, Narthex, 8-10 AM

**Thursday, October 2** - Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary, 7 PM

**Saturday, October 4** - **POSTPONED**—Chili Cook Off; Seeking Sophia, Fireside Rm, 9 AM

**Sunday, October 5** - 2026 Stewardship Kickoff; Confirmation, STL, 4 PM

**Saturday, October 11** - Hope Food Pantry, Narthex, 8-10 AM

**Monday, October 13** - Church offices closed; STL Book Group, Fireside Rm, 7 PM

**Tuesday, October 14** - StoryPoint service, Libertyville, 2 PM

**Saturday, October 18** - Seeking Sophias, Fireside Rm, 9 AM

**Sunday, October 19** - Adult Formation, Fireside Rm, 10:15 AM

**Tuesday, October 21** - Young Episcopal Seniors Tea, Narthex, 11:30 AM; Vestry, Fireside Rm, 7 PM



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