



Prelude

Variations on Alle Menschen müssen sterben (Salzburg) P.377b
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Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn

Joy to the world

Hymnal 100

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
 *3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 repeat the sound - ing joy, re - - repeat the sound - ing
 as the curse is found, far - as the curse is
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and
 2 re - - repeat the sound - ing joy, re -
 3 far as the curse is found, far
 4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, joy, found, love, and re - peat, far as, and won - ders, heaven, re - peat, far as, and won - ders, heaven, re - peat, far as, and won - ders, and na - ture the sound - ing the curse is of his sing, joy, found, love, heaven and na - ture sing, peat the sound - ing joy, as the curse is found, won - ders of his love,

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Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
All **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider There is one Body and one Spirit;
All **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Presider One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
All **One God and Father of all.**

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

Presider Let us pray.

Collect

Presider Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;

a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,

to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

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

All

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29



All

- 1 Ascribe to God, you heavenly beings, *
ascribe to God glory and strength.**
- 2 Ascribe due honor to God's holy Name; *
worship the Most High in the beauty of holiness.**
- 3 The voice of God is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
God is upon the mighty waters.**



- 4 The voice of God is a powerful voice; *
the voice of God is a voice of splendor.**
- 5 The voice of God breaks the cedar trees; *
God breaks the cedars of Lebanon;**
- 6 God makes Lebanon skip like a calf *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- 7 The voice of God splits the flames of fire;
the voice of God shakes the wilderness; *
God shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- 8 The voice of God makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.**
- 9 And in the temple of the Holy One, *
all are crying, "Glory!"**
- 10 God sits enthroned above the flood, *
enthroned for evermore.**
- 11 God shall give strength to the people; *
God shall give the people the blessing of peace.**

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Second Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Reader

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him

after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

All

Thanks be to God.

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!

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn

Arise, your light is come!

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey; show
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door; pro -
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born, bind
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song! Rise

forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
claim the cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
up like ea - gles on the wing, God's power will make us strong.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are placed between the vocal and piano lines. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn. The second system contains the remaining lyrics. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and simple melodic lines.

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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

Homily The Rev. Stefi Baiju

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.

Procession to the font *Spirit of God you moved over the waters* Voices Found 58
(vs.1 and 3)

1 Spi - rit of God, you moved o - ver the wa - ters
 2 Spi - rit of God, by the pro - phets you sought us,
 3 Spi - rit of God, like a dove you once rest - ed,
 4 Spi - rit of God, like a might - y wind blow - ing;
 5 Help us to see you, still call - ing and car - ing,

whisp - 'ring God's love to the whole of cre - a - tion.
 cal - ling us back from your pride - filled be - ha - vior.
 show - ing God's joy on the day Christ was bap - tized.
 sud - den - ly Chris - tians stopped hid - ing and fear - ing.
 help us to know you a - mong us, cre - at - ing.

You breathe your life in - to God's sons and daugh - ters,
 Through cho - sen lead - ers you reached us and taught us;
 You sent Christ out to the hills to be test - ed,
 You gave them cour - age and love o - ver - flow - ing,
 Spi - rit of God, give us cour - age and dar - ing—

giv - ing us tal - ents and your in - spi - ra - tion.
 by your own gift we were giv - en our Sav - ior.
 through you, he called us to see God with new eyes.
 so they pro - claimed you to all in their hear - ing,
 to share God's love with a world that is wait - ing.

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Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Presider Dear People of God: In Holy Baptism we have become part of that great fellowship of believers in all times and places: the Communion of Saints. In baptism, God has adopted us as children and made us members of Christ's body and inheritors of God's kingdom with the saints in light. Let us now renew the vows of our baptism by which God has made us a holy people.

Presider Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

All **I do.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the Virgin Mary.
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
All

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread,
and in the prayers?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return
to the Lord?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of
every human being?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Presider May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth
by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us
in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Thanksgiving over water

Presider The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in
the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bond
age in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of
John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us,
through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.
We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his
death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit. By the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn

Behold, behold I make all things new

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in a treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: "Be - hold, be - hold, I make all things new, be -". The second staff contains: "gin-ning with you and start - ing from to - day. Be -". The third staff contains: "hold, be - hold, I make all things new, my". The fourth staff contains: "prom-ise is true, for I am Christ, the way." The music is written in a simple, clear style, with notes and rests clearly visible.

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Prayer of the People

Intercessor Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
All **That we all may be one.**

Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
All **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Intercessor We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
All **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Intercessor We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
All **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
All **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Intercessor Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
All **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Intercessor Give to the departed eternal rest.
All **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
All **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Intercessor Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The Presider concludes with a collect.

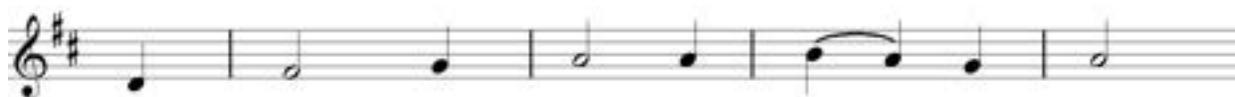
The Peace

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

Offertory Hymn

The sinless one to Jordan came

Hymnal 120



1 The sin - less one to Jor - dan came,
2 Up - ris - ing from the wat - ers there,
3 A - bove him see the heaven - ly Dove,
4 How blest that mis - sion then be - gun
5 O Christ, may we bap - tized from sin,
6 On you may all your peo - ple feed,

1 and in the riv - er shared our stain;
 2 the Fa - ther's voice did then de - clare
 3 the sign of God the Fa - ther's love,
 4 to heal and save a race un - done!
 5 go forth with you a world to win:
 6 and know you are the Bread in - deed,

1 God's right - eous - ness he thus ful - filled,
 2 that Christ, the Son of God, had come
 3 now by the Ho - ly Spi - rit shed
 4 Straight to the wil - der - ness he goes
 5 grant us the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power
 6 who gives e - ter - nal life to those

1 and chose the path his Fa - ther willed.
 2 to lead his scat - tered peo - ple home.
 3 up - on the Son's a - noint - ed head.
 4 to wres - tle with his peo - ple's foes.
 5 to shield us in temp - ta - tion's hour.
 6 that with you died, and with you rose.

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The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give God 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.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son 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 (*sung together*)

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,___
hea-ven 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, Ho - san - na,
Ho - san - na in the high - est, the high - est.____

*optional text 
Bless - ed is the one

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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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All

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

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 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.

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

Fraction Anthem

The musical score for the Fraction Anthem is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first two staves are for the Cantor and All, respectively, and both have the same lyrics: "Christ our Pass-ov-er is sac-ri-ficed for us; there-fore let us keep the feast, al-le-lu - ia." The third and fourth staves are also for All and have the lyrics: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia; there-fore let us keep the feast, al - le - lu - ia." The music is a simple, melodic line with a steady rhythm.

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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

Now in This Banquet

Refrain

Now in this ban - quet, Christ is our bread;
Here shall all hun - gers be fed.
Bread that is bro - ken, wine that is poured,
Love is the sign of our Lord.

Verses 1, 2

1. You who have touched us and graced us with love,
2. Let our hearts burn with the fire of your love;
make us your peo - ple of good - ness and light.
o - pen our eyes to the glo - ry of God. D.C.

Verse 3

3. God who makes the blind to see, God who makes the

**May be sung in canon.*

lame to walk, bring us danc - ing in - to day,

lead your peo - ple in your way. **D.C.**

Verse 4

4. Hope for the hope-less, light for the blind,

"Strong" is your name, Lord, "Gen-tle" and "Kind." **D.C.**

Verse 5

5. Call us to be your light, call us to be your love,

make us your peo - ple a - gain. **D.C.**

Verse 6

6. Come, O Spir - it! re - new our hearts!

We shall a - rise to be chil-dren of light. **D.C.**

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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, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.**

Blessing

Presider May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Songs of thankfulness and praise

Hymnal 135

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen-dent light,
man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
and at Ca - na, wed - ding-guest, in thy God-head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

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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.

If you need assistance with the Hear Aid Loop, please see an usher.

Welcome to the **Soft Space!**

This special area is for children age 5 and under a cozy place to wiggle, wonder, and worship. Here, little ones can experience our liturgy, worship, and communion in a comfortable and engaging way.

Here, little ones can feel at home in God's presence just as they are!

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

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Community Prayers

The Universal Church, its members and its mission; Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America; 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: Sherry, Joe, Celeste, Danny, Kristine, Valorie, Craig, Jane, Evelyn, Cara, Debi, Jack, Carl, Steve, Tom, Robin, Duke, Phyliss, Mike, Ruth, Dirimar, Danielys, Wilquer, Benjamin, John, Kathy, Kay, Jennie, Cate, Bill

We pray for those who are incarcerated, especially: Karlondo, Jermain, Christino, Maurice, Rickie, Apolinar

We pray for those awaiting children, especially: Diana and Shane; Ashton and Cory

We give thanks for the arrival of children.

We pray for those who have died, especially: Jack, Robert

For those who have lost loves ones, especially: the Smith family, the Frank family

We pray for our beloved animal companions, especially: Buster, Oreo

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 and click on "worship" and look for "Online Prayer Group".

Names are checked and updated weekly and refreshed every month.



Godly Play 2026 — Happy to Share the Good News!

Welcome back! We are so happy to see our children and families again as we begin a new year of Godly Play together. We are excited to share some wonderful news for 2026 and look forward to learning, wondering, and growing in faith with our children.

We are delighted to announce that this year we are introducing Nursery Godly Play classes for children ages 3–4. These classes will take place in the nursery room. After receiving the Eucharist, children will go to their assigned classrooms according to their age groups.

Our dedicated Godly Play teachers are ready and excited to welcome the children!

This Week's Focus

Nursery Class (Ages 3–4):

Children will listen to the Creation story and participate in the action song "*God Made the World*." They will also enjoy coloring sheets that reinforce the story and encourage creative reflection on God's creation.

Elementary Class (Ages 5–7):

Children will learn about the season of Epiphany and its meaning in the life of the Church. They will be introduced to the Epiphany chalk door blessing as a symbol of welcoming Christ into our homes. Each child will take chalk home to share this tradition with their family.

Junior Class (Ages 8+):

Students will learn about Baptism, beginning with an introduction to its meaning and purpose. They will explore why Baptism is important in the life of the Church and how it is a sign of God's grace, belonging, and new life in Christ. Children will also study Baptism in Scripture, learning key biblical stories that reveal God's promise and covenant with God's people.

Note for Parents:

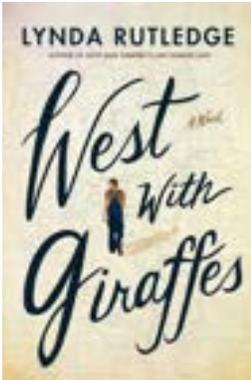
You are warmly invited to join us for Coffee Hour after the service while the children participate in Godly Play. Kindly pick up your children at 10:45 AM.



Adopt a Poinsettia — Help yourself to a poinsettia throughout the church.

St. Lawrence Book Group

Everyone is welcome to join us Monday, January 12 at 7 PM in the Fireside Room for a discussion on ***West with Giraffes*** by Linda Rutledge.



Amazon review: It's 1938. The Great Depression lingers. Hitler is threatening Europe, and world-weary Americans long for wonder. They find it in two giraffes who miraculously survive a hurricane while crossing the Atlantic. What follows is a twelve-day road trip in a custom truck to deliver Southern California's first giraffes to the San Diego Zoo. Behind the wheel is the young Dust Bowl rowdy Woodrow. Inspired by true events, the tale weaves real-life figures with fictional ones, including the world's first female zoo director, a crusty old man with a past, a young female photographer with a secret, and assorted reprobates as spotty as the giraffes.



— ST LAWRENCE CHURCH —
AT STORYPOINT LIBERTYVILLE

Tuesday, January 13 at 2 PM
901 Florsheim Dr.
Libertyville

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN!

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

Monday, January 12 - STL Book Group, Fireside Room, 7 PM

Tuesday, January 13 - StoryPoint Service, Libertyville, 2 PM

Saturday, January 17 - Seeking Sophia, Fireside Room, 9 AM

Monday, January 19 - Church offices closed

Tuesday, January 20 - Young Episcopal Seniors, Library, 11:30 AM; Vestry Meeting, Fireside Room, 7 PM

Saturday, January 24 - Hope Food Pantry, Narthex, 8-10 AM

Sunday, January 25 - STL Annual Meeting, Sanctuary, 10:15 AM; Godly Play, Godly Play Room, 10 AM

Join the St. Lawrence
YOUNG EPISCOPAL SENIORS -YES

Brown Bag Lunch
Third Tuesday of the Month

January 20, 2026
11:30 AM
Library

Bring your lunch and a small dish to pass.
Coffee/Tea/Water provided
Contact Ann Leffler for more information, 847-918-9697



Please join us for a



St. Lawrence
Episcopal Church

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025

Immediately following the 9:00 AM service
in person and online

Sunday School will meet in the
Sunday School Room during the meeting



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