



St. Lawrence
Episcopal Church

Our Mission:

Growing relationships, serving in community,
empowered through worship

Our Vision:

A vibrant, engaged community feeding those who hunger in body, mind
or spirit, celebrating God's love and offering a spiritual home for all

Our Promise:

Wherever you are in your spiritual journey,
St. Lawrence welcomes you. We celebrate diversity and,
following Jesus' example embrace ALL God's children.

As a community, we cherish your uniqueness as God has made you:
across cultural backgrounds, skin color, citizenship/immigration status,
political views, age, gender identity/expression/attraction, marital and
economic status, and physical and cognitive abilities.

Whoever you are, whomever you love,
wherever you are from, WE WELCOME YOU!

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 1, 2021

Prelude

Welcome

Please stand.

Opening Hymn

Singing songs of expectation

Hymnal 527

Opening Acclamation

Presider

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

All

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Presider God is love and we are God's children.
There is no room for fear in love.
We love because God loved us first.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

All **God our Father, we confess to you
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry.
Forgive us our sins,
and deliver us from the power of evil,
for the sake of your Son who died for us,
Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

Presider God, who is both power and love,
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Collect

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

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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 11:26-12:13a

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD, and the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the LORD: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before

the sun." David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD."

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

Psalm 51:1-13

We will be alternating verses, beginning with the North (street side) and then the South (columbarium side).

North **1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving
-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.**

South **2 Wash me through and through from my
wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.**

North **3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.**

South **4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.**

North **5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.**

South **6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.**

North **7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.**

South **8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

North **9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

South **10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.**

- North*** **11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.**
- South*** **12 Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.**
- North*** **13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

Music for Gospel Procession

Holy Gospel

John 6:24-35

All The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

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

Homily

The Rev. Judith Doran

Please stand.

Prayers of the People

Source: www.episcopalchurch.org

Intercessor Let us pray for our country and the world.

Intercessor We pray for continued blessings on all peacemakers, on leaders who value peace, and on everyone who promotes nonviolent solutions to conflict.

All God of peace and gentleness,
Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for the strength of heart and mind to look beyond ourselves and address the needs of our brothers and sisters throughout the world; for those in rural and urban poverty; for the rebuilding of our communities; and for an end to the cycles of violence that threaten our future.

All God of generosity and compassion,
Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for an end to prejudice throughout our country and the world; that we will respect all people as precious children of God; and that racism, sexism, and all other forms of discrimination will be forever banished from our hearts, our society, and our laws.

All God of fellowship and equality,
Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for a reverence of creation; that we will have the tools and the will to conserve it; that we will use its bountiful resources in the service of others; and that we will become better stewards of all that has been entrusted to us.

All God of nature and the universe,
Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for all immigrants, refugees, and pilgrims from around the world, that they may be welcomed in our midst and be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect.

All God of outcasts and wanderers,
Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for those who are sick or infirm; for those with physical or mental disabilities; that all may have access to proper health care. We pray especially for those who are still suffering losses of all kinds from the coronavirus pandemic.

All God of comfort and healing,
Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Paula our Bishop-elect, Kristin our Rector-elect, and Judith our visiting priest today, and for the Church throughout the world, especially the Church of the Province of South East Asia, that the Church may be an instrument of your healing love.

All God of sacrament and connection,
Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for all those who have died.

All God of eternal life and resurrecting love,
Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for all those named in the Zoom chat today:

All God of wonders,
Hear our prayer.

Presider Abide with us always, O God, and look tenderly upon us as we strive to grow closer to you and to be the people you would have us be. In Jesus' name, Amen.
All **Hear our prayer.**

The Peace

Presider We meet in Christ's name.
All **Let us share God's peace.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn *I am the bread of life* *Hymnal 335*

Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer I

*Adapted from Scottish Liturgy 1982 with Alternative Eucharistic Prayers
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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 God thanks and praise.**
Presider Worship and praise belong to you, Father,
in every place and at all times.
All power is yours.

You created the heavens and established the earth;
you sustain in being all that is.
In Christ your Son our life and yours
are brought together in a wonderful exchange.

He made his home among us
that we might for ever dwell in you.
Through your Holy Spirit
you call us to new birth
in a creation restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose
we offer you our praise,
with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven,
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord,
Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, 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 -



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Presider Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father,
 for the gift of your Son born in human flesh
 He is the Word existing beyond time,
 both source and final purpose,
 bringing to wholeness all that is made.
 Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross.
 By your power you raised him from the dead.

He broke the bonds of evil
 and set your people free to be his Body in the world
 On the night when he was given up to death,
 knowing that his hour had come,
 having loved his own,
 he loved them to the end.
 At supper with his disciples
 he took bread and offered you thanks.
 He broke the bread,
 and gave it to them, saying:
 "Take, eat.
 This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup,
 he offered you thanks,
 and gave it to them saying:
 "Drink this, all of you.
 This is my Blood of the new covenant;
 it is poured out for you, and for all,
 that sins may be forgiven.
 Do this in remembrance of me."

Presider We now obey your Son's command.

All **We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.**

Presider Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage
in the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages, world without end.

All **Amen.**

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we 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

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sins of the world,
grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Presider
All

The gifts of God for the people of God.
**May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and
Christ in us.**

Communion Hymn *This is the body of Christ*

The musical score is written for voice and piano in 3/8 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "This is the Bod-y of Christ, bro-ken that we may be whole; this cup, as prom-ised by God, true to his word, cra-dles our Lord: food for the good of the soul." The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

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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 **O God,
As we leave this gathering,
Keep us focused on our mission:
Growing relationships,
Serving in community,
Empowered through worship. Amen.**

Blessing

Closing Hymn *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah* *Hymnal 690*

Dismissal

Postlude

News from St. Lawrence

Meet your new Warden and Vestry Members, elected at the Mini Annual Meeting on July 25, 2021.

Mary Hazen

Nominee for Warden

I am a cradle Episcopalian. I grew up in Dowagiac Michigan and attended St. Paul's throughout my childhood and young adult life. After college, I settled in Chicago and eventually found my way to Church of our Savior where my husband Mike and I were married. I have been a member of St. Lawrence since Mike and I moved to Libertyville in 2000 to raise our family. We loved Libertyville immediately, but when we saw the red doors of St. Lawrence, we knew Libertyville and this parish were meant to be our home and have never looked back. We have two daughters Molly (20) and Julia (18). With Julia's departure to college this fall, we now enter that new era of empty nesting! After 16 years of supporting girls active in travel soccer and multiple other activities, I am definitely preparing for a big change and maybe just a little more free time.

Outside of the home, I have worked for the same company, Alight Solutions (formerly Hewitt Associates) for 33 years. I currently lead our Consumer Experience Client Delivery operations and have the luxury of leading an amazing team of colleagues across North America and India focused on enhancing the health and financial wellbeing of our clients and their employees every day.

Through my years at St. Lawrence, I have been active in Alter Guild, coffee hours, stewardship campaign, confirmation class leader, progressive dinners and as a family we were all very involved in our community meal program. Most recently, I have been part of our Rector Search Committee which culminated with the calling of our new rector, Kristin Saylor.

This search process is what inspired my interest in becoming a warden. Going through this 15 + month search process, we've listened, we've learned, and we've begun to dream about what could be next for St. Lawrence. I have never felt more strongly about the strength of this community and the personal connection I have here. I am committed to ensuring a successful transition as we build for the future. If my nomination is approved, I would be honored to take on the warden role partnering closely with Kate Todd to carry on in 2022.

John Cecilia

Nominee for Vestry

I am a cradle Episcopalian, confirmed in Zion Episcopal Church in Rome, New York, my hometown, in 1960. I have lived in Illinois since 1979 and in Lake County (Libertyville and Lake Bluff) since 1984. After years of wandering in the wilderness, including a now-concluded 15-year marriage to a non-practicing Presbyterian, I decided I needed more community in my life, and with intention walked into St. Lawrence one Sunday in 2018. I first met Cecelia Secor, a greeter, and noting the similarity of our names, felt this might be a good place where the Holy Spirit was present and active.

Since that time, I have been involved as a lector and intercessor, was part of the cast of "The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ," became an active participant in many Conversations that Matter, and most recently served on the Rector Search Committee which has called our next rector, Rev. Kristin Saylor.

I currently am in my 15th year as a licensed clinical social worker/psychotherapist with Youth & Family Counseling of Libertyville, a 59-year-old not-for-profit sliding-scale counseling practice. I also spent 3 years (concurrently) as a fellow at Cathedral Counseling in Chicago, a part of Episcopal Charities. Prior to that I was a senior marketing and product development manager in the industrial and commercial control and energy management field, and before coming to the Chicago area worked as a licensed professional engineer in architectural/engineering firms in New York and Pennsylvania.

I have a BSME (1970) and an MBA (1979), both from Cornell University, and an MSW (2008) from Loyola University Chicago.

I currently work half time, and have begun the process of retirement by reducing my client load through attrition, hopeful of allowing me to devote more time to volunteer pursuits and to improving my proficiency as a pilot.

I am applying to serve on the Vestry as a result of my time and efforts on the Rector Search Committee. It seems appropriate that as Rev. Saylor begins her time as the next rector of St. Lawrence, there should be one (or more) members of the Vestry who are already familiar with her, and can ease her transition into our community and congregation.

Ellen Jennings
Nominee for Vestry

I grew up in Albia, Iowa where my family attended Grace Episcopal Church, a very small but mighty congregation in which my mom was the organist and my dad often served as lay reader since we shared a priest with two other small churches. I went to Carleton College (class of 1978) and grad school at Northwestern ('79). I taught high school in Downers Grove IL for ten years until we moved to Libertyville in 1992. I have two adult daughters. Laura lives and teaches special education in Colorado and Annie lives in Mundelein and works at the Great Lakes Naval Base. Annie has Down syndrome.

I served on the District 70 school board for twelve years, from 1995 - 2007 and on the boards of a variety of Down syndrome groups including National Association for Down Syndrome and the Lake County Down Syndrome Development Council. I recently retired from Cook Memorial Public Library where I'd worked for 18 years as a Readers' Advisor and a genealogy assistant. In my free time I like to play with my puppy, read, work on genealogy and walk or ride my bike.

After a 40 year detour to the Roman Catholic Church, I came back home to the Episcopal Church where I've found comfort, support and strength at St. Lawrence. I look forward to becoming more involved in the life of St. Lawrence Church and am honored to be asked to serve on the Vestry.

Christian Larson
Nominee for Vestry

I have been a member of St. Lawrence my whole life. I was baptized at St. Lawrence and started as an acolyte in 2015. I will be a Junior in high school this fall at Libertyville High School. At LHS, I enjoy playing the oboe in band, saxophone in jazz band, and running track. I've loved being a member of this community and I am thankful to have the opportunity to participate in the vestry.

Elise Womack
Nominee for Vestry

I grew up in the Protestant tradition, but not as an Episcopalian. I felt a yearning for the mysteries of liturgical worship stirring in me for the first time when I sang, with my high school choir, in the cathedrals in Scandinavia. While at Wheaton College, I discovered a movement of students to the Episcopal church--St. Barnabas in Glen Ellyn. Interestingly enough, my now-husband Michael was part of a similar movement at Trinity College in Deerfield. I was confirmed by Bishop Montgomery after college while I attended St. Giles in Northbrook, which is where I met Michael. We were married at St. Luke's in Evanston by the Very Rev. Joy Rogers, and Rev. David Schlafer. Our children Allyson, 29 and Christian, 24, were baptized at Church of the Holy Spirit in Lake Forest and Church of the Annunciation in Gurnee. In addition to my BA from Wheaton in Literature, I hold two master's degrees, one in English and one in Educational Leadership. I retired in 2018 after 35 years in the high school English classroom at Zion-Benton. Michael and I recently finished teaching the Confirmation class at St. Lawrence, and I am a member of Seeking Sophia and Altar Guild. I look forward to contributing to St. Lawrence's future!

Counting Volunteers are Needed

With the resumption of in-person services the need for volunteers to record and deposit our donations has also resumed.

Counting takes place in the church office after the 9:00 service and takes about 1/2 hour. You will work with a partner and be trained.

Please contact Ann Marr at ann.marr59@gmail.com or 847-977-0566 if you are willing to help. Thank you.

St Lawrence Book Group

Please join us in the Fireside Room and on Zoom on Monday, August 9 from 7 PM - 9 PM (***please note the time change***) to discuss "Vanishing Half" by Britt Bennett

"The Vignes twin sisters will always be identical. But after growing up together in a small, southern black community and running away at age sixteen, it's not just the shape of their daily lives that is different as adults, it's everything: their families, their communities, their racial identities. Many years later, one sister lives with her black daughter in the same southern town she once tried to escape. The other secretly passes for white, and her white husband knows nothing of her past. Still, even separated by so many miles and just as many lies, the fates of the twins remain intertwined. What will happen to the next generation, when their own daughters' storylines intersect?"

On the calendar at St. Lawrence...

Sunday, August 8: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, 9 AM "Hybrid" worship in the sanctuary or Zoom live-stream.

Sunday, Aug. 15: Outdoor Worship, 9 AM, Century Park, Vernon Hills (Libertyville Days)

Wednesday, Sept 1: Rev. Kristin Saylor's first day at St. Lawrence

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