

# The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

## October 26, 2025

Announcements

The Reverend Ashley Wright

*You are invited to stand*

Processional Hymn

*Celebrant*

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

***People***

**Glory to God forever and ever.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

*Celebrant*

God be with you.

***People***

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

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*Please be seated*

The Lessons

The First Reading

Sirach 35:12-17

A Reading from the Wisdom of Ben Sira.

Give to the Most High as has been given you,  
and as generously as you can afford.

For the Lord is the one who repays,  
and God will repay you sevenfold.

Do not offer God a bribe, for it will not be accepted;  
and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice;  
for the Lord is the judge,  
and with God there is no partiality.

God will not show partiality to the poor;  
but will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged.

God will not ignore the supplication of the orphan,  
or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 84:1-6**

How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! \*

**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

The sparrow has found her a house

and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*

**by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
my Leader and my God.**

Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*

**they will always be praising you.**

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*

**whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*

**for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

They will climb from height to height, \*

**and the God of gods will be revealed in Zion.**

### **The Second Reading**

2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

A Reading from the Second Letter to Timothy.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for the heavenly kingdom. To God be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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### **Gradual Hymn**

### **The Gospel**

Matthew 22:15-22

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend Ashley Wright

Reflection Music

The Choir

Blessing of the honey

Ruby Diaz and The Reverend Ashley Wright

The Nicene Creed

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St. Luke's Community Prayer

The Prayers of the People

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Let us pray for: Pam++++ (Archbold) as she prepares for ordination.

Also for Claudia & Rick++++(Giacoma) Leo++++ (Ludwick) Adeline++++ (daughter of Ashley) Peggy++++ (Hanson) Larry++++(brother of Barbara) Mary++++ (McEntire) Sarah++++(daughter of Wendy) Meg++++ (sister of Brad) Phyllis+++ + (mother of Shana) Sherry++++ (friend of Meredith) Kathy++++ (sister of Danamichele) Ross++++ (husband of Shana) Nancy++++ (Conrow) Leila++++ (sister in law of Teresa) Ken++++ (cousin of Myra) Gina++++ (friend of Meredith) Dettman Family++++ (friends of Elizabeth) Lauri & Carter++ (family of Craig) Brinton Family+ + (friends of Beckie) Beckie and Family+

*This week we celebrate the birthday of Dorothy Hancock, a beloved member of our parish family.*

Confession of Sin

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The Peace

*Celebrant*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People**

**And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

*You are invited to stand*

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our lives and labor to God.

### **The Doxology**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also 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.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful,  
to give you thanks, all-holy God,  
source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing  
and fed us with your constant love;  
you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ  
and knit us into one body.  
Through your Spirit you replenish us  
and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels  
and with the faithful of every generation,  
we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

**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.**

Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of the universe and giver of life.  
You formed us in your own image  
and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care  
that we might be your faithful stewards  
and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image  
in one another and in ourselves;  
we would not see your goodness in the world around us;  
and so we violated your creation,  
abused one another,  
and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us,  
and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah  
you called us into covenant with you.

You delivered us from slavery,  
sustained us in the wilderness,  
and raised up prophets  
to renew your promise of salvation.  
Then, in the fullness of time,  
you sent your eternal Word,  
made mortal flesh in Jesus.  
Born into the human family,  
and dwelling among us,  
he revealed your glory.  
Giving himself freely to death on the cross,  
he triumphed over evil,  
opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us,  
Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,  
and when he had given thanks to you,  
he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:  
“Take, eat:  
This is my Body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Remembering his death and resurrection,  
we now present to you from your creation  
this bread and this wine.  
By your Holy Spirit may they be for us  
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.  
Grant that we who share these gifts  
may be filled with the Holy Spirit  
and live as Christ's Body in the world.  
Bring us into the everlasting heritage  
of your daughters and sons,  
that with Saint Luke and all your saints,  
past, present, and yet to come,  
we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
to you be honor, glory, and praise,  
for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with Thanksgiving.

### **Communion Hymn**

#### **The Post Communion Prayer**

*You are invited to stand*

Let us pray.

**God of abundance,  
you have fed us  
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth  
in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world**

**and continue for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the Church, the world, and all humankind, peace and concord; and to us and all God's servants, life everlasting; and the blessing of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you this day and remain with you always. Amen.

### **Recessional Hymn**

### **The Dismissal**

*Deacon*  
*People*

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **MINISTRY OF THE MONTH - LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND VISITORS**

Lay Eucharistic ministers assist clergy at the altar during church services, and lay eucharistic visitors take communion to parish members who cannot attend church in person or who request a visit due to illness or other special circumstances.

These are very special ministries that make communion possible. Lay Eucharistic visitors are licensed by the diocese and require special training. If you are interested in learning more about either of these roles, please get in touch with Rev. Ashley at [Ashley@stlukespc.org](mailto:Ashley@stlukespc.org).

### **URGENT - TRUNK OR TREAT CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED**

St. Luke's will once again host a "Trunk or Treat" event for children from Parley's Park Elementary and the local community. And as always, we will need a lot of candy for the many children. Last year, we almost ran out of candy, despite your generous donations! Please bring your donation of individually wrapped candy to the church by Sunday, October 26th, as much as you can.

The Trunk or Treat will be held on Thursday, October 30th, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you plan to participate in person, please let Beckie or Ashley+ know. We need at least 15 cars.

### **WE ARE AT 53% OF OUR \$420,000 GOAL**

Thank you to those of you that have pledged. To date we have received 42 pledges totaling \$231,260 with an average pledge of \$5,506 and a median pledge of \$4,800. We have also seen a 28% increase in overall pledge levels over last year. This is terrific news, and we are grateful. However, we are still \$188,740 short of our goal for 2026. 42 households that made pledges in 2025 have not yet submitted a pledge for 2026. We need everyone to make a commitment to support our wonderful St. Luke's community. Without everyone's support, we may not be able to meet our ongoing financial obligations and daily operating costs (and will be unable to provide

any new support/services). Without pledges, we cannot develop a budget and plan for the work of serving God and the world through our missions and ministries. Please make every effort to submit your pledge by November 1st.

### **WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER**

Each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m., Anne-Marie will lead Morning Prayer online for anyone who would like to begin the day in prayer as a community. This rhythm of psalms, Scripture, and prayer has shaped Christian life for centuries. By joining together in this practice, we participate in the Church's continual prayer, uniting our voices with Christians around the world and throughout time. Whether you are new to the practice or already familiar with it, you are warmly invited to join us. Please contact me at [anne-marie@stlukespc.org](mailto:anne-marie@stlukespc.org) with any questions or if you would like me to walk you through the service of Morning Prayer before joining.

### **ORDINATION OF PAM ARCHBOLD**

The Bishop is pleased to announce that she has issued a Take Order for the ordination of Pamela Archbold to the Diaconate. It is scheduled for November 4, 2025, at 6:00 pm. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Park City.

### **RECEPTION FOR ORDINATION**

Anne Bransford is currently organizing a reception for Pam Archbold's ordination. This is an important Diocesan event happening at St. Luke's and we need all hands on deck!

If you can help with set up, contributing food or drink, or clean up, please let Anne Bransford and the church office know.

### **WOMEN'S GET TOGETHER**

Our next St. Luke's Women's Get Together will be held on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, at 6:00 pm. Debbie Murray has graciously offered to host this event in her new home at 1753 Teal Drive, Park City. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie at (425) 301-4926.

We look forward to seeing you there for fun conversation, delicious food, and fellowship.

\*NOTE: There is no event in October.

### **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

The women's Bible study group is currently studying "The Faith Club" by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver, and Priscilla Warner. We meet on Mondays at 6:30 pm in the library and on Zoom. Please contact Mary Parsons at [maryhparsons@gmail.com](mailto:maryhparsons@gmail.com) if you would like to join us

