

**Saint Luke's Episcopal Church
Tulsa, Oklahoma
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**



Moses Brings Forth Water Out of the Rock

Follower of Filippino Lippi (ca. 1500)

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2026

10:30 a.m.

All stand as able as the Ministers process into the church

The Opening Hymn: H492, *Sing ye faithful, sing with gladness*



1 Sing, ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness, wake your no - blest,
2 Sing how he came forth from hea - ven, bowed him - self to
3 So, he tast - ed death for mor - tals, he, of hu - man -
4 Now on high, yet ev - er with us, from his Fa - ther's



sweet - est strain, with the prais - es of your Sa - vior
Beth - lehem's cave, stooped to wear the ser - vant's ves - ture,
kind the head, sin - less one, a - mong the sin - ful,
throne the Son rules and guides the world he ran - somed,



let his house res - ound a - gain; him let all your
bore the pain, the cross, the grave, passed with - in the
Prince of life, a - mong the dead; thus he wrought the
till the ap - point - ed work be done, till he see, re -



mu - sic hon - or, and your songs ex - alt his reign.
gates of dark - ness, thence his ban - ished ones to save.
full re - demp - tion, and the cap - tor cap - tive led.
newed and per - fect, all things gath - ered in - to one.

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The Word of God

The People standing as able, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

The Celebrant may say

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, S-280

***Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.***

***Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.***

***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.***

***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.***

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People ***Amen.***

The People sit.

The First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

Reader A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb.

Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Hear my teaching, O my people; *
 incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable; *
 I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

That which we have heard and known,
 and what our forefathers have told us, *
 we will not hide from their children.

We will recount to generations to come
 the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
 and the wonderful works he has done.

He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
 in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

He split open the sea and let them pass through; *
 he made the waters stand up like walls.

He led them with a cloud by day, *
 and all the night through with a glow of fire.

He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
 and gave them drink as from the great deep.

He brought streams out of the cliff, *
 and the waters gushed out like rivers.

The Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

Reader A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

The Sequence Hymn: H679, *Surely it is God who saves me*



1 Sure - ly it is God — who saves me; trust-ing him, I shall not
2 Make his deeds known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed



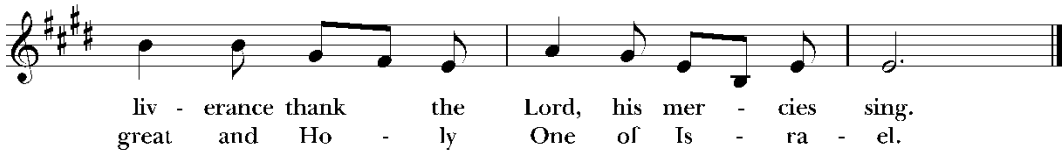
fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his



help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -
might pro - claim. Zi-on, lift your voice in sing-ing; for with



va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -
you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the



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The Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

Then, all standing as able, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said,

“The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

The Sermon..... The Rev. John Rule

On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows, all standing as able

The Nicene Creed

***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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,***

*and was made man.
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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.*

The Prayers of the People (Form VI)

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are
alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop;
Poulson, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

***Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,***

*known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand as able. The Celebrant says to the People

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

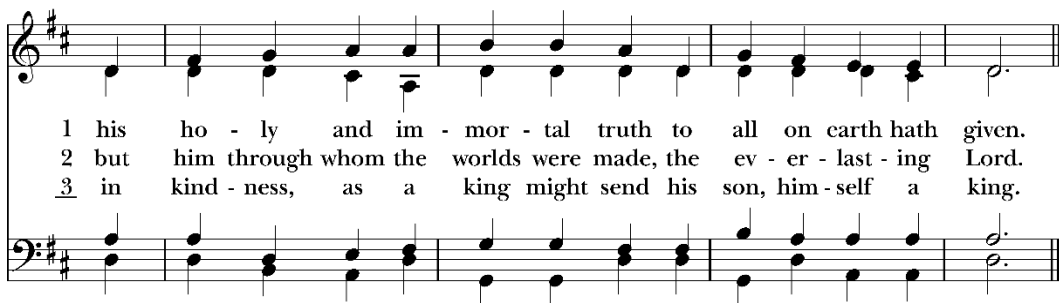
People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Offertory Sentence

The Offertory Hymn: H489, *The great Creator of the worlds* (vv. 1-3)

1 The great Cre - a - tor of the worlds, the sov - ereign God of heaven,
2 He sent no an - gel of his host to bear this might - y word,
3 He sent him not in wrath and power, but grace and peace to bring;



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The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C

The Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise him, all creatures here below;
 Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

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 him thanks and praise.***

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

S-130 Sanctus

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

The People stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

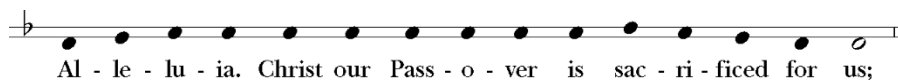
*Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For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

The Breaking of the Bread

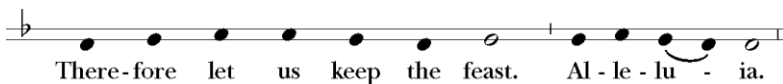
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then the Celebrant sings or says



The People sing or say in response



The Fraction Anthem: S-164, Jesus, Lamb of God

Jesus, Lamb of God.

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins.

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world.

Give us your peace, give us your peace.

Facing the People, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

The Distribution of Communion

All baptized Christians are invited and encouraged to receive the Body and Blood of Christ at the altar of this parish church. Gluten-free wafers are available.

The Communion Hymn: LEVAS205, *When we walk with the Lord*



1. When we walk with the Lord In the light of His word, What a glo - ry He
2. Not a shad - ow can rise, Not a cloud in the skies, But His smile quick - ly
3. Not a bur - den we bear, Not a sor - row we share, But our toil He doth
4. But we nev - er can prove The de - lights of His love Un - til all on the
5. When in fel - low - ship sweet We will sit at His feet, Or we'll walk by His



1. sheds on our way! While we do His good will, He a - bides with us still,
2. drives it a - way; Not a doubt nor a fear, Not a sigh nor a tear,
3. rich - ly re - pay; Not a grief nor a loss, Not a frown nor a cross,
4. al - tar we lay; For the fav - or He shows, And the joy He be - stows,
5. side in the way; What He says we will do, Where He sends we will go,—



1. And with all who will trust and o - bey.
 2. Can a - bide while we trust and o - bey.
 3. But is blest if we trust and o - bey. Trust and o - bey, for there's
 4. Are for them who will trust and o - bey.
 5. Nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.

no oth - er way To be hap - py in Je - sus, But to trust and o - bey.

Words: J. H. Sammis. Music: D. B. Townner.

The Postcommunion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

***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.*

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

The Blessing of the Children

Announcements

The Final Blessing

The Closing Hymn: H522, *Glorious things of thee are spoken*

Descant

4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty

2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -

3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and

4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

deem - er's blood! Whom their souls re -

of our God; he whose word can - not be
 ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and
 fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a
 deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re -

ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

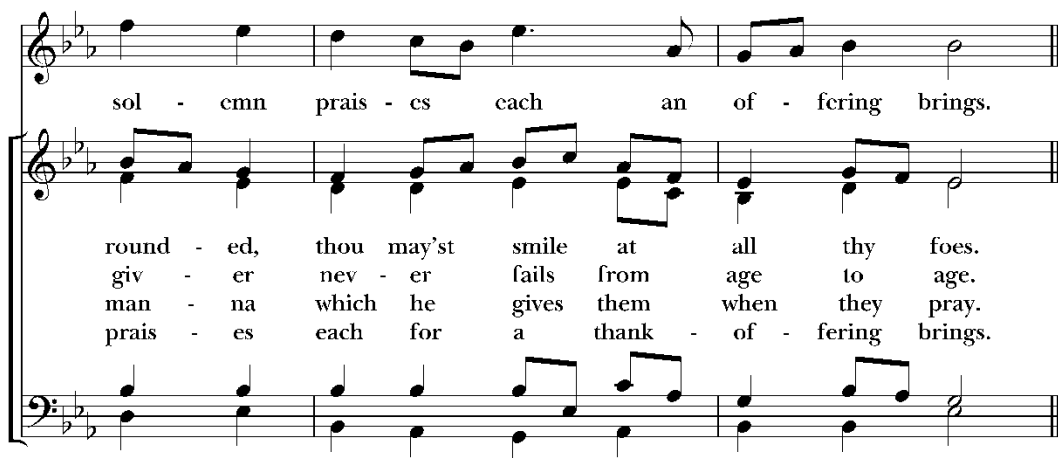
bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;
 daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.
 cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
 ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

'Tis his love his peo - ple raise o - ver

on the Rock of A - ges found-ed, what can shake thy
 Who can faint, when such a riv - er ev - er will their
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner, light by night, and
 'Tis his love his peo - ple rais - es o - ver self to

self to reign and as priests, his

sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -
 thirst as - suage? Grace which, like the Lord, the
 shade by day, safe they feed up - on the
 reign as kings: and as priests, his sol - emn



sol - emn prais - es each an of - fering brings.

round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.
 man - na which he gives them when they pray.
 prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

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The Dismissal

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses the People, who respond

Let us bless the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***



Birthdays & Anniversaries We Celebrate

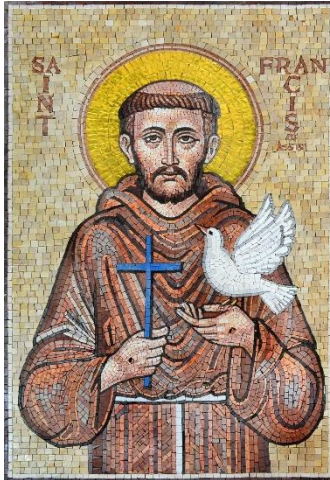


Duncan Alford's Birthday..... September 27
 Sylvia Rule's Birthday September 30
 Olivia Thompson's Birthday September 30
 Craig & Dedee Cottrell's Anniversary September 28

*You are invited to come forward, at the invitation of the priest,
 to receive a birthday or anniversary blessing.*

Saint Luke's Blessing of the Pets

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi,
whose feast day is October 4,
on Sunday, October 4, 2026,
we will have our annual blessing of the pets
at 1:00 p.m.
in the south yard by the parking lot.
Bring your furry friends for a blessing!



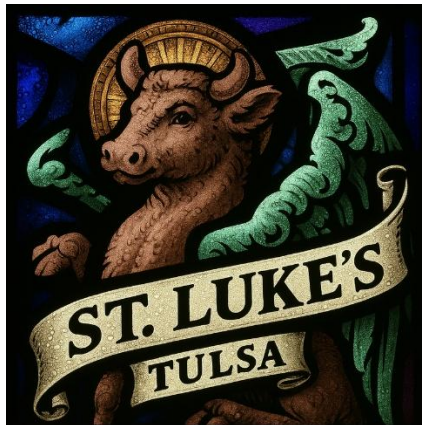
Saint Luke's Day

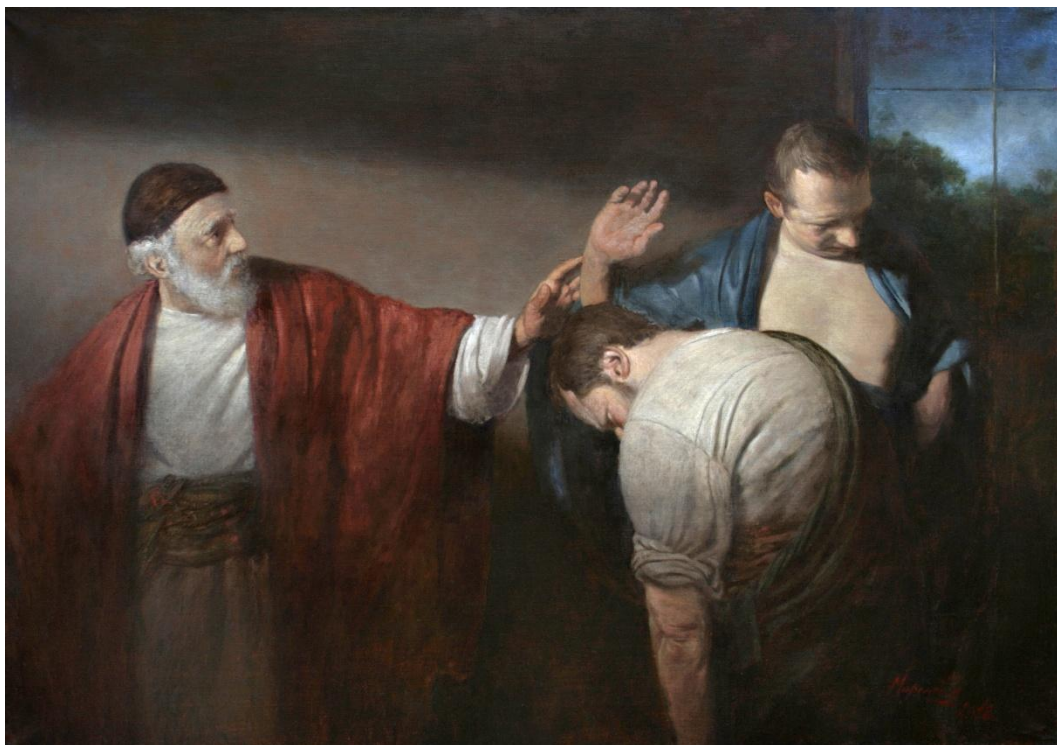
The Feast Day of our Patron Saint,
Luke the Evangelist,
is Sunday, October 18.

We will celebrate St. Luke's Day
in the Parish Hall following worship
with a catered lunch,

Third Sunday birthday cake
celebrating October's birthdays,
and Bingo!

Please plan to attend!





Parable of the Two Sons
Andrei Mironov (2012)

Our Lord Jesus Christ

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Poulson Reed

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Ministers:..... The Congregation of St. Luke's

Celebrant & Preacher:..... The Rev. John Rule

Eucharistic Ministers:..... Anne Ghost Bear

Lectors:..... Yvonne Baker, Kay Eason

Intercessor: Donna Ensing

Acolytes:..... Bill Hiddle

Oblationers: Dedee Cottrell, Harold Eason

Organist:..... Drew Ashley

Ushers:..... Rick Vivion, Craig Cottrell

Counters:..... Melissa Mullen, Melita Hiddle

Those For Whom We Pray THE MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH

Prayers for Healing: Drew, Claudette & John, Linda, Charlotte, John, Joseph & Tera, Yvonne, Wayne

[Please let Fr. John or Melissa Mullen know if you wish to add someone to the Prayer List]

Those in Retirement Homes:

Those in the Armed Forces: For all who serve around the world

Christian People in the World: The people of Ukraine

The Clergy: Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Poulson, our Bishop; John, our Vicar

Our Wardens: Jack Kelly, Craig Cottrell

The Bishop's Committee: Dedee Cottrell, Anne Ghost Bear, Melita Hiddle, Nancy Robbins, Susan Soulsby, Susan Moffatt, Sue Dishong, Zac Cox, Rick Vivion

Our Parish Office Staff: Lee Ann Henley, Treasurer, Melissa Mullen, Secretary, Susan Moffatt, Bookkeeper

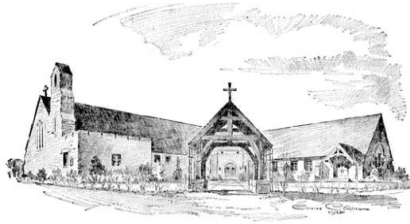
Our Organist: Drew Ashley

Our Choir: Lee Ann, Melissa, Marissa, Betty, Janice

The Faithful Departed: All those who have died because of gun violence or war

Welcome Visitors

We are glad you chose to worship with us today.
We would appreciate it if you would complete the card
found in your pew and place it in the alms basin,
or sign our guest register at the north or south entrance to the church.



May our Lord Jesus Christ bless your worship experience this day
and go with you throughout the week.

Our Mission Statement

To know Christ and make him known through worship, prayer,
study, fellowship, outreach, and witness in our daily walk.



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