



St. Lawrence
Episcopal Church

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST
July 5, 2026 at 9 AM

Prelude

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn

Jesus shall reign, where'er the sun

Hymnal 544

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
2 thron - e to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -
3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
5 hon - or to our King; an - gels de - scend with

1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.
4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Opening Acclamation

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

Collect of the Day

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

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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

Zechariah 9:9-12

Reader Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

Descant

6 All thy works, O Lord, shall bless thee; thee shall all thy

1 God, my King, thy might confessing, ever will I
 2 Honor great our God befitting; who his majesty
 3 They shall talk of all thy glory, on thy might and
 4 Nor shall fail from memory's treasure works by love and
 5 Full of kindness and compassion, slow to anger,

saints adore; King supreme shall they confess thee,

1 bless thy Name; day by day thy throne address, ing,
 2 thy can reach? Age to age his works transmit, teth,
 3 greatness dwell, speak of thy dread acts the story,
 4 mercy wrought, works of love surpassing measure,
 5 vast in love, God is good to all creation;

and proclaim thy sovereign power.

1 still will I thy praise proclaim.
 2 age to age his power shall teach.
 3 and thy deeds of wonder tell.
 4 works of mercy passing thought.
 5 all his works his goodness prove.

6 All thy works, O Lord, shall bless thee;
 thee shall all thy saints adore;
 King supreme shall they confess thee,
 and proclaim thy sovereign power.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Gospeler
All

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

Gospeler

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

All

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

Homily

The Very Rev. Joy Rogers

Following the sermon, we will hold a short period of silence, begun and ended with the ringing of a bell. As with all things in our liturgy, we do not expect perfection and celebrate that the Holy Spirit meets us wherever we are - be it in stillness or in the joyful presence of children in our midst.

Nicene Creed

All

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Intercessor May your peace dwell among us and your love renew our hearts, Lord, we pray.
All **God of compassion, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Strengthen us in faith and deepen our longing for your Kingdom, Lord, we pray.
All **God of compassion, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Guide your Church in the way of Christ; through your Spirit, make her a place of
welcome and grace, Lord, we pray.
All **God of compassion, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bless the leaders of the nations with wisdom, justice, and a desire for peace,
Lord, we pray.
All **God of compassion, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Strengthen those who serve the poor, the lonely, and the forgotten, Lord, we pray.
All **God of compassion, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For the prayers we carry in our hearts and for those known to God alone,
Lord, we pray.
All **God of compassion, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Comfort all who are sick, suffering, or burdened by life's trials, and for those we now
name, Lord, we pray.
All **God of compassion, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For our beloved dead, and for all who have entered the nearer presence of God; especially those we now name, Lord, we pray.

All **God of compassion, hear our prayer.**

Presider Holy, holy, holy God, fill us with strength and courage, with discernment and compassion. May we be instruments of justice and love in this world, that it may be on earth as it is in heaven, through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

Confession

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

All **God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen**

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

All **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn

Lord of the Dance

Unison G Em Bm Em

1 I danced in the morn - ing when the world was be - gun, and I
2 I danced for the scribe and the Phar - i - see, but they
3 I danced on the Sab - bath and I cured the lame, the
4 I danced on a Fri - day when the sky turned black; it's
5 They cut me down and I leapt up high,

Am D7

danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I
would not dance and they would not fol - low me; I
ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame; they
hard to dance with the dev - il on your back; they
I am the life that - 'll nev - er, nev - er die; I'll

G Em Bm Em

came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth. At
danced for the fish - er - men, for James and John; they
whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high; and they
bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone, but
live in you if you'll live in me;

Am D7 C/G G *Refrain* G Bm

Beth - le - hem I had my birth.
came with me and the Dance went on.
left me there on a cross to die. Dance, then, where -
I am the Dance and I still go on.
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Lord of the Dance'. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a guitar accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), indicating G major. The lyrics are: 'ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all where - ev - er you may be, and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.' The guitar accompaniment includes chord diagrams for various chords: Em, G, Am/C, D, D7/C, G, C/G, G/D, D7/C, G/B, Am/C, Am, D7, G, C/G, and G.

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Holy Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer 5

The Book of Alternative Service (Anglican Church of Canada)

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 our thanks and praise.**

Presider We give thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

All **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, you Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family.

Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing,

Sanctus

All



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 -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Presider

We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us, you showed us how much you love us.

He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you showed us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

All

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this , all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

All **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus, in the breaking of the bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

All **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom.

We sing you praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All **Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider As our Savior taught us, let us 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider "I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.

All **Give us this bread forever.**

Presider "I am the vine, you are the branches."

All **May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.**

Fraction Anthem

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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The Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

All **Thanks be to 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

I heard the voice of Jesus say



The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of five staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has three lines of lyrics. The second staff has three lines. The third staff has three lines. The fourth staff has three lines. The fifth staff has three lines. The music is in 4/4 time and ends with a double bar line.

1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and
2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly
3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's

1. rest; Lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down Thy head up -
2. give The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, Stoop down, and
3. light; Look un - to me, thy morn shall rise, And all thy

1. on my breast." I came to Je - sus as I was, So
2. drink, and live." I came to Je - sus, and I drank Of
3. day be bright." I looked to Je - sus, and I found In

1. wea - ry, worn and sad; I found in him a
2. that life - giv - ing stream; My thirst was quenched, my
3. him my star, my sun; And in that light of

1. rest - ing place, And he has made me glad.
2. soul re - vived, And now I live in him.
3. life I'll walk Till trav - 'ling days are done.

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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.***

Prayer after Communion

Presider All you works praise you, O Lord.
And you faithful servants bless you.

Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give to the world.

Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

Blessing


Closing Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling

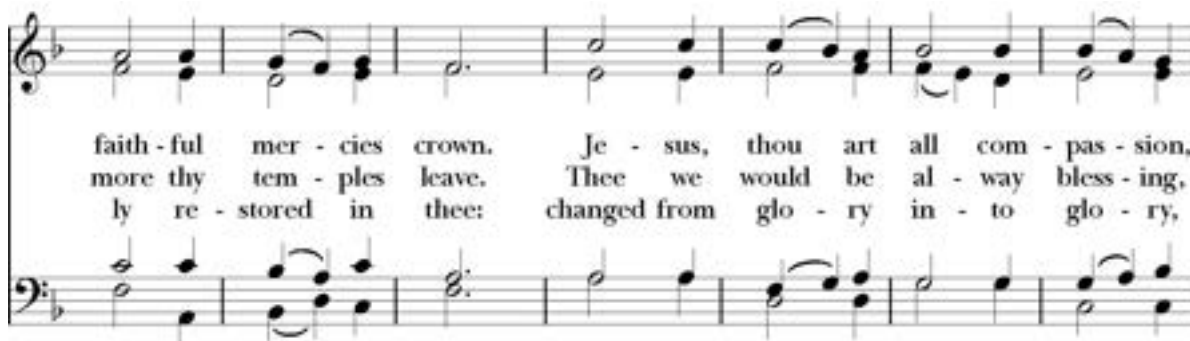
Hymnal 657



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

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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 Hearing 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!

Building fellowship, one cup at a time.

Join us at our DIY Coffee Bar this Sunday! Enjoy a custom cup of coffee and a snack as you connect with our church family after service. Everyone is welcome!

Those attending a worship service at St. Lawrence are entering an area where photography, video, and audio recording may occur on behalf of St. Lawrence. Please be aware that these images may be used for promotional purposes, including on our website or social media, without obtaining express written permission.

Community Prayers

The Universal Church, its members and its mission; The Anglican Church of South 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, Jane, Evelyn, Cara, Debi, Ellen, Fred, Jack, Betsy, Melanie, Fr. John, Carl, Steve, Tom, Jennie, Ryan Li, Sharon, Robin, Duke, Phyliss, Ruth, Dirimar, Danielys, Wilquer, Jeff, Mary

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

We pray for those preparing for marriage, especially: Allyson and Taylor, Makayla and Bryce, Jenny and Jerry

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

We pray for those who have died, especially: Bill

We pray for those who have lost loved ones, especially: the Smith family, the Frank family, the Karnstedt family, the Cooper family, the Schrum and Jones family

We pray for our beloved animal companions, especially: Bella, Kellie, Hank, Barley

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.



Opening Doors to a Brighter Future

As part of our Sabbatical 2026, we're giving back to our neighbors by volunteering with Habitat for Humanity. This global organization brings people together to build stronger communities and expand access to safe, affordable housing. If you've ever wanted to experience a rewarding day of service and hard work, this is a wonderful opportunity.



St. Lawrence Volunteer Day – Friday, July 10

We are ready to rock and build in July. Below you will find general information for a build day and the links for each volunteer to sign their waiver.

Please arrive at 8 AM to go over training for the day. *Also, please note that plans may change prior to the build date. If this happens, an email will be sent no later than the day before.

Details & Reminders

- Address: **38141 N Cornell, Beach Park IL 60087**
- The day will run from 8 AM—3 PM
- Parking is available alongside the street, but please leave room in front of the property for construction vehicles to get in/out.
- Tasks: Exterior foam, floor deck and wall building
- Lunch will be around 11:30 AM
- Dress comfortably with closed toed shoes, and come prepared for dirty work, rain or shine! We'll provide all training, tools, and safety gear-but you're welcome to bring your own tools or work gloves, if you prefer.

Links for your build day:

Friday: Wall Building

Password: STLBD

[https://habitatlmc.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=106025&job_password=STLBD&shifts_filter=\[8802254\]](https://habitatlmc.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=106025&job_password=STLBD&shifts_filter=[8802254])



St. Lawrence T-Shirts Are Here!

Show your St. Lawrence spirit everywhere you go!
Pick up your T-shirt in the Narthex after the service.

Youth — \$10.00

Adult — \$20.00



Help us be a welcoming space in our community

We need volunteers to be welcomers and supervisors of the Open Space. Two-hour shifts are available each week. Everything you need will be waiting for you at the front door.

We are keeping it safe and simple. Sign up through the weekly email or contact the office at office@stlawrencechurch.org for more information.



Join us for monthly Garden Parties during Kristin's sabbatical at St. Lawrence, with each gathering bringing a fun theme inspired by wherever her journey takes her.

July Happenings





— ST LAWRENCE CHURCH —
AT STORYPOINT LIBERTYVILLE

Tuesday, July 14 at 2 PM
901 Florsheim Dr.
Libertyville

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN!

Join the St. Lawrence
YOUNG EPISCOPAL SENIORS -YES

Brown Bag Lunch
Third Tuesday of the Month
July 21, 2026
Noon in the Library

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





Welcomes Bishop Paula Clark Sunday, July 26



Join us for a joyful 9 AM worship service as we warmly welcome Bishop Paula Clark to St. Lawrence.

During this special visit, Bishop Clark will celebrate baptisms, confirmations, and receptions with our parish community.

After the service, we'll continue the celebration with a reception.

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

Thursday, July 9 - Open Play, front steps, 9-Noon

Friday, July 10 - Hope Food Pantry, Narthex, 5-7 PM

Saturday, July 11 - Hope Food Pantry, Narthex, 8-10 AM

Sunday, July 12 - Pet Blessing, 10 AM, Sanctuary; Sabbatical Garden Party, Coninx's, 4-7 PM

Tuesday, July 14 - StoryPoint, Libertyville, 2 PM

Thursday, July 16 - Open Play, front steps, 9-Noon

Tuesday, July 21 - Young Episcopal Seniors (YES) Group, Library, Noon; Vestry, Fireside Room, 7 PM

Thursday, July 23 - Open Play, front steps, 9-Noon

Friday, July 24 - Hope Food Pantry, Narthex, 5-7 PM

Saturday, July 25 - Hope Food Pantry, Narthex, 8-10 AM

Sunday, July 26 - Bishop Clark visits St. Lawrence Church

Thursday, July 30 - Open Play, front steps, 9-Noon



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