



**St. Lawrence**  
Episcopal Church

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
HOLY EUCHARIST  
May 10, 2026 at 9 AM

**Prelude**

*Prelude on The Ash Grove*  
Dale Wood

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Opening Hymn**

*For the beauty of the Earth*

*Hymnal*

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, For the beau - ty of the skies,  
2 For the won - der of each hour Of the day and of the night,  
3 For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's de - light,  
4 For the joy of hu - man love, Broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,

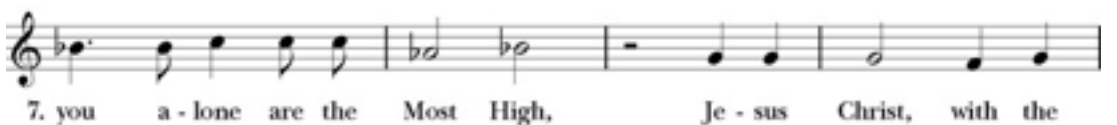
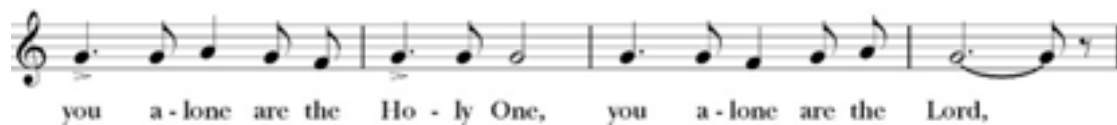
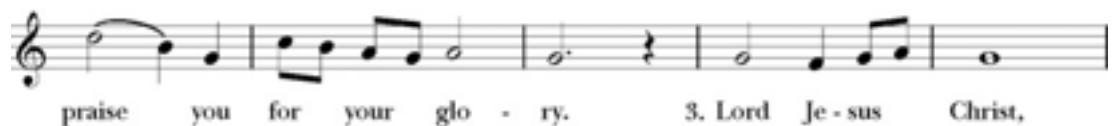
For the love which from our birth O - ver and a - round us lies:  
Hill and vale and tree and flow'r, Sun and moon and stars of light:  
For the mys - tic har - mo - ny Link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
Friends on earth and friends a - bove; For all gen - tle thoughts and mild:

*Refrain*  
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise This our sac - ri - fice of praise.

5 For yourself, best gift divine Agent of God's grand design,  
To the world so freely giv'n; Peace on earth and joy in heav'n: *Refrain*

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*All* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

### Gloria in Excelsis





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## Collect of the Day

*Presider* May God be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

Acts 17:22-31

*Reader* Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

All

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 66:7-18** (*sing together*)



**7 Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
make the voice of his praise to be heard;**

**8 Who holds our souls in life, \*  
and will not allow our feet to slip.**

**9 For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.**

**10 You brought us into the snare; \*  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

**11 You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water; \*  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.**

**12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings  
and will pay you my vows, \*  
which I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.**

**13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
with the smoke of rams; \*  
I will give you oxen and goats.**

**14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*  
and I will tell you what he has done for me.**

**15 I called out to him with my mouth, \*  
and his praise was on my tongue.**

**16 If I had found evil in my heart, \*  
the Lord would not have heard me;**

**17 But in truth God has heard me; \*  
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.**

**18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \*  
nor withheld his love from me.**

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## **Second Reading**

1 Peter 3:13-22

*Reader*

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

*All* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

*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!*

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
2 His law he en - for - ces, the stars in their cours - es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise, who fash - ioned and  
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine; the hills and the

made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who still guides us  
moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the deeps of the

on to the end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us, his  
o - cean pro - claim him di - vine. We too should be voic - ing our

light goes be - fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the  
love and re - joic - ing; with glad a - dor - a - tion a song let us

night, till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is  
raise till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks -

ban - ished, as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
giv - ing: "to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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## Holy Gospel

John 14:15-21

*Gospeler*  
*All*

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

*Gospeler*

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

*All*

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

## Homily

The Rev. Kristin Saylor

*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* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth,  
live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.  
Lord, in your mercy.

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace;  
that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy.

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its  
resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy.

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ  
in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy.

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and  
hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy.

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be  
fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy.

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

## **The Peace**

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Unison or harmony*

1 As those of old their first fruits brought of vine - yard, flock, and  
 =2 A world in need now sum - mons us to la - bor, love, and  
 3 With grat - i - tude and hum - ble trust we bring our best to

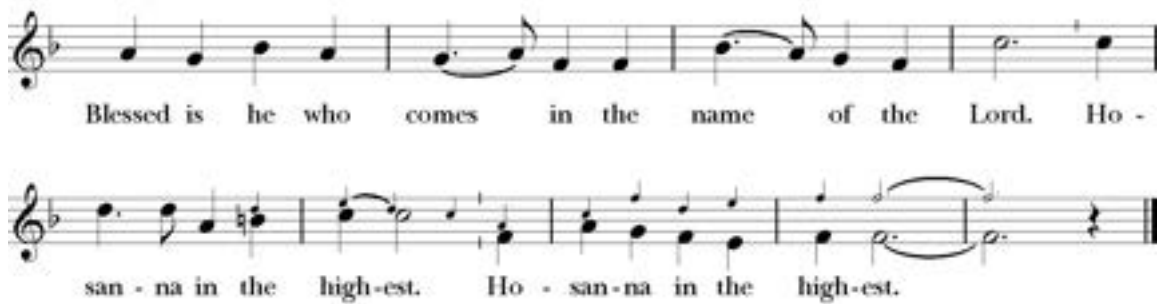
field to God, the giv - er of all good, the  
 give; to make our life an of - fer - ing to  
 thee to serve thy cause and share thy love with

source of bount - eous yield; so we to - day our  
 God that all may live; the Church of Christ is  
 all hu - man - i - ty. O thou who gav - est

first fruits bring, the wealth of this good land, of  
 call - ing us to make the dream come true: a  
 us thys - elf in Je - sus Christ thy Son, help

farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind, and heart, and hand.  
 world re - deemed by Christ - like love; all life in Christ made new,  
 us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.





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*Presider* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into 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 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, according to his command, O Father,

*All* **We remember Christ's death,  
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,  
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

*Presider* And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Lawrence all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

*Presider* Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

*All* **Therefore, let us keep the feast, Alleluia**

### Fraction Anthem

*Hallelujah! We sing your praises!*

*WLP784*

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the Treble clef, with accompaniment in the Bass clef. The lyrics are as follows:

Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es! All our  
Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -

hearts are filled with glad - ness! Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your  
bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa

Fine

prai - ses! All our hearts are filled with glad - ness!  
 ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.

Christ the Lord to us said: "I am wine, I am bread, I am  
 Je - sus says to us still: "All who do the Lord's will, all who

wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger!"  
 do the Lord's will are my sis - ters and my bro - thers." *D.C.*

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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 Music

*Peace I Leave*

Peace I leave, my peace I give you, not the

The first system of musical notation for the hymn 'Peace I Leave'. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 2/4 time and the key of B-flat major. The lyrics 'Peace I leave, my peace I give you, not the' are written below the treble staff.

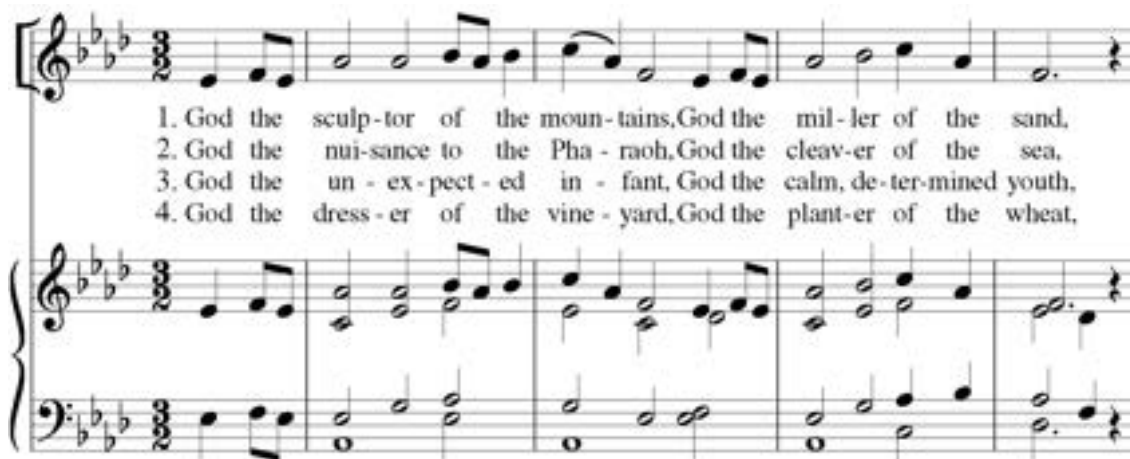
peace the world can of - fer. In each storm,

The second system of musical notation. The lyrics 'peace the world can of - fer. In each storm,' are written below the treble staff.

in each con - fu - sion I'll be with you.

The third system of musical notation, concluding the hymn. The lyrics 'in each con - fu - sion I'll be with you.' are written below the treble staff.

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1. God the sculp-tor of the moun-tains, God the mil-ler of the sand,  
2. God the nui-sance to the Pha-raoh, God the cleav-er of the sea,  
3. God the un-ex-pect-ed in-fant, God the calm, de-ter-mined youth,  
4. God the dress-er of the vine-yard, God the plant-er of the wheat,



God the jewel-er of the heav-ens, God the pot-ter of the land;  
God the pil-lar of the dark-ness, God the bea-con of the free:  
God the ta-ble turn-ing pro-phet, God the res-ur-rect-ed Truth:  
God the reap-er of the har-vest, God the source of all we eat:



you are womb of all cre - a - tion, we are form - less; shape us now,  
you are gate of all de - liv' - rance, we are sight - less; lead us now,  
you are pres - ent ev - ery mo - ment, we are search - ing; meet us now,  
you are host at ev - ery ta - ble, we are hun - gry; feed us now.

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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.**

### **Easter Blessing**

*Presider*      The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

*All*            **Amen.**

1 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;  
 2 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him up - on earth,  
 3 O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;  
 4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song

re - jice in his word, ye an - gels of light;  
 in tune - ful ac - cord, all ye of new birth;  
 each ju - bi - lant chord re - ech - o a - round;  
 to him be out - poured all a - ges a - long!

ye hea - vens, a - dore him by whom ye were made,  
 praise him who hath brought you his grace from a - bove,  
 loud or - gans, his glo - ry forth tell in deep tone,  
 For love in cre - a - tion, for hea - ven re - stored,

and wor - ship be - fore him, in bright - ness ar - rayed.  
 praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love,  
 and sweet harp, the sto - ry of what he hath done.  
 for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!

A - men, A - men.

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## Dismissal

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

*All* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

## Postlude

*The Emperor's Fanfare (From Sixth Double Concerto)*  
Antonio Soler (1729-1783), arr. E. Power Biggs

## 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!

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; The Church of Pakistan (United) 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, Ellen, Fred, Jack, Betsy, Carl, Steve, Tom, Jennie, Ryan Li, Robin, Duke, Phyliss, Ruth, Dirimar, Danielys, Wilquer, Nina, Vijay, Sherri, Dennis, Martha, Bob, Maureen, Lili, Dorothy, Benjamin, Jennifer, Laurie, Sarah, Chris

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

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

We give thanks for the arrival of children

We pray for those who have died, especially: Becky

For those who have lost loved ones, especially: the Smith family, the Frank family, the Finch family, the Ciacci family

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

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](http://www.stlawrencechurch.org) and click on "worship" and look for "Online Prayer Group". Names are checked and updated weekly and refreshed every month.*



### **Last Sunday in Godly Play Program (Year 2025–2026)**

After receiving the Eucharist, the children will go to their assigned classrooms according to their age groups. Our dedicated Godly Play teachers are ready and excited to welcome them.

### **This Week's Focus**

#### **Elementary Class (Ages 3–7)**

##### **The Circle of the Eucharist – “What We Do in Church”**

This week, our Elementary class children will be learning about *The Circle of the Eucharist* through our Godly Play lesson, “What We Do in Church.” Using engaging Godly Play materials, the children will explore the different parts of our worship service and discover what we do in church and why we do it. Through storytelling, discussion, and hands-on activities, they will begin to understand how each part of the liturgy connects us to God and to one another.

For this week's activity, the children will prepare a simple thank-you note for their teachers who have taught and cared for them throughout the entire school year. This will be a small but meaningful way for them to express gratitude and appreciation for their teachers' love, guidance, and dedication.

#### **Junior Class (Ages 8–12)**

##### **What We Do in Church and Why We Do It**

This week, our children will continue their learning on “What we do in church and why we do it.” They will explore the actions of worship in greater depth, discovering their deeper theological meaning and how each part of the service helps us grow in faith and understanding.

For the activity, the children will work on a puzzle based on what they have learned over the past two weeks. This hands-on activity will help them review, stay engaged, and strengthen their understanding of worship in a fun and interactive way.

## Many Voices, One Spirit – Pentecost Celebration

On the Day of Pentecost, the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in many languages so that all could hear the good news. (Acts of the Apostles 2)

This Pentecost, we invite members of our church family to help bring this beautiful story to life by reading selected portions of the Second Lesson, Acts of the Apostles 2:1–21, in different languages during worship.

If you speak and read another language, we would be honored to have you participate. Please contact our Associate Rector, Rev. Stefi Baiju, if you would like to read.



## Preparing for Confirmation or Reception? or Are you ready to take the next step in Confirmation or Reception?

Our Bishop, the Right Reverend Paula E. Clark, visits our church once every three years. This year, she will be with us on **July 26th**.

A bishop's visit is a special and meaningful moment in the life of the Church. It is also a wonderful opportunity for those who are considering **Confirmation or Reception into the Episcopal Church** to take the next step in their faith journey.

If you are thinking about being confirmed or received, or if you would like to learn more about what this entails, this could be a meaningful time to prepare and make that commitment.

Associate Rector, the Rev. Stefi Baiju, will be holding a forum in the Fireside Room on **June 7th**. This will be an open time for anyone who would like to learn more, ask questions, or speak about Confirmation or Reception. Everyone is warmly welcome.

If you are planning to be confirmed or received, please email us so we can support you in your preparation.



## St. Lawrence Book Group

Everyone is welcome to join the discussion of [A Fever in the Heartland: Klu Klux Klan's plot to take over America](#), Timothy Egan. We will meet in the Fireside Room at 7 PM on Monday May 11.



— ST LAWRENCE CHURCH —  
AT STORYPOINT LIBERTYVILLE

Tuesday, May 12 at 2 PM  
901 Florsheim Dr.  
Libertyville

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN!



St. Lawrence  
Episcopal Church

**Come join us for  
Godly Play  
Teacher Appreciation  
Sunday, May 17  
9 AM**

Afterwards, we'll celebrate  
the last day of Godly Play!

*Join the St. Lawrence*  
**YOUNG EPISCOPAL SENIORS -YES**

**Brown Bag Lunch  
Third Tuesday of the Month  
May 19, 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



# SABBATICAL

## 2026

returning & reveling

**Kristin will be on Sabbatical  
June 1 - August 22**

In the Diocese of Chicago, clergy take sabbatical every five years.

Thanks to a grant from The Lilly Foundation, all sabbatical activities are fully funded. During Kristin's absence, our congregation will prioritize what matters most while taking time to rest, rejuvenate, and grow together.



Spain



France



Germany

Kristin will host two **Sunday Forums** to share information about the sabbatical

**Sunday, May 17**

10:15 AM

Fireside Room

*Sabbatical Q & A*

**Sunday, May 24**

10:15 AM

Fireside Room

*Lets talk about Taizé*

### **Sunday Send Off**

Join us for a special Taizé service,

**Sunday, May 31**

9 AM

followed by a festive coffee hour to wish Kristin bon voyage

## SUMMER AT ST LAWRENCE

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### GARDEN PARTIES

During the sabbatical at St. Lawrence, Garden Parties will be held each month, with each event featuring a theme that reflects Kristin's current location.

- **June 7** - *Spain* hosted by Betsy Barnett and Holly Jones
- **July 12** - *France* hosted by Coninx
- **August 7** - *Germany* hosted by Michele Dziaba and Susan Fink

### SUMMER ADULT FORUM

**SUNDAY, JUNE 14**

**10:15 AM**

Elise and Michael Womack will present on their recent Camino hike, offering insight into Kristin's experience.



## **Volunteer at Libertyville Days and support St. Lawrence!**

Each year, Libertyville Days requires our church to close for one weekend in June. This year, we have a great opportunity to turn that weekend into a fundraiser for St. Lawrence!

MainStreet Libertyville has invited us to volunteer at the festival. For every hour volunteered, St. Lawrence will receive \$20. Our volunteers will be selling beverage tickets.

We need to fill 14 shifts, ranging from 3 to 4.25 hours each. As a thank-you, every volunteer receives one free drink per shift. With your help, we can raise over \$1,000 for St. Lawrence! Please consider signing up—go to this link in your weekly email or the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. If you have any questions, contact Andrea Larson.

### **ST. LAWRENCE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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**JUNE 21 AT 9 AM**

## **WORSHIP SERVICE AND STL PARISH PICNIC**



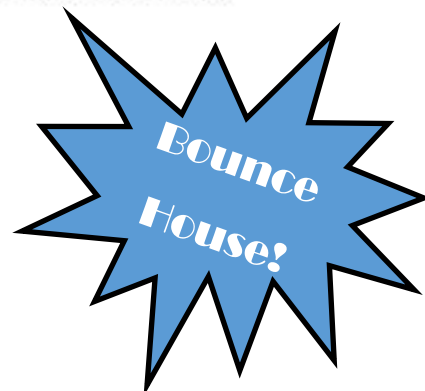
Old School Forest Preserve, Shelter C in Libertyville

**We need volunteers to make this day full of fun.  
Contact the office to help, [office@stlawrencechurch.org](mailto:office@stlawrencechurch.org)**

### **The Alphabet Food Strategy:**

Whatever your last name begins with bring the following

- A - J Side dishes *(please bring serving utensils)*
- K - P Beverages *(non-alcoholic)*
- Q - Z Desserts *(please bring serving utensils)*





**On the STL calendar** (*see the entire calendar on the STL website, [stlawrencechurch.org](http://stlawrencechurch.org)*)

**Monday, May 11** - STL Book Group, Fireside Room, 7 PM

**Tuesday, May 12** - StoryPoint service, Libertyville, 2 PM

**Saturday, May 16** - Seeking Sophia, Fireside Room, 9 AM

**Sunday, May 17** - Godly Play Teacher Appreciation, 9 AM; End of Year Celebration for Godly Play Kids, Godly Play Room, 10:15 AM

**Tuesday, May 19** - Young Episcopal Seniors (YES) Group, Library, Noon; Vestry meeting, Fireside Room, 7 PM

**Friday, May 22** - Hope Food Pantry, Narthex, 5-6 PM

**Saturday, May 23** - Hope Food Pantry, Narthex, 8-10 AM

**Sunday, May 26** - **Pentecost**

**Offices will be closed during Libertyville Days**

On Monday night June 15 the parking lot, alley and Church Street will be blocked off for Libertyville Days. Access to the church is difficult and the activities takeover. The offices will be working remotely Tuesday, June 16 - Thursday, June 18. **Note: We will be worshipping off-site at Old School Forest Preserve in Libertyville on Sunday, June 21.**

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