



# St. Lawrence

Episcopal Church

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
HOLY EUCHARIST  
May 17, 2026 at 9 AM

## Prelude

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Opening Hymn

*All hail the power of Jesus' name*

*Hymnal 450  
(omit vs. 4 and 5)*

6 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, on this ter - res - trial

ball, to him a - scribe, and

1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and  
2 call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and  
3 call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and  
4 fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and  
5 gall, go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and

crown him Lord of all! to him a -

- 1 crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al
- 2 crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of
- 3 crown him Lord of all! the God in - car - nate,
- 4 crown him Lord of all! hail him who saves you
- 5 crown him Lord of all! go, spread your tro - phies

scribe, and crown him Lord of all!

- 1 di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
- 2 pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
- 3 Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!
- 4 by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
- 5 at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!

6 Let every kindred, every tribe,  
on this terrestrial ball,  
to him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all!

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

### Gloria in Excelsis

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -

might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For  
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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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, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## First Reading

Acts 1:6-14

*Reader* When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36 (*spoken together*)

*All* **1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \*  
let those who hate him flee before him.**

**2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; \*  
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence  
of God.**

**3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; \*  
let them also be merry and joyful.**

**4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;  
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; \*  
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!**

**5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, \*  
God in his holy habitation!**

**6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; \*  
but the rebels shall live in dry places.**

**7 O God, when you went forth before your people, \*  
when you marched through the wilderness,**

**8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,  
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, \*  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

**9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; \*  
you refreshed the land when it was weary.**

**10 Your people found their home in it; \*  
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**

**33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \*  
sing praises to the Lord.**

**34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \*  
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.**

**35 Ascribe power to God; \*  
his majesty is over Israel;  
his strength is in the skies.**

**36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! \*  
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!  
Blessed be God!**

## **Second Reading**

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

*Reader*

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering.

And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

All

**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!*

**Sequence Hymn**

*Hail the day that sees him rise*

*Hymnal 214*

1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 There the glo - rious tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!  
\*3 See! he lifts his hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Lord be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!

glo - rious to his na - tive skies; Al - le - lu - ia!  
lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates! Al - le - lu - ia!  
See! he shows the prints of love; Al - le - lu - ia!  
raise our hearts to reach thy height, Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, a - while to mor - tals given, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Wide un - fold the ra - diant scene; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!  
there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!



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## Holy Gospel

John 17:1-11

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

*Gospeler* Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

*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.**

### **Godly Play Teacher Appreciation**

*All* **Holy God, Creator of all stories and Giver of all truth, we thank You for the ministry of our Godly Play teachers. You have entrusted them with the sacred task of opening the Scriptures to our children and inviting them into the mystery of Your presence.**

**Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon them, that their teaching may be grounded in reverence, shaped by love, and filled with wonder. Give them listening hearts, patient spirits, and faithful words, that every story told may become a doorway into Your grace.**

**May all that they do draw our children deeper into the mystery of Your Kingdom, where wonder, truth, and love abide. And may we, as a community, be formed together more fully into the body of Christ.**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen**



1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -  
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on  
 3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er  
 =4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;  
 thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,  
 to a - bide; all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee,  
 to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,



thou didst free sal - va - tion bring, Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal  
 thou hast full a - tone - ment made, All thy peo - ple are for -  
 seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art  
 right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic



Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it  
 giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the  
 plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us  
 spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our



we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name  
 gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.  
 in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.  
 Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

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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!*

*WLP 784*

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

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

**Fine**

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 Hymn**

*Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor*

*Hymnal 307*

1 Lord, en - throned in heaven - ly splen - dor, first - be -  
 2 Here our hum - blest hom - age pay we, here in  
 3 Though the low - lyest form doth veil thee as of  
 4 Pas - chal Lamb, thine of - fering, fi - nished once for  
 5 Life - im - part - ing heaven - ly Man - na, smit - ten

1 got - ten from the dead, Thou a - lone, our strong de -  
 2 lov - ing rev - erence bow; here for faith's dis - cern - ment  
 3 old in Beth - le - hem, here as there thine an - gels  
 4 all when thou wast slain, in its full - ness un - di -  
 5 Rock with stream - ing side, heaven and earth with loud ho -

Al - le -

1 fend - er, lift - est up thy peo - ple's head.  
 2 pray we, lest we fail to know thee now.  
 3 hail thee, branch and flower of Jes - se's stem.  
 4 min - ished shall for ev - er - more re - main.  
 5 san - na wor - ship thee, the Lamb who died.

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

lu - ia!

1 Je - sus, true and liv - ing  
 2 Thou art here, we ask not  
 Al - le - lu - ia! 3 We in wor - ship join with  
 4 Cleans - ing us from ev - ery  
 5 Risen, a - scend - ed, glo - ri -

1 bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!  
 2 how. Thou art here, we ask not how.  
 3 them. We in wor - ship join with them.  
 4 stain. Cleans - ing us from ev - ery stain.  
 5 fied! Risen, a - scend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

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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.**

## **Closing Hymn**

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing*

*Hymnal 182*

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands  
2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -  
4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,  
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky, Let streets and homes with  
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the  
 3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the  
 4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet  
 5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die,  
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.  
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.  
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

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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

### 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 Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea 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

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, Kellie

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 re-freshed every month.*

# SABBATICAL 2026

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## 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



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

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

### **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 Library 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.

*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



**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.

## SUMMER AT ST. LAWRENCE

### 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 FORUMS AT 10:15 AM

**Sunday, June 7**

Deborah DeManno will lead a discussion on Pilgrimage: what is it and what makes a pilgrim?

**Sunday, June 14**

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

## ST. LAWRENCE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, AND FUN  
BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER AND GIVE A SENSE OF  
UNITY AND CONNECTION TO THE CONGREGATION

JUNE 21 AT 9 AM

## WORSHIP SERVICE AND STL PARISH PICNIC

Old School Forest Preserve, Shelter C in Libertyville

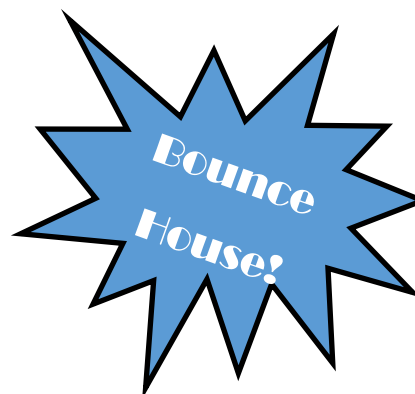


We need volunteers to make this day full of fun.  
Contact the office to help, [office@stlawrencechurch.org](mailto:office@stlawrencechurch.org)

### 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)*)

**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 24** - **Pentecost**

**Monday, May 25** - Church offices closed

**Sunday, May 31** - Kristin's Sabbatical sendoff

**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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