



St. Lawrence

Episcopal Church

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST

September 20, 2026 at 9 AM

Prelude

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Hymnal 690

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,
lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, shield, thee, feed be thou still and my ev - er - more. shield.
 thee, I will ev - er strength and shield. thee, give to thee.

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Opening Acclamation

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

Gloria

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Verses

1. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
 we worship you, we give you thanks,
 we praise you for your glory.
2. 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.

3. 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! Amen!

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Collect of the Day

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

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly;
and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast
to those that shall endure; 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

Jonah 3:10-4:11

Reader When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways,
God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon
them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to
the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own coun-
try? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gra-
cious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to
relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better
for me to die than to live." And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then
Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for him-
self there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the
city.

The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade
over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the
bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked
the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind,
and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he
might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

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

All

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:1-8



All

**1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.**

**2 Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.**

**3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.**

**4 One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.**

**5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.**

**6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.**

**7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.**

**8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

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Second Reading

Philippians 1:21-30

Reader To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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!

Sequence Hymn

Zimbabwe Alleluia (sung before and after the Gospel)



Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

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

Gospeler Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them,

'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Gospeler
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 Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
All **That we all may be one.**

Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
All **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Intercessor We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
All **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Intercessor We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
All **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
All **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Intercessor Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
All **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Intercessor Give to the departed eternal rest.
All **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
All **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Intercessor Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The Presider concludes with a collect.

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

God, my king, thy might confessing

Hymnal 414

Descant

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

1 God, my King, thy might con - fess - ing, ev - er will I
2 Hon - or great our God be - fit - teth; who his ma - jes -
3 They shall talk of all thy glo - ry, on thy might and
4 Nor shall fail from mem - ory's trea - sure works by love and
5 Full of kind - ness and com - pas - sion, slow to an - ger,



saints a-dore: King su-preme shall they con-fess thee,

1 bless thy Name; day by day thy throne ad-dress-ing,
 2 ty can reach? Age to age his works trans-mit-teth,
 3 great-ness dwell, speak of thy dread acts the sto-ry,
 4 mer-cy wrought, works of love sur-pass-ing mea-sure,
 5 vast in love, God is good to all cre-a-tion;

and pro-claim thy sov-ereign power.

1 still will I thy praise pro-claim.
 2 age to age his power shall teach.
 3 and thy deeds of won-der tell.
 4 works of mer-cy his pass-ing thought.
 5 all his works his good-ness 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.

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Eucharistic Prayer A



The musical notation for Eucharistic Prayer A is presented in three staves. The first staff shows the Priest's part: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts." The second staff shows the Assembly's part: "We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God." The third staff shows the Assembly's part: "It is right to give God thanks and praise." The notation includes treble clefs, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes.

Priest: The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts.

Assembly: We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

Assembly: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus



The musical notation for the Sanctus is presented in five staves. The first staff begins with a 3/4 time signature and a 4-measure rest, followed by the lyrics "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,". The second staff continues with "God of pow - er, God of might, heav - en and". The third staff continues with "earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -". The fourth staff continues with "san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is". The fifth staff continues with "he who comes in the name of the Lord." The notation includes treble clefs, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of pow - er, God of might, heav - en and

earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is

he who comes in the name of the Lord.



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Presider

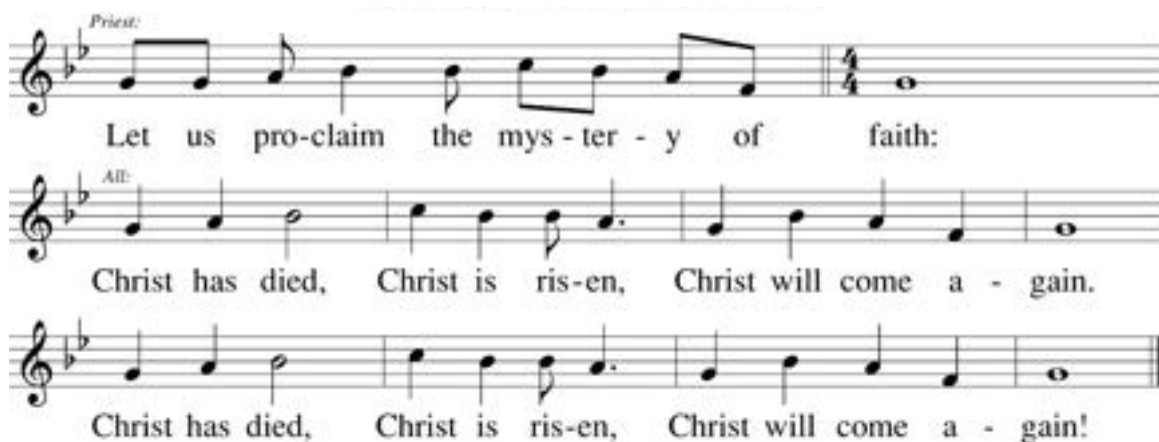
Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

Memorial Acclamation



Presider

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with Lawrence and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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.



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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

Fraction Anthem

The musical score for the Fraction Anthem is written for a Cantor and an All. The Cantor part begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. The first measure contains a whole note with a '2' above it, indicating a second ending. This is followed by a 2/4 time signature and another whole note with a '2' above it. The third measure is a whole rest in 4/4 time. The fourth measure is a 3/4 time signature with a repeat sign. The Cantor part then continues with a half note, a quarter note, and a half note. The lyrics for the Cantor part are: 1. Je-sus, Lamb of; 2. Je-sus, Bread of; 3. Je-sus, Prince of. The All part begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 3/4 time signature. The first measure contains a half note, followed by a quarter note. The second measure is a 2/4 time signature with a half note. The third measure is a 4/4 time signature with a half note. The fourth measure is a 3/4 time signature with a half note. The lyrics for the All part are: God, Life, Peace, you take a-way the sins of the world: have. The Cantor part returns with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 3/4 time signature. The first measure contains a half note, followed by a quarter note. The second measure is a 2/4 time signature with a half note. The third measure is a 4/4 time signature with a half note. The fourth measure is a 3/4 time signature with a half note. The lyrics for the Cantor part are: mer-cy on us, Je-sus, Lamb of God; you. The All part returns with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 3/4 time signature. The first measure contains a half note, followed by a quarter note. The second measure is a 2/4 time signature with a half note. The third measure is a 4/4 time signature with a half note. The fourth measure is a 3/4 time signature with a half note. The lyrics for the All part are: take a-way the sins of the world: grant us your peace.

Cantor:

1. Je-sus, Lamb of
2. Je-sus, Bread of
3. Je-sus, Prince of

All:

God,
Life,
Peace,

you take a-way the sins of the world: have

Last time
Cantor:

mer-cy on us, Je-sus, Lamb of God; you

All:

take a-way the sins of the world: grant us your peace.

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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.

1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,

whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,

be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,

your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day,
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day,
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day,
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day,

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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, 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.

Blessing

Closing Hymn

Come, labor on. Who dares stand idle

Hymnal 541



1 Come, la - bor on. Who dares stand i - dle
2 Come, la - bor on. The en - e - my is
3 Come, la - bor on. A - way with gloom - y
4 Come, la - bor on. Claim the high call - ing
5 Come, la - bor on. No time for rest, till

1 on the har - vest plain, while all a - round us
2 watch - ing night and day, to sow the tares, to
3 doubts and faith - less fear! No arm so weak but
4 an - gels can - not share— to young and old the
5 glows the west - ern sky, till the long sha - dows

1 waves the gold - en grain? And to each ser - vant
2 snatch the seed a - way; while we in sleep our
3 may do ser - vice here: by feeb - lest a - gents
4 Gos - pel glad - ness bear: re - deem the time; its
5 o'er our path - way lie, and a glad sound comes

1 does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."
2 du - ty have for - got, he slum - bered not.
3 may our God ful - fill his right - eous will.
4 hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.
5 with the set - ting sun, "Ser - vants, well done."

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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!

Join us for coffee hour in the narthex immediately following the service.

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; Springfield; Missouri; Wisconsin; Southern Ohio; Ohio; Michigan; And our Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk

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, Jennie, Ryan Li, Sharon, Robin, Duke, Mike, Phyllis, Ruth, Teddy, Dirimar, Danielys, Wilquer, MJ, Richard

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, Ben and Alicia

We pray for those awaiting children, especially: Diana and Shane, Claire and Kyle, Molly and Kyle, Melody and Devon

We pray for those who have died

We pray for those who have lost loves ones, especially: the Smith family, the Frank family

We pray for our beloved animal companions, especially: Penny, Lincoln

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.

TODAY!



**St. Lawrence
Sunday
School**

10 AM

Children ages 3-11 are welcome
to join us every week after Sunday worship
for snacks, crafts, Biblical storytelling,
and a whole lot of fun!
10:00 - 10:45 AM
(following the worship service)
Sunday School Rooms
All are welcome on a drop in basis,
no sign-up necessary

**Join us for the
FIRST
DAY
SUNDAY
SEPT. 20**

Filled with Faith and Joy



*Coffee &
Conversations*

Volunteer for a Sunday to help
keep coffee hour brewing



Coffee Hour is easy and fun to host!
Everything is stocked in the kitchen off the narthex.
For more information contact
Linda Bowers, lfbowers@comcast.net

Dear St. Lawrence Family,

The Gospel invites us to live, not in isolation from the world, but as the Body of Christ in the world. Our call as Christians is to follow in Christ's footsteps and share God's grace with all people, but especially with the most vulnerable members of society.

St. Lawrence has a long history of embracing this call and our parish has served the broader community in countless ways over the years. But the world has not stayed stagnant over the past few decades and neither has our response to it. The pandemic was an extreme disruption for all of us, shaking us out of our patterns of business as usual. The needs of the local community are not the same as they were before 2020. And so, we are invited to discern together: how is God calling us to live out our faith, here and now? The question is not "how can we go back to the glory days of fifteen years ago?" but "what are the points of intersection between the needs of our broader community and the gifts and capacity of St. Lawrence?"

This fall, in response to that question, we will come together for two forums that will serve as a starting point for our shared conversation and discernment.

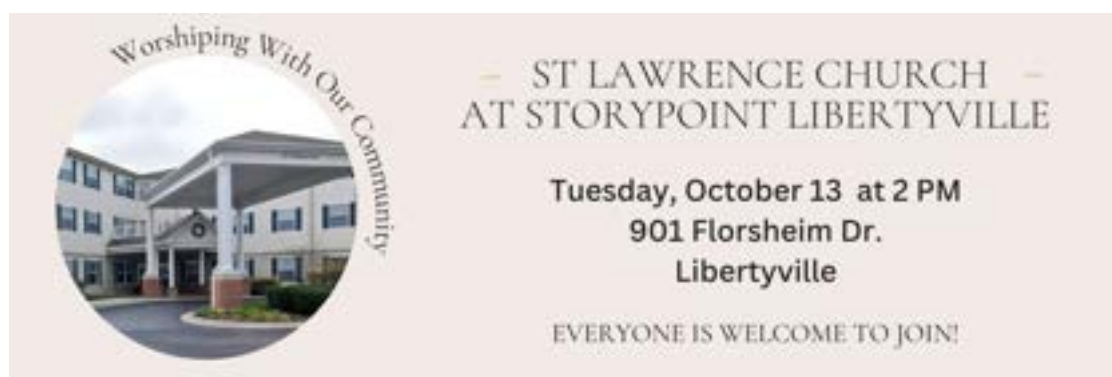
On **Sunday, September 27th**, we will meet in the fireside room after church to start mapping out both the needs of the community and what gifts and passions we bring to the table. It feels important to say that this meeting is intended as a listening session, designed to populate the map of what is possible, not to generate a list of immediate action items.

On **Sunday, October 18th**, we will meet once again to hear from Betsy Barnett, the director of Hope Food Pantry. We cannot have a conversation about outreach without first acknowledging the work that we are already doing in the community. Before we expand our outreach efforts, we must first discern whether we can deepen our existing work. In the five years that I have been rector, the work of Hope Food pantry has evolved significantly in response to the changing needs of the community. It is only natural that our support of this ministry must evolve and adapt as well.

Once again, these conversations are a starting point. Before we can make major decisions, we must first listen to one another. I sincerely hope that you will join us for one or both of these forums and am eager to see where the Holy Spirit leads us.

With gratitude,

Kristin



2026 Little Zippy 5k Fun Run

We honor Kyra Smith by carrying her spirit forward. Every step we take, every mile we run, and every dollar we raise helps support families facing childhood cancer and advances the search for better treatments and, ultimately, a cure for rare pediatric brain tumors.



Thank you for supporting this cause, and for helping us ensure that Kyra's legacy continues to make a difference in the lives of children and families everywhere. Now, let's get moving—for Kyra.

5K Fun Run
Sunday, October 4 9 AM
Old School Forest Preserve Shelter C



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OCTOBER 17
9 AM

Bring your gloves.



SAVE THE DATE **Fall Clean-up**

We will be cleaning and moving,
scraping and painting inside.

While cleaning up, raking leaves, and
prepping the beds, for the winter outside.

Come on out and help make our church
beautiful and ready for the winter.

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

Saturday, September 19 - Seeking Sophia, Fireside Room, 9 AM

Thursday, September 24 - Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary, 7 PM

Friday, September 25 - Hope Food Pantry, Narthex, 5-6 PM

Saturday, September 26 - Hope Food Pantry, Narthex, 8 –10 AM

Sunday, September 27 - Outreach Forum, Fireside Room, 10:15 AM

Thursday, October 1 - Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary, 7 PM

Saturday, October 3 - Seeking Sophia, Fireside, 9 AM

Friday, October 9 - Hope Food Pantry, Narthex, 5-6 PM

Saturday, October 10 - Hope Food Pantry, Narthex, 8 –10 AM

Sunday, October 11 - 2027 Stewardship Kick Off Sunday; Worship Committee Meeting, Fireside Room, 10:15 AM

Monday, October 12 - Church Offices Closed; STL Book Group, Fireside Room, 7 PM

Tuesday, October 13 - Service at StoryPoint, Libertyville, 2 PM

Saturday, October 17 - Parish Workday, Narthex, 9 AM; Seeking Sophia, Fireside Room, 9 AM

Sunday, October 18 - Acolyte Training, Sanctuary, 10:15 AM; Outreach Forum, Fireside Room, 10:15 AM

Tuesday, October 20 - Young Episcopal Seniors (YES) Group English Tea, Narthex, Noon



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