



St. Lawrence

Episcopal Church

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST
June 21, 2026 at 9 AM

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Song

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing

- 1** Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise his name, I'm fixed upon it,
name of God's redeeming love.
- 2** Hitherto thy love has blessed me,
thou hast drawn me to this place;
and I know thy hand will lead me
safely home by thy good grace.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
bought me with his precious blood.
- 3** Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wand'ring heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt.; Music: *Nettleton* from J. Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813.

Opening Acclamation

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

Collect of the Day

Presider May God be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; 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

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Reader O LORD, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.
For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
If I say, "I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.
For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.
"Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him,
and take our revenge on him."
But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.
O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous,
you see the heart and the mind;

let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.
Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

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

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 69: 8-11, 18-20 (*spoken together*)

All **8 Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, *
and shame has covered my face.**

**9 I have become a stranger to my own kindred, *
an alien to my mother's children.**

**10 Zeal for your house has eaten me up; *
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.**

**11 I humbled myself with fasting, *
but that was turned to my reproach.**

**18 Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; *
in your great compassion, turn to me.'**

**19 "Hide not your face from your servant; *
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.**

**20 Draw near to me and redeem me; *
because of my enemies deliver me.**

Second Reading

Romans 6:1b-11

Reader Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he

died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

All **Thanks be to God.**

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 10:24-39

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

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

Gospeler Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Homily

The Rev. Stefi Baiju

Nicene Creed

All

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

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

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

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

Prayers of the People

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Confession

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

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

**that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen**

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

All **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Offertory Song

I'm trading my sorrows

Chorus

I'm trading my sorrows
I'm trading my shame
I'm laying them down
For the joy of the Lord
I'm trading my sickness
I'm trading my pain
I'm laying them down
For the joy of the Lord

Vamp

Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord
Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord
Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord amen

Verse

I am pressed but not crushed
Persecuted not abandoned
Struck down but not destroyed
I am blessed beyond the curse
For His promise will endure
That His joy's gonna be my strength
Though the sorrow may last for the night
His joy comes with the morning

Interlude

Lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai
Lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai
Lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai

Holy Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer 5

The Book of Alternative Service (Anglican Church of Canada)

Presider The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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

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

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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

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

All **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Lord's Prayer

Presider As our Savior taught us, let us pray,

All **Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

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

All **Give us this bread forever.**

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

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

The Communion

Presider The gift of God for the People of God.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Ushers will guide you to the front of the congregation, where you will have the option to receive regular or gluten-free bread.

We offer two options for receiving wine. If you wish to drink directly from the common cup, please proceed to the communion ministers holding chalices, directly next to the bread stations. If you wish to receive by intinction (dipping the bread into the wine), please proceed to the external communion stations, where you will find Eucharistic ministers holding intinction bowls.

Communion Song - Come Just As You Are

Verse 1

Come just as you are hear the Spirit call
Come just as you are
Come and see (come and see)
Come receive (come receive)
Come and live (come and live) forever

Chorus

Life everlasting
And strength for today
Taste the Living Water
And never thirst again

Verse 2

Come just as you are hear the Spirit call
Come just as you are
Come receive (come receive)
Christ the King (Christ the King)
Come and live (come and live) forevermore

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The sending forth of Eucharistic Visitors

When Eucharistic Visitors are sent out the following words are used.

All ***In the name of God and this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body. We who are many are one body because we share one bread, one cup.***

Prayer after Communion

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

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

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

Blessing

Closing Song *A Thousand Hallelujahs*

Verse Lord of all that lives and breathes
Creator of all glorious things
You never cease to manifest Your grace
Friend of ev'ry sinful man
And Savior to this fallen land
You promise us Your presence in this place

Pre-Chorus So I stand and implore You Lord
Adorn me with Your grace
And I lift my voice and I say

Chorus Dance with me sing with me O Lord
And I will sing a thousand hallelujahs
Hallelujah hallelujah
Laugh with me cry with me O Lord
And I will sing a thousand hallelujahs
Hallelujah hallelujah

Bridge Sing with me dance with me
Laugh with me cry with me Lord
Be with me walk with me
Run with me fly with me Lord
Rescue me comfort me
Shelter me 'cause You died for me
So call on me count on me
Lead me Lord and I will live for You

Ending Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
All **Thanks be to God.**

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.

Community Prayers

The Universal Church, its members and its mission; Church of the Province of South East Asia; and for our Companion Dioceses of Southeast Mexico and Renk

The concerns of the local community, especially those who are affected by gun violence

Those who suffer and are in any trouble and those who have requested our prayers: Sherry, Joe, Celeste, Danny, Kristine, Valorie, Jane, Evelyn, Cara, Debi, Ellen, Fred, Jack, Betsy, Carl, Steve, Tom, Jennie, Ryan Li, Sharon, Robin, Duke, Phyliss, Ruth, Dirimar, Danielys, Wilquer, Nina, Vijay, Sherri, Dennis, Martha, Bob, Maureen, Lili, Dorothy, Benjamin, Jennifer, Laurie, Sarah, Chris, Melanie, Billie, Allison, Jessica, Bernard, Joe, Bill, Katie, Jon, Corey

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

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

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

We give thanks for the arrival of children

We pray for those who have died

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

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

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.

Join us as we gather
with gratitude
to celebrate Rev. Stefi's
final Sunday with us
Sunday, June 28
9:00 AM
A joyful reception
will follow
as we share
our love and thanks

May God's grace and peace be
with you wherever you are called

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Thank You Stefi

Join the St. Lawrence
YOUNG EPISCOPAL SENIORS -YES

Brown Bag Lunch
Third Tuesday of the Month
June 23, 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



A dark blue poster for an "open play" event. The text "open play" is in large white lowercase letters. To the right, "Everyone Welcome" is written in a red cursive font. Below, the event details are listed in white uppercase letters: "DURING LIBERTYVILLE FARMERS MARKET THURSDAY MORNING 9AM-NOON IN THE FRONT CIRCLE ON CHURCH STREET JUNE 25 - AUGUST 13". At the bottom left is the St. Lawrence Church logo and the website "stlawrencechurch.org". The poster features abstract colorful shapes: a yellow shape at the top left, a red shape at the bottom right, and various lines and dots in white, red, and yellow.

Help us be a welcoming space in our community

We need volunteers to be welcoming and supervisor of the Open Space. There are 2 hour shifts available each week. Everything you need will be waiting for you at the front door.

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



Opening Doors to a Brighter Future

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

More information in your weekly email or contact Lesley Cullis, lesley.windle@gmail.com



St. Lawrence Volunteer Day – Friday, July 10
8 AM – 3 PM
12 volunteer spots (*minimum age 16*)
Brown Bag Lunch
Dress for rain or shine

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

Tuesday, June 23 - Young Episcopal Seniors (YES) Group, Library, Noon

Thursday, June 25 - Open Play, front steps, 9-Noon

Friday, June 26 - Hope Food Pantry, Narthex, 5-7 PM

Saturday, June 27 - Hope Food Pantry, Narthex, 8-10 AM

Sunday, June 28 - **Blessings for the New call: Stefi's last Sunday**

Thursday, July 2 - Open Play, front steps, 9-Noon

Friday, July 3 - Church offices closed

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

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

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

Sunday, July 12 - Sabbatical Garden Party, Coninx's, 4-7 PM

Tuesday, July 14 - StoryPoint, Libertyville, 2 PM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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