St. Lawrence
Episcopal Church

THE TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST
November 8, 2026 at 9 AM

Prelude

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn *Immortal, invisible, God only wise* *Hymnal* 423



Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824–1908), alt.; Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh hymn, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822–1877),; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.; Public Domain

Opening Acclamation

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

Gloria



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.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
All **Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Reading Wisdom 6:12–16

Reader Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

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

All **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20 *(spoken together)*

All **The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction,
and concern for instruction is love of her,
and love of her is the keeping of her laws,
and giving heed to her laws is assurance of immortality,
and immortality brings one near to God;
so the desire for wisdom leads to a kingdom**

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Reader We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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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 *Zimbabwe Alleluia (sung before the Gospel)*



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Holy Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

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

Gospeler Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

Homily Mr. Alan Whaley

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 *Let all mortal flesh keep silence* *Hymnal* 324



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Eucharistic Prayer A

Presider The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
All **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





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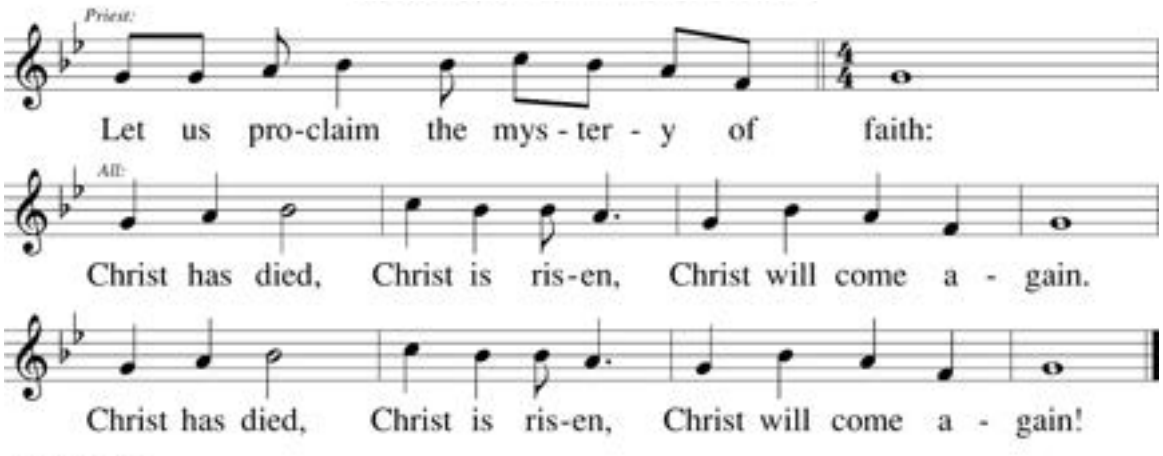
Presider Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the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

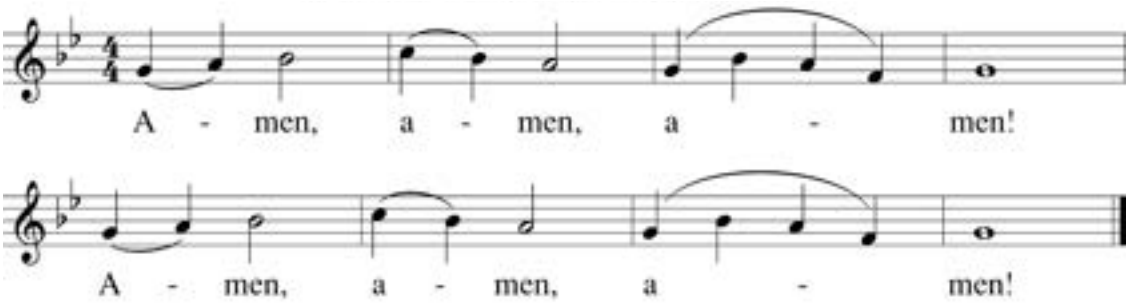
Memorial Acclamation



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



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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.


Descant
3 O vir - tus
1 Come and seek the ways of Wis - dom, she who
2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis - dom, cry - ing
3 Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture
Sa - - pi - en - ti - a O
danced when earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she
in the mark - et - place. Hear the Word made flesh a -
all who seek re - birth. Spi - rit - guide and close com -



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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

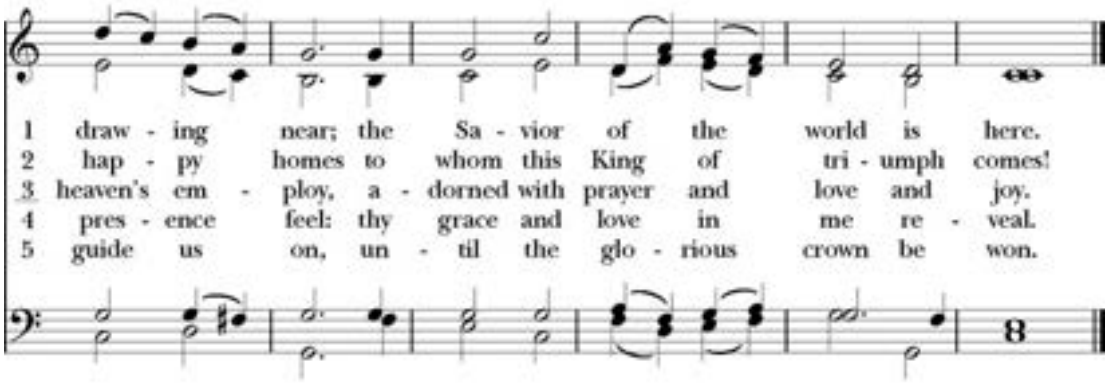
Presider Let us pray.

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 *Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates* *Hymnal* 436





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Dismissal

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

Postlude

We offer a warm welcome to our guest presider, The Rev. Andrea Mysen,
Cannon to the Ordinary in the Diocese of Chicago

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
Diocesan Institutions and Organizations: Episcopal Peace Fellowship; Jubilee Centers; Bexley-Seabury Seminary; St. Augustine College; St. Augustine Center for Native Americans; and the Union of Black Episcopalians And for organizations in our Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Geiger Primary School and Renk Bible School in the Diocese of 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, Jennie, Ryan Li, Sharon, Robin, Duke, Mike, Phyllis, Ruth, Teddy, Dirimar, Danielys, Wilquer, MJ, Richard, Willis family, Tim, Nancy, Tony, Jim, Nancy, Christy, Don, Betsy, Carolyn, Emma, Jack

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

We pray for those preparing for marriage, especially: Ben and Alicia; Elise and Jason

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

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!


EPISCOPAL CHURCH
GOVERNANCE 101
Ever wondered how decisions get made in the Episcopal Church?
Join us in the
Sunday, November 8th in the Fireside Room at 10:15
time
Presented by
Rev. Andrea Mysen
Canon to the Ordinary in the Diocese of Chicago
Louisa McKellaston
Leadership Development Officer for the Episcopal Church
Bring all your big questions!



Godly Play 2026!
After receiving the Eucharist, children are invited to go to their assigned classrooms according to age groups. Our dedicated Godly Play teachers are ready and excited to welcome them!

Note for Parents:
You are warmly invited to join us for Coffee Hour after the service while the children participate in Godly Play. Please pick up your children at **10:45 AM** from the Godly Play Room.



St. Lawrence Church
2026 Stewardship Campaign



Together, we make such a beautiful community!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has already shared their pledge with us.

There is still plenty of time to submit your pledge and be a part of this special effort. We will wrap up our 2027 Stewardship campaign on Sunday, November 22, with a festive celebration together.

Your completed pledge card truly helps us care for and budget for our beloved programs,
like Sunday School, Adult Formation, music, and all our weekly gatherings.

If you would like to pledge online please use the QR code





ST LAWRENCE CHURCH
AT STORYPOINT LIBERTYVILLE

Tuesday, November 10 at 2 PM
901 Florsheim Dr.
Libertyville

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN!

ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH
TOWN HALL

LET'S TALK MUSIC

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ABOUT
OUR ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH
MUSIC PROGRAM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15
10:15 AM
FIRESIDE ROOM


Join the St. lawrence
YOUNG EPISCOPAL SENIORS -YES
Brown Bag Lunch
Third Tuesday of the Month
November 17, 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
YES


FINAL
ST. LAWRENCE
HOLIDAY
Bazaar
Join Us for Our
Final Holiday Bazaar!
This is our final Holiday Bazaar, and everything must go— absolutely everything will be on sale!
Come find incredible deals, start your holiday shopping, and support our church community.
Sunday, November 22 & 29
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Narthex
All proceeds from this final sale support the ministries of St. Lawrence



Join us as we welcome the Christmas season at the Libertyville Tree Lighting!

St. Lawrence has a wonderful tradition of serving hot cocoa and passing out candy canes to the thousands of people participating in the festivities. It is one of the most well-attended events in downtown Libertyville, and we are right at the heart of it.

Please use the QR code to volunteer for just a few hours and help us spread Christmas cheer and hospitality.



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

Monday, November 9 - STL Book Group, Fireside Room, 7 PM
Tuesday, November 10 - StoryPoint Libertyville, 2 PM
Friday, November 13 - Hope Food Pantry, Narthex, 5-6 PM
Saturday, November 14 - Hope Food Pantry, Narthex, 8 –10 AM
Sunday, November 15 - STL Town Hall, Fireside Room 10:15 AM
Tuesday, November 17 - Young Episcopal Seniors (YES) Group, Library, Noon; Vestry Meeting, Fireside Room, 7 PM
Thursday, November 19 - Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary, 7 PM
Saturday, November 21 - Seeking Sophia, Fireside Room, 9 AM
Sunday, November 22 - 2027 Stewardship Campaign Ingathering
Wednesday—Friday, November 25-27 - Church offices closed
Friday, November 27 - Cocoa & Candy Canes at the Libertyville Tree Lighting,6:30 PM
Saturday, November 28 - Hope Food Pantry, Narthex, 8 AM



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