St. Lawrence
Episcopal Church

THE TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST
November 15, 2026 at 9 AM

Prelude Prelude on Ebenezer (Ton-y-Botel)

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn *Signs of endings all around us* *WLP* 721





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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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
All **Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Reading Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Reader Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
"The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.
The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,

a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90:1-8, 12 *(sung together)*



All

**1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.**

**2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.**

**3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."**

**4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.**

**5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.**

**6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

**7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.**

**8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

**12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Reader Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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 *Zimbabwe Alleluia (sung before and after the Gospel)*



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Holy Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

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

Gospeler Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
All **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.

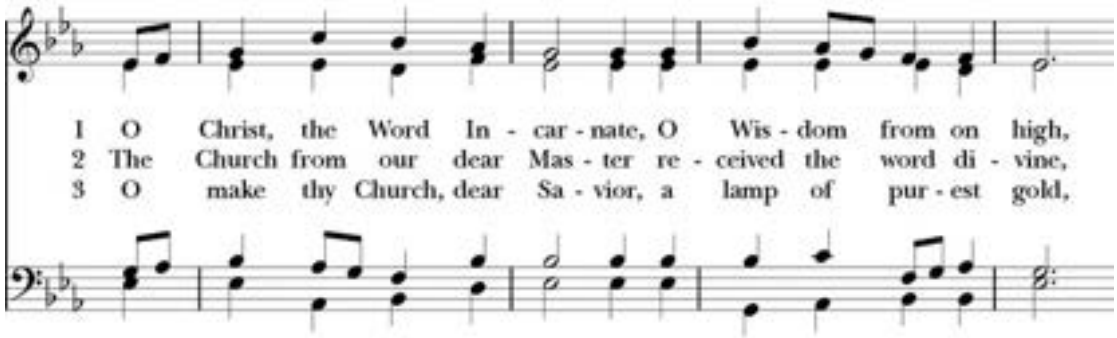
All **God of all mercy,**
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, 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 *O Christ, the Word Incarnate* *Hymnal* 632





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Eucharistic Prayer A



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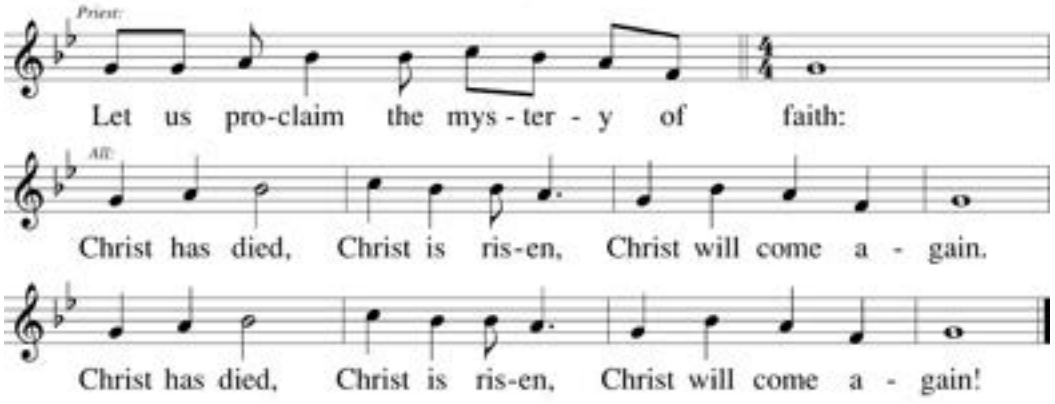
Presider Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the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

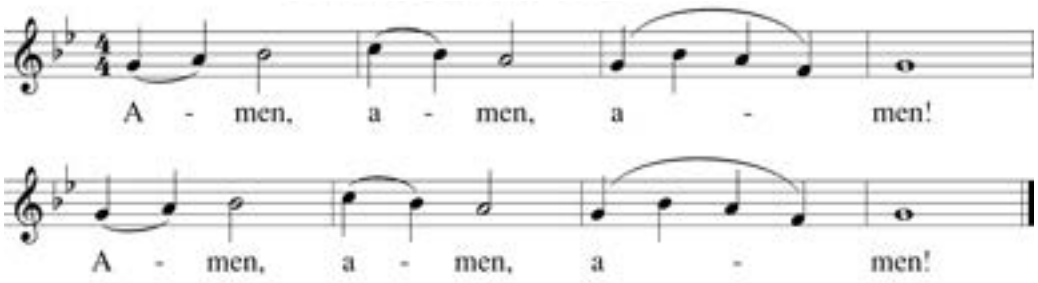
Memorial Acclamation



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.

Communion Hymn *I want to walk as a child of the light* *Hymnal* 490





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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 *O God, our help in ages past* *Hymnal 680*



Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90; Music: St. Anne, melody att. William Croft (1678–1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823–1889)

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; For all retired clergy in our diocese, and for surviving spouses of clergy. And for ministries in our Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Mothers' Union 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, Mary Fran, Sharon, Robin, Duke, Mike, Phyllis, Ruth, Teddy, Dirimar, Danielys, Wilquer, MJ, Richard, Willis family, Tim, Nancy, Tony, Jim, Nancy, Christy, Don, Betsy, Carolyn, Emma, Joe

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, especially; Paul, Giana

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.


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



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



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


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.




SAINT NICHOLAS
IS COMING TO ST. LAWRENCE
ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
Join us and
decorate shoes
Sunday November 29
10 AM
Bring your creativity
and holiday spirit.
All are welcome!


ADVENT
MIDWEEK
EUCHARIST
Join us for a simple, contemplative
Eucharist in the sanctuary -
a chance to pause and encounter Christ in
the busy-ness of the season.
Thursdays in
December
December 3
December 10
December 17
8:30 am

On the STL calendar *(see the entire calendar on the STL website, stlawrencechurch.org)*
Sunday, November 15 - STL Town Hall, Sanctuary 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; Holiday Bazaar, Narthex, 10-12 PM
Wednesday, November 25-27 - Church offices closed
Friday, November 27 - Cocoa & Candy Canes at the Libertyville Tree Lighting, front steps, 6:30 PM
Saturday, November 28 - Hope Food Pantry, Narthex, 8 AM
Sunday, November 29 - Frist Sunday of Advent; Advent wreath and St. Nicholas projects, Narthex, 10:15; Holiday Bazaar, Narthex, 10-12 PM
Thursday, December 3 - Advent Midweek Eucharist, Sanctuary, 8:30 AM
Saturday, December 5 - Seeking Sophia, Fireside Room, 9 AM



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