



St. Lawrence

Episcopal Church

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST
August 30, 2026 at 9 AM

Today will be a contemplative service format that holds space for reflection and prayer. This will be a spoken service, with time held for silent reflection. We use this format roughly once a month and welcome your feedback as we continue to practice new ways of worshipping together.

Prelude

Please stand as you are able.

The Thanksgiving Over the Water

Presider The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The people are sprinkled with water as a reminder of our baptism.

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.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 15:15-21

Reader O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.
Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.
I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.
Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the LORD:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.
And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the LORD.
I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

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

Psalm 26:1-8 (*spoken together*)

All **1 Give judgment for me, O LORD,
for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.**

**2 Test me, O LORD, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind.**

**3 For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.**

**4 I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

**5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.**

**6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,**

**7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.**

**8 LORD, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.**

Second Reading

Romans 12:9-21

Reader Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge

yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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!

Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

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

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

Gospeler Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Homily

The Rev. Kristin Saylor

Musical Meditation

Lighting of Candles

All are invited to come forward and light a candle as a sign of the hope we carry in Christ.

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 Je-
sus 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 Music

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.

In Jesus, your 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 sing,

Sanctus

All

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord,
Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



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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.

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

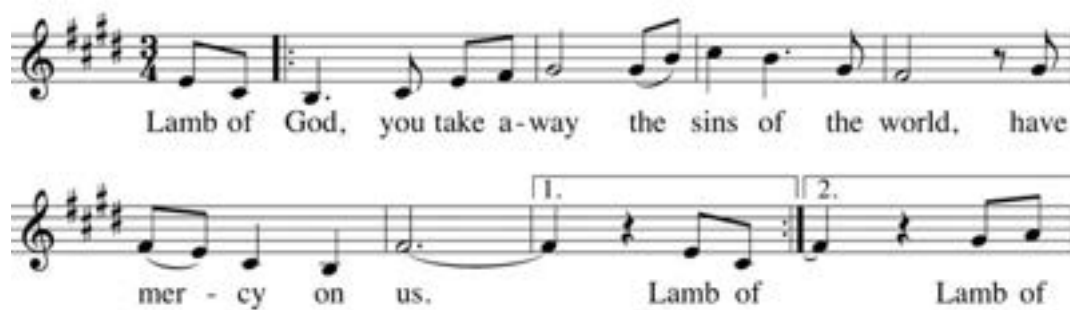
Presider "I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.

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.**

Fraction Anthem





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The Communion

Presider The gifts 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 Music

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 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

Dismissal

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

Postlude

We are happy to welcome back Lena Gaetz, violinist, as our guest musician this morning

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; The Dioceses of Province Five: Springfield; Missouri; Wisconsin; Southern Ohio; Ohio; Michigan; And our Companion Dioceses of SE 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, Melanie, Fr. John, Carl, Steve, Jennie, Ryan Li, Sharon, Robin, Duke, Phyliss, Ruth, Dirimar, Danielys, Wilquer, Jeff, Mary, Alan, Scott, Maureen, Maverick, Robert, Lydia, Tony, Benjamin, Willis family, Beth, Allyson, Jeanie, Adam, Emily, Rachael, Julia, Derek, Tom, Roger

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, Claire and Kyle, Molly and Kyle

We pray for those who have died, especially: Jay, Barb

We pray for those who have lost loves ones, especially: the Smith family, the Frank family, the Karnstedt family, the Cooper family, the Schrum and Jones 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.

JOIN US FOR CONVERSATIONS
WITH KRISTIN
SABBATICAL REVIEW

FIRESIDE CHATS

Sunday, August 30, 2026
10:15 AM
Fireside Room



OFFICE HOURS RETURNS!

Join Kristin
in a beautiful setting
Family Friendly

Thursday
5:00 - 6:30 PM
(weather permitting)

**Independence Grove
Beer Garden**

September 3, 10 & 17

Enter on Buckley Rd. (Rt. 137)
east of Milwaukee Ave. (Rt. 21)
Follow signs to the Beer Garden

*St. Lawrence beyond
our walls*





— ST LAWRENCE CHURCH —
AT STORYPOINT LIBERTYVILLE

Tuesday, September 8 at 2 PM
901 Florsheim Dr.
Libertyville

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN!



ST LAWRENCE CHURCH

BOOK GROUP

Meets on the
second Monday of the month
in the Fireside Room
7 PM

For more information
st.lawrencechurch.org

EVERYONE IS
WELCOME
SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

FOR A DISCUSSION OF
LADY TAN'S CIRCLE
OF WOMEN
BY LISA SEE

Join the St. Lawrence
YOUNG EPISCOPAL SENIORS -YES
Brown Bag Lunch
Third Tuesday of the Month
September 15, 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



St. Lawrence Sunday School

Every **10 AM**
Sunday

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!

Godly Play will start at approximately 10:00 AM in the Godly Play Rooms and ends at 10:45 AM.

All are welcome on a drop in basis, no sign-up necessary.

office@stlawrencechurch.org

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

Filled with Faith and Joy

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

[SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)





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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

**Scan the QR Code and sign up
to be a Coffee Hour Host**



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

Sunday, August 30 - Fireside Chats with Kristin, Fireside room, 10:15 AM

Thursday, September 3 - Office Hours with Kristin, Independence Grove Forest Preserve Beer Garden, 5-6:30 PM

Monday, September 7 - Church offices closed

Tuesday, September 8 - StoryPoint service, Libertyville, 2 PM

Thursday, September 10 - Office Hours with Kristin, Independence Grove Forest Preserve Beer Garden, 5-6:30 PM

Friday, September 11 - Hope Food Pantry, Narthex, 5-6PM

Saturday, September 12 - Hope Food Pantry, Narthex, 8-10 AM

Sunday, September 13 - Sunday School Open House, Godly Play Room, 10 AM

Monday, September 14 - STL Book Group, Fireside Room, 7 PM

Tuesday, September 15 - Young Episcopal Seniors (YES) Group, Library, Noon; Vestry Meeting, Fireside Room, 7 PM

Thursday, September 17 - Office Hours with Kristin, Independence Grove Forest Preserve Beer Garden, 5-6:30 PM



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