



St. Luke's Episcopal Church – Stephenville, TX

Day of Pentecost

May 24, 2026

8:00 am - 10:00 am

Fish Fry to follow at 11:00

To All Who Are Joyful And Thankful, To All Who Mourn And Need Comfort
To All Who Are Weary And Need Rest, To All Who Are Friendless And Wish Friendship
To All Who Pray And Who Do Not But Ought, To All Who Sin And Need A Savior.

And To Whoever Will, The Church Opens Wide The Door
And In The Name Of Christ, The Lord Says Welcome.

The Processional Hymn
The Hymnal 1982 #225 Hail thee festival day

The people standing, the Celebrant says (three times)

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music - #280 Canticle 20, Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,
 you a-lone are the Lord, 7. you a-lone are the Most
 High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the
 glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Readings

All are seated.

A reading from the Book of Numbers. (Numbers 11:24-30)

Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!" And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

People The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104:25-35, 37 *Benedic, anima mea* (Read responsively by full verse)

25 O Lord, how manifold are your works!
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

26 **Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number,
creatures both small and great.**

27 There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan,
which you have made for the sport of it.

28 **All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.**

29 You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

30 **You hide your face, and they are terrified;
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.**

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.

32 **May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.**

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles;
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

34 **I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

35 May these words of mine please him;
I will rejoice in the Lord.

37 **Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Hallelujah!**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (Acts 2:1-21)

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as are able.

Gradual Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #510 Come holy spirit, heavenly dove

People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 20:19-23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

A brief time of reflection follows the sermon

The Rev. Bradley C. Dyche

The Nicene Creed

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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

Celebrant

Filled with the Holy Spirit and trusting in the power of God who makes all things new, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Intercessor

For the holy catholic Church throughout the world; for unity in witness and service; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons, that by the fire of the Spirit they may proclaim the Gospel with boldness and joy, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For this congregation, that we may be renewed by the Spirit's gifts: given wisdom to discern your will, courage to follow Christ, and charity to love one another, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the nations of the earth, and for all in authority, that divisions of language, race, and nation may not overcome our common humanity, but that all peoples may seek justice, peace, and the common good, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who work for reconciliation in places of hatred, violence, or war; for refugees and the displaced; and for all who long to be heard and understood, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the poor, the lonely, the sick, and the suffering; for those burdened by fear, grief, or despair; and for all who cry out for comfort and healing, especially [*here named those on the St. Luke's prayer list*], let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those preparing for baptism, confirmation, ordination, or other ministries in your Church, that the Spirit may equip them for the work you have given them to do, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the faithful departed, including [*here named those of the dead*], who have finished their course in faith and now rest in your peace, and for those whose faith first brought the Gospel to us, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Pour out this gift anew upon your Church, that by the preaching of the Gospel your salvation may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin is omitted during Eastertide

The Peace

All stand as are able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Kenneth & Diane Stokes (24th), Debbie Sheets (27th), Jim & Judy Blackburn (27th),
Gwen Burge (28th)

Celebrant and People

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A prayer for Becky Blount as she moves

Gracious God, we thank you for the witness and presence of your servant Becky who has enriched this community and brought gladness to us at St. Luke's; now bless and preserve her at this time of transition. Guide her in the continued use of your gifts. Give her sustenance for temporal and spiritual needs, friends to cheer her way, and a clear vision of the ministry to which you are now calling her. By your Holy Spirit be present in her service, that she may move safely and travel with the One who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Gifts may be placed in the offering plate, given by text by sending an amount to (254) 282-0706, or given online. Mailed checks may be sent to the address printed at the end of the bulletin.

The Offertory Hymn

Lift Every Voice and Sing II #217 He's got the whole world

1. He's got the whole world in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand.

- 2. He's got you and me sister, etc.
- 3. He's got you and me brother, etc.
- 4. He's got the pretty little baby, etc.
- 5. He's got everybody here, etc.

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Doxology

(sung to The Hymnal 380)

***Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye Heavenly Host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

The people remain standing, as are able. The Celebrant says

People The Lord be with you.
Celebrant **And also with you.**
People Lift up your hearts.
Celebrant **We lift them to the Lord.**
People Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Celebrant **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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:

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music - #S125 Holy, holy, holy (Proulx)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The people stand or kneel, as are able.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, 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." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Virgin Mary, Luke, Jackson, Bede, Augustine and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. **AMEN.**

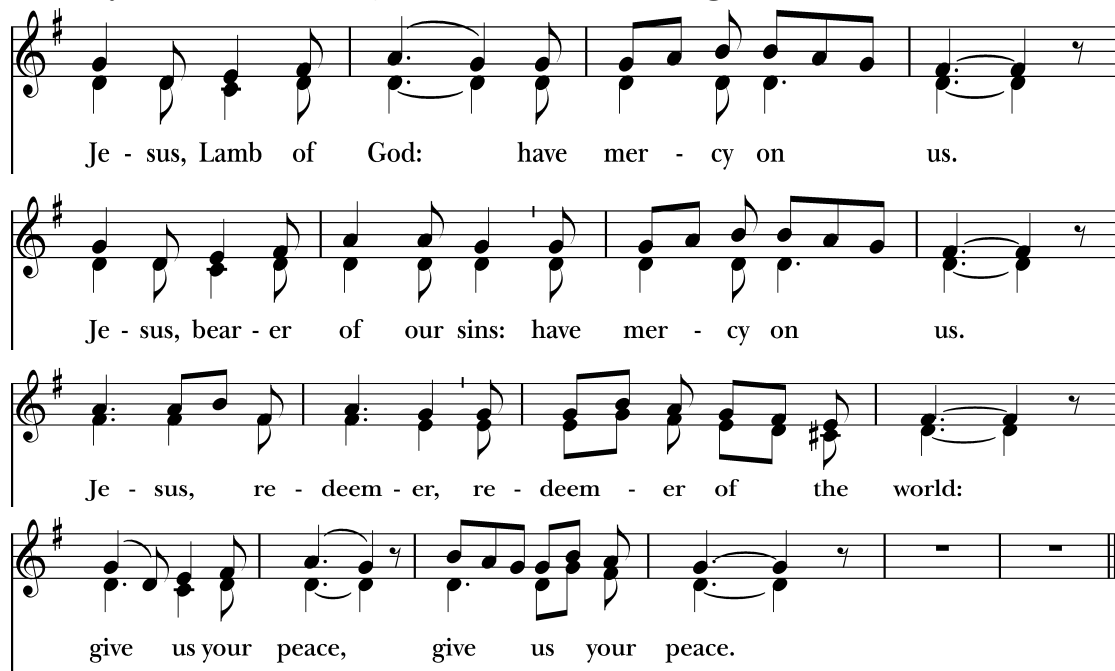
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for
ever and ever. Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Hymnal 1982 #S164 Jesus, Lamb of God: Agnus Dei



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Distribution of Holy Communion

Concerning Holy Communion

“This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord.

It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more.

*So come, you who have much faith, and you who have little,
you who have been here often and you who have not been here long,
you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.*

Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.

It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.”



If you do not wish to receive the sacrament, we invite you to come forward for a blessing.

Simply cross your arms over your chest and the priest will bless you.



Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Communion Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #512 Come, gracious spirit

After Communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Priest gives the blessing

Blessing

May Almighty God, who enlightened the minds of the disciples by pouring out upon them the Holy Spirit, make you rich with God's blessing, that you may abound more and more in that Spirit for ever. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Creator, Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

Processional

The Hymnal 1982 #388 O worship the King

The Dismissal

People Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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From the Calendar of Saints

May 24 Jackson Kemper *First Missionary Bishop in the US, 1870*

In addition to his missions to many of the states beyond Pennsylvania, where he was consecrated bishop, Jackson Kemper founded Nashota House, an Episcopal seminary in Wisconsin, and encouraged the translation of worship services into Native American languages. He was unofficially called “The Bishop of the Whole Northwest.”

May 25 Bede the Venerable *Priest and Monk, 735*

The greatest scholar of his time in the Western Church, Bede’s most famous work is *The Ecclesiastical History of England* written in Latin. The unusual title “Venerable,” accorded him over a century after his death, is a tribute to his life as an exemplary monk.

May 26 Augustine *First Archbishop of Canterbury, 605*

As the result of his successful mission to the Anglo-Saxons, Augustine was named “Archbishop of the English Nation” by Ethelbert, the first English king to become a Christian. Under the influence of Pope Gregory the Great, Augustine became an advocate of “unity in diversity,” a hallmark of Anglicanism.

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Neely Carter – Vestry Secretary

Emma Gomez – Technology Minister

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Term Ending 2026 – Kelly Barbee, Malcolm Cross, & Ian Wilson

Term Ending 2027 – Doug McLemore & Allison Haynes

Term Ending 2028 – Gail Johnson & Dylan Dowell

