



St. Luke's Episcopal Church – Stephenville, TX
The Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 7, 2026
8:00 am & 10:00 am

Coffee Hour 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 #401 The God of Abraham praise

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Readings

All are seated.

A reading from the Book of Genesis (Genesis 12:1-9)

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

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

Psalm 33:1-12 *Exultate, justi* (Read responsively by full verse)

1 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous;
it is good for the just to sing praises.

**2 Praise the Lord with the harp;
play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.**

3 Sing for him a new song;
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.

**4 For the word of the Lord is right,
and all his works are sure.**

5 He loves righteousness and justice;
the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.

**6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made,
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.**

7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin
and stores up the depths of the sea.

**8 Let all the earth fear the Lord;
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.**

9 For he spoke, and it came to pass;
he commanded, and it stood fast.

**10 The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught;
he thwarts the designs of the peoples.**

11 But the Lord's will stands fast for ever,
and the designs of his heart from age to age.

**12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord!
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!**

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans. (Romans 4:13-25)

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone,

but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

All stand as are able.

Gradual Hymn
The Hymnal 1982 #686 Come thou fount

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

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me."

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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

The Sermon
A brief time of reflection follows the sermon

The Rev. Mark Witte

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

Intercessor

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that your Church may faithfully follow the call of Christ, as Abraham went forth in faith and Matthew rose from his tax table to follow our Lord. Give courage to bishops, priests, deacons, and all the baptized, that we may proclaim your mercy and trust your promises.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Guide the nations of the earth into the ways of justice and peace. Bless all who bear authority, especially those entrusted with the care of the vulnerable, and teach the peoples of the world to seek mercy rather than sacrifice.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Give healing and hope to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. We pray especially for the sick, the lonely, the grieving, and those who feel cut off or unworthy of love, including also [those named on the St. Luke's prayer list]. As Christ restored the woman who touched his garment and raised the ruler's daughter, so bring your restoring power to all in need.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Bless our homes, our communities, and all places where people labor and serve. Grant that we may be a blessing to others, and strengthen all who answer difficult callings with faith and perseverance.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, including [from St. Luke's prayer list], trusting in the promise fulfilled in Jesus Christ, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and raised for our justification. Grant that we, with all your saints, may share in the joy of eternal life.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds the concluding collect.

O God, whose mercy calls sinners, heals the afflicted, and strengthens the faithful: Grant us grace to trust your promises and follow your Son with undivided hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Celebrant says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ. Strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

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

Carl Mueller (8th); Jose Mendoza Jr. (9th); Suzanne Meyers (10th); James Meyers (13th)

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.

Celebrant

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

Psalm 96:8

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

The Hymnal 1982 #475 God himself is with us

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

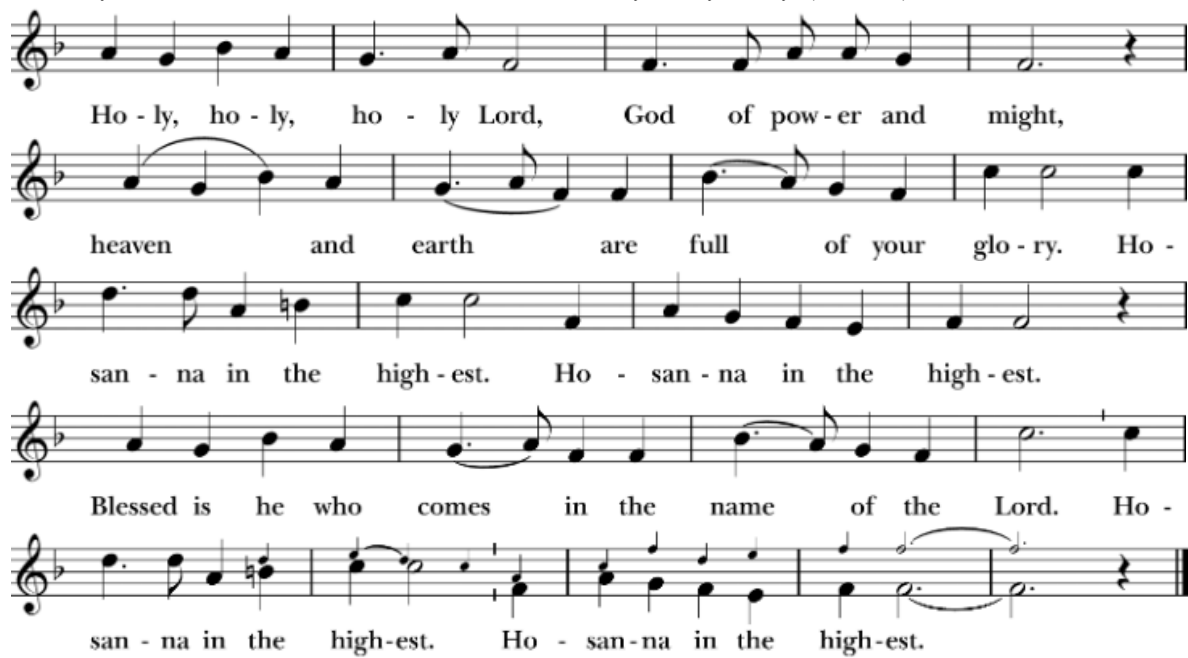
The Celebrant proceeds

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 on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, 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 Lord 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 he 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 Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 Blessed Virgin Mary, Luke, Columba, Ephrem, Barnabas, Enmegahbowh and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, 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.

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.”

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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.

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Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Communion Hymn

Lift Every Voice and Sing II #89 My Jesus, I love Thee

1. My Je - sus, I love ___ thee, I know thou art mine,
2. I love thee be - cause ___ thou hast first lov - ed me,
3. I'll love thee in life, ___ I will love thee in death,
4. In man - sions of glo - ry and end - less de - light,

1. For thee all the fol - lies of sin I re - sign;
2. And pur - chased my par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree,
3. And praise thee as long ___ as thou lend - est me breath;
4. I'll ev - er a - dore ___ thee in heav - en so bright;

1. My gra - cious Re - deem - er, my Sav - ior are thou: ___
2. I love thee for wear - ing the thorns ___ on thy brow: ___
3. And say when the death - dew lies cold ___ on my brow, ___
4. I'll sing with the glit - ter - ing crown ___ on my brow, ___

1. If ev - er I loved ___ thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
2. If ev - er I loved ___ thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
3. "If ev - er I loved ___ thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now."
4. "If ev - er I loved ___ thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now."

Words: William R. Featherstone (1846-1873). Music: Adoniram J. Gordon (1836-1895).

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

Processional

The Hymnal 1982 #493 O for a thousand tongues to sing

The Dismissal

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

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From the Calendar of Saints

June 9 Columba *Abbot of Iona, 597*

Founder of a number of monasteries in Ireland and Britain, of which Iona became the most celebrated, Columba evangelized, studied, wrote, and governed his monastery for thirty years. He died peacefully, with a smile on his face.

June 10 Ephrem of Edessa *Deacon, 373*

Ephrem was a voice of Aramaic Christianity, speaking in the language Jesus spoke, using the imagery Jesus used. The Syrians called him “The harp of the Holy Spirit,” a tribute to his composition of many hymns still sung in the Syrian Church.

June 11 Saint Barnabas the Apostle

It was Barnabas who introduced Paul to the disciples and vouched for the validity of Paul’s conversion on the road to Damascus. Barnabas then accompanied Paul on missionary journeys, until their association was broken in a dispute over Mark’s decision to return to Jerusalem.

June 12 Enmegahbowh *Priest and Missionary, 1902*

Although he attempted to abandon missionary work at one point, after experiencing a vision of the prophet Jonah, Emmegahbowh is the first recognized Native American priest in the Episcopal Church. Originally an Ottawa Indian from Canada, he ministered among the Ojibway in the United States.

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