



St. Luke's Episcopal Church – Stephenville, TX  
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Year B  
Holy Eucharist Rite II  
In Person & Virtual Service – Facebook Live,  
September 8th, 2024  
8 am & 10 am

*Coffee hour to follow at 11 am.*

*Flowers given in memory of Kathie Callaway Dyché.*

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 #493 O for a thousand tongues to sing

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

*People*

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

*The Celebrant may say*

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

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Readings

*All are seated.*

### Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 125 *Qui confidunt* (Read responsively by full verse.)

1 Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

**2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; so does the Lord stand round about his people,  
from this time forth for evermore.**

3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

**4 Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good and to those who are true of heart.**

**5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; but peace be upon Israel.**

### James 2:1-10, 11-13, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes





Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Watch over Chris and Mackenzie who are in discernment.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. (Prayer list here.)

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant says the following Collect*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Confession of Sin

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People*

**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 stands and 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. The Celebrant says to the people*

*People*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## [Announcements](#)

### **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

Becky Blount (6<sup>th</sup>), Diane Stokes (9<sup>th</sup>), Jim & Christie Keay (9<sup>th</sup>), Sandy Shockley (10<sup>th</sup>), Tom Mulloy (10<sup>th</sup>), and Stephen Burge (12<sup>th</sup>)

**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.**

## The Offertory

*The Celebrant says to the people*

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

*If you would like to give to St. Luke's, you can place money in the offering plate at the Service or you can  
Text to give to (254) 282-0706, then enter amount (ex. \$50),  
you can also give online at <https://stlukesstephenville.breezechms.com/give/online>  
or you can mail your offering to **St. Luke's, PO Box 2506, Stephenville, TX 76401***

## The Offertory Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #602 Jesu, Jesu

## The 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 A

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

The Lord be with you.  
*People* **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.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, 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.

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:

**Santo, santo, santo [Holy, holy, holy] Wonder Love and Praise, #785**

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.  
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

Words: Variation on a traditional liturgical text. Music: Composer of melody unknown; arr. based on a two-part version as taught by Pablo D. Sosa (b. 1933).

*The people kneel, as are able.*

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all.

He 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 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **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 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.*



## Communion Hymn

### The Hymnal 1982 #603 When Christ was lifted from the earth

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

*The Priest gives the blessing*

Have no fear for tomorrow. The same loving God who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow. God will either shield you from suffering or give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace then, and put aside all anxious thoughts. And the blessing of God Almighty be with you now and always. Amen. -*St. Francis De Sales*

## Processional

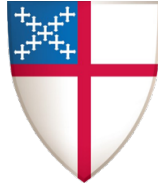
### The Hymnal 1982 #371 Thou, whose almighty word

*The Celebrant, dismisses them with these words*

*Celebrant  
People*

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

## From the Calendar of the Saints



**September 9** Constance and her Companions *Nuns, 1878*

Commonly called “The Martyrs of Memphis,” Constance, six fellow sisters of St. Mary’s Convent, two Episcopal priests, the sisters’ two matrons, and several volunteers from New York labored to nurse patients stricken with deadly Yellow Fever. All but two died among themselves along with the 5,000 victims of the August epidemic.

**September 10** Alexander Crummell *Priest, Missionary, and Educator, 1898*

For more than half a century, on three continents, Alexander Crummell worked on behalf of African-Americans, aiding them in building institutions to serve them and provide opportunities for leadership and creativity. He is considered a pioneer in African- American worship, education, and social service.

**September 12** John Henry Hobart *Bishop of New York, 1830*

With his consuming energy and missionary zeal, Bishop Hobart planted a church in almost every major New York town and inaugurated missionary work among the Oneida Indians. One of the founders of General Theological Seminary and reviver of the college later named for him, he also established the Bible and Common Prayer Book Society of New York.

**September 13** Cyprian *Bishop and Martyr of Carthage, 258*

During the persecution under the Emperor Decius, Cyprian went into hiding, for which he was severely criticized, but continued to direct his church by letter. An advocate of a period of penance for those wishing to be reconciled to the church, he was later beheaded during the Valerian persecution.

**September 14** Holy Cross Day

The Emperor Constantine’s mother, Helena, supervised the construction of buildings in Jerusalem, on the site where the Church of the Holy Sepulchre now stands, to commemorate Christ’s resurrection. One building was a basilica over his tomb; the other was used for the veneration of the cross on Good Friday.

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## Clergy

The Rev. Bradley C. Dyche – St. Luke's Episcopal Church

## Assisting Clergy

The Rev. Leslie Guinn

## Staff

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## Vestry

Term Ending 2024 – Doug McLemore & Allison Haynes  
Term Ending 2025- Gail Johnson & Karl Aho  
Term Ending 2026 – Kelly Barbee, Malcolm Cross, & Ian Wilson

**WELCOME**  
**THANK**  
**YOU FOR**  
**JOINING US**