



St. Luke's Episcopal Church – Stephenville, TX  
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Year C  
September 28th, 2025  
8:00 & 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 #423 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

*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 Collect for Purity

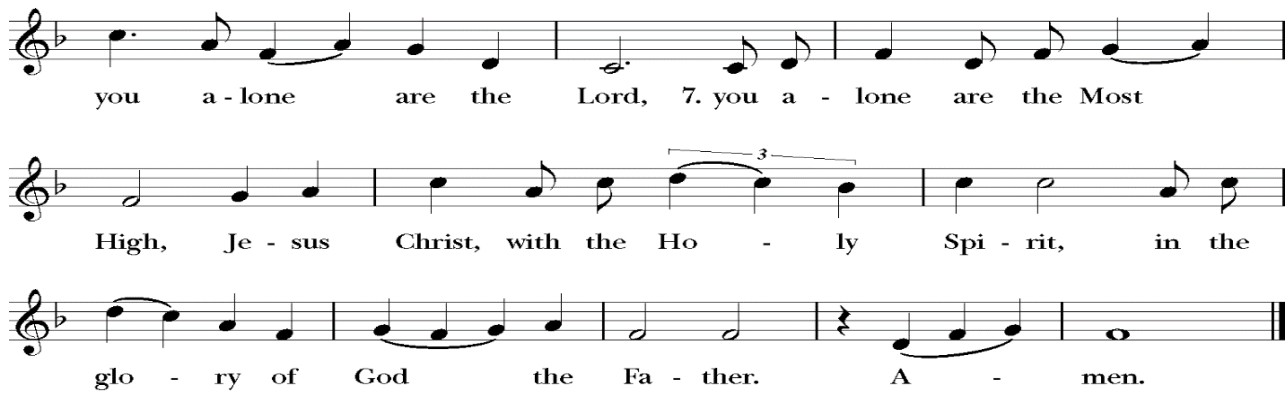
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## 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 - y 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,



## The Collect of the Day

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

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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.*

### Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.

Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.

And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

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

**Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16** *Qui habitat (Read responsively by full verse)*

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High,  
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 **He shall say to the Lord,**  
**"You are my refuge and my stronghold,**  
**my God in whom I put my trust."**
- 3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter  
and from the deadly pestilence.
- 4 **He shall cover you with his pinions,**  
**and you shall find refuge under his wings;**  
**his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.**
- 5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night,  
nor of the arrow that flies by day;
- 6 **Of the plague that stalks in the darkness,**  
**nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.**
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love,  
therefore will I deliver him;  
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- 15 **He shall call upon me, and I will answer him;**  
**I am with him in trouble;**  
**I will rescue him and bring him to honor.**
- 16 **With long life will I satisfy him,**  
**and show him my salvation.**

**1 Timothy 6:6-19**

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing

up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

*All stand as are able.*

**Gradual Hymn**  
**The Hymnal 1982 #437 Tell out my soul**

*Deacon*                    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People*                    **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**Luke 16:19-31**

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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

**The Sermon**  
*A brief time of reflection follows the sermon*

Rev. Bradley 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.

## The Prayers of the People

*Intercessor:* Kneeling as you are able.

*After each petition, the people may respond:*

*Leader:* God of mercy and justice,

*People:* Hear our prayer.

For the holy Church of God: that we may put on the mind of Christ and open the gates that isolate and protect us from all who suffer or who disturb our complacency.

God of mercy and justice,

**Hear our prayer.**

For a closing of the abyss between rich and poor in our cities, our nation, and the world: that we may use our time, talent, and treasure to develop new opportunities for the poor and the marginalized around us.

God of mercy and justice,

**Hear our prayer.**

For peace among nations: that God will touch hearts and open minds, so that leaders may pass through the gates of peace and end the abyss of bloodshed, terrorism, and destruction that divides the human family.

God of mercy and justice,

**Hear our prayer.**

For all who live in complete poverty, especially in Stephenville, and for those recovering from natural disasters: that God will open new possibilities for them and open our eyes to see the needs that exist among us.

God of mercy and justice,

**Hear our prayer.**

For all who are sick, grieving, or without hope: that Christ may carry them across the chasm of suffering and restore them to wholeness and peace. We intercede in particular for [N.].

God of mercy and justice,

**Hear our prayer.**

For all who have died, remembering especially [N.]: that they may be welcomed with Lazarus into the company of Abraham and the joy of eternal life.

God of mercy and justice,

**Hear our prayer.**

*Presider:*

O God, who raised up your servant Jesus to proclaim good news to the poor, hear the prayers we bring this day and make us faithful in love and mercy, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.*

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	<b>And also with you.</b>

## [Announcements](#)

### **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

Pam Yarborough (1<sup>st</sup>), Emma Gomez (1<sup>st</sup>), Jayton Rankin (2<sup>nd</sup>), Matt Blackburn (4<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.

*Celebrant*

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**

**Lift Every Voice and Sing II #101 Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling**

1. Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing,  
2. Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing,  
3. Time is now fleet - ing, the mo - ments are pass - ing,  
4. Oh! For the won - der - ful love He has prom - ised,

1. Call - ing for you and for me; — See, on the por - tals He's  
2. Plead - ing for you and for me? — Why should we lin - ger and  
3. Pass - ing for you and for me; — Shad - ows are gath - er - ing,  
4. Prom - ised for you and for me; — Though we have sinned, He has

1. wait - ing and watch - ing, Watch - ing for you and for me. —  
2. heed not His mer - cies, Mer - cies for you and for me? —  
3. death beds are com - ing, Com - ing for you and for me. —  
4. mer - cy and par - don, Par - don for you and for me. —

Come home, come home, come home,

Ye who are wea - ry, come home! — Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, Call - ing, O sin - ner, come home! —



## 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*

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

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

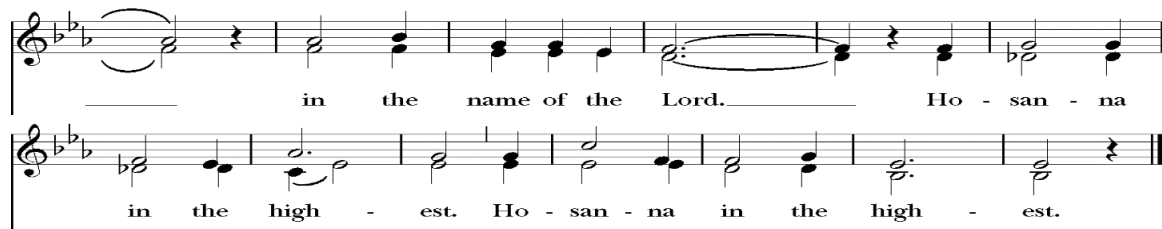
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 - #130 The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



*The people kneel, as are able.*

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.

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,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

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 Luke, the Blessed Virgin Mary, Michael, Jerome, Remigius, Francis 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 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

Taizé P 5 – Bless the Lord my soul (sing three times)

Chords: Dm G Dm Bb C F A

*p*

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name. —

Chords: Dm G Dm Bb C Dm

*p*

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

## The Hymnal 1982 #301 Bread of the world

*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*

## **Blessing**

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be quick to love, and make haste to be kind. And may the blessing of the One who made us, the One who loves us, and the One who travels with us be with you and those you love, both now and always. **Amen.** *Henri-Frederic Amiel 1868*

## **Processional**

**The Hymnal 1982 #494 Crown him with many crowns**

## **The Dismissal**

*Deacon*

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

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## **From the Calendar of Saints**

### **September 29** Saint Michael and All Angels

Of the many angels in the Bible, only four are called by name: Michael, Gabriel, Uriel, and Raphael. The Archangel Michael wards off evil as God's powerful agent and delivers peace to God's people at the end of life's mortal struggle.

### **September 30** Jerome *Priest, and Monk of Bethlehem, 420*

The foremost biblical scholar of the ancient church, Jerome translated the Bible from classical Greek into "vulgar" Latin, a work that became known as the Vulgate. He was a difficult person, seldom pleasant but never dull.

### **October 1** Remigius *Bishop of Rheims, 530*

A patron saint of France, Remigius converted and baptized King Clovis of the Franks, an event that changed Europe's religious history. His charge to the king was, "Worship what you have burned, and burn what you have worshiped."

### **October 4** Francis of Assisi *Friar, 1226*

Universally loved and admired, Francis' total identification with the poverty and suffering of Christ is unique even among the saints. He's also known for his love and care of animals. Founder of the Order of Friars Minor, he received the stigmata in his hands and feet and side shortly before his death.

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## Clergy

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The Rev. Dn. Mark Witte – Curate  
The Rev. Leslie Guinn - Assisting

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Lexi McLemore – Parish Administrator  
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Neely Carter – Vestry Secretary  
Emma Gomez – Technology Minister

## Vestry

Term Ending 2025 – Gail Johnson & Karl Aho  
Term Ending 2026 – Kelly Barbee, Malcolm Cross, & Ian Wilson  
Term Ending 2027 – Doug McLemore & Allison Haynes

