

**RITE II SERVICE, 10:00AM
13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 22, 2021**



ST LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
515 2ND STREET, WOODLAND, CALIFORNIA

WITH CHRIST AND IN CHRIST, WE WELCOME, CELEBRATE, COLLABORATE, AND GROW.

ORGAN PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

OPENING HYMN

words: F. Bland Tucker; music: John Edwards, 587

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| <p>¹ Our Father, by whose Name
 all fatherhood is known,
 who dost in love proclaim
 each family thine own,
bless thou all parents, guarding well,
with constant love as sentinel,
the homes in which thy people dwell.</p> | <p>² O Christ, thyself a child
 within an earthly home,
 with heart still undefiled,
 thou didst to manhood come;
our children bless, in every place,
that they may all behold thy face,
and knowing thee may grow in grace.</p> |
| <p>³ O Spirit, who dost bind
 our hearts in unity,
 who teachest us to find
 the love from self set free,
in all our hearts such love increase,
that every home, by this release,
may be the dwelling place of peace.</p> | |

WELCOME & OPENING ACCLAMATION

<i>Presider</i>	Blessed be God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.
<i>People</i>	And blessed be God's kingdom now and forever. Amen

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

All **Glory to God in the highest,
 and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
 we worship you, we give you thanks,
 we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Presider Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

FIRST TESTAMENT

1 Kings 8:22-30,41-43

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Therefore, O

God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

“But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant’s prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, ‘My name shall be there,’ that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

“Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 84

¹ How dear to me is your dwelling, O God of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for your courts;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

² The sparrow has found her a house and the
swallow a nest where she may lay her young, *
by the side of your altars, O God of hosts,
my Ruler and my God.

³ Happy are they who dwell in your house; *
they will always be praising you.

⁴ Happy are the people whose strength is in you; *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims’ way.

- ⁵ Those who go through the desolate valley will
find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools
of water.
- ⁶ They will climb from height to height; *
the God of gods will be revealed in Zion.
- ⁷ O God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- ⁸ Behold our defender, O God, *
and look upon the face of your Anointed,
- ⁹ For one day in your courts is better than a
thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of
my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked;
- ¹⁰ For God is both sun and shield *
and will give grace and glory.
- ¹¹ No good thing will God withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.
- ¹² O God of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

EPISTLE

Ephesians 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

words: William Williams; music: John Hughes, 690

¹ Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand;
bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.

² Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth
flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.

GOSPEL

John 6:56-69

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

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

GRADUAL HYMN, VERSE 3

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee.

HOMILY *A time of silence follows the homily.* The Rev. Alex Leach

NICENE CREED EOW, p. 53

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,
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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Presider Let us pray to God with our hearts and minds, saying together “hear our prayer”.

Intercessor God of our Mothers & Fathers in the faith, thank you for calling the Church into existence and for sending us out to proclaim your Kingdom and to love our neighbors. Please fill us with the strength of your Spirit to continue this work faithfully.

Congregation offers prayers silently or aloud

Intercessor Life giving God,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Jesus, Prince of Peace, please teach and show the leaders of this nation, the leaders of our state, and the leaders of our county and city how to walk in the way of peace, mercy, and justice.

Congregation offers prayers silently or aloud

Intercessor Life giving God
People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Holy Spirit who knows no boundaries or divisions, guide us and all the people of the world to live in harmony with one another. Help us all to see and honor our common humanity and our role of the world's ecosystem.

Congregation offers prayers silently or aloud

Intercessor Life giving God
People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Holy One, throughout the ages you have heard the cries for help from all the people of the Earth. Please hear and respond to our own cries for help. We also give you thanks for all the rich blessings of this life.

Congregation offers prayers silently or aloud

Intercessor Life giving God
People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Jesus, in the Gospels we hear about your ministry to the sick and those in need. In your continual, resurrected life please care for those who are sick, suffering, or in any need today.

Congregation offers prayers silently or aloud

Intercessor Life giving God
People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Spirit of God, we remember before you all those who have died. Please give them eternal joy in the resurrected life of God. And give your peace to those who mourn.

Congregation offers prayers silently or aloud

Intercessor Life giving God
People **Hear our prayer.**

Presider 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.

All **Amen.**

CONFESSION

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

People **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.**

THE ABSOLUTION

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

THE PEACE

Presider May the peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

BIRTHDAYS, CELEBRATIONS, AND MILESTONES

Presider Watch over your child(ren), 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* heart may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of *their* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Presider But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15,16*

OFFERTORY INTERLUDE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP p. 367-369

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Presider 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:

All **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Presider 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.

Presider 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,

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

Presider 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 all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; 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.

People **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All **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

A brief silence

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

For those at home or who do not wish to receive bread, we offer this prayer of spiritual communion:

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Creator and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

COMMUNION INTERLUDE

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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.**

FINAL BLESSING

Presider May the blessing of God Almighty; the Source, the Incarnate Word,
and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. **Amen.**

CONCLUDING HYMN

words: Christopher Wordsworth; music: Henry L. Jenner, 626

¹ Lord, be thy word my rule; in it may I rejoice; thy glory be my aim, thy holy will my choice;	² thy promises my hope; thy providence my guard; thine arm my strong support; thyself my great reward.
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THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

**Coffee Hour will be on the Labyrinth
immediately following the service.**

Visit our website for information on how to be involved

www.stlukeswoodland.org

*Sign up for weekly e-mail updates for information on opportunities to help and to learn.
Contact our Church Administrator for details, at stlukechurchwoodland@gmail.com*

Weekly Meetings

- **Centering Prayer, Sundays, 7pm, Sanctuary**, contact Tom Eaton
- **Book Study, Mondays, 5:15pm, via Zoom**, contact Tom Eaton
- **“The Social Justice Bible Challenge”, Wednesdays, 7 pm, via Zoom**, contact Margaret
- **Queer Alliance, Thursdays, 6:30 pm via Zoom**, contact Mairic

Monthly Meetings

- **Resource Navigators**
1st Mondays, 3:30-5pm, Guild Hall
- **Daughters of the King**
2nd Saturdays, 10-11:30am, Guild Hall
- **Men’s Group**
2nd Saturdays, 8:30am
- **Outreach Breakfast at 4th & Hope**
1st Saturdays, 4th & Hope
- **Micah Forum**
2nd Tuesdays, 6pm
- **Vestry Meeting**
3rd Mondays, 6:30pm, Guild Hall
- **Becoming the Beloved Community Study Group**
4th Tuesdays, 6:15-7:30pm, leannherig@gmail.com