



Holy Eucharist ~ Sunday, September 26, 2021  
*The 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

**St. Luke's Episcopal Church**

North Main and Fourth Streets Jamestown, New York

**The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, Bishop**

The Rev. Luke Fodor, Rector; The Rev. Deacon Cathy Smith;

Mr. Paul Johnson, Verger; Mr. Ron McEntire, Minister of Music;

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*The mission is simple: to **Connect** all people, help them **Discover** God's love,  
empower them to **Serve** and watch them **Grow**."*

Prelude *Blessed Jesus, at thy Word* - Richard Purvis

**OPENING HYMN # 408, Sing praise to God** - Blue Pew Hymnal

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

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

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**COLLECT FOR PURITY, said by all**

**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.**

**GLORIA**

- Blue Pew Hymnal S-280, Powell

**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 THE DAY:** The Lord be with you. *Response: **And also with you.***

*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 FIRST READING IS FROM ESTHER 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22***

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

The Word of the LORD. ***Thanks be to God.***

***PSALM # 124, please join in saying the Psalm***

***1 If the LORD had not been on our side, \*  
let Israel now say;***

***2 If the LORD had not been on our side, \*  
when enemies rose up against us;***

***3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive \*  
in their fierce anger toward us;***

***4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \*  
and the torrent gone over us;***

***5 Then would the raging waters \*  
have gone right over us.***

***6 Blessed be the LORD! \*  
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.***

***7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \*  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.***

***8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.***

***THE SECOND READING IS FROM THE LETTER OF JAMES 5:13-20***

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

The Word of the LORD. ***Thanks be to God.***

***Gospel Sequence***                      ***If it had not been for the Lord***                      - #2053, *The Faith We Sing*

***If it had not been for the Lord on my side,  
tell me where would I be, where would I be.***

***He kept my enemies away; he let the sun shine through a cloudy day.***

***He rocked me in the cradle of his arm***

***When he knew I had been battered and scorned, so if it ... refrain***

***He never left me all alone; he gave the peace and joy I'd never known.***

***He answered when I knelt to really pray,***

***And in vict'ry the Lord brought me his way, so if it ... refrain***

***The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark 9:38-50***

*Response before the Gospel: ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.****

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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

***FAMILY CHAPEL TIME***

*NICENE CREED, said by all, standing as able*

***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***

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

For Joe, our President; Kathy, our Governor; Eddie, our mayor;

for the members Congress and the Supreme Court;

for the safety of our armed forces; for this community, for the nation, and for the world;

***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

For the just and proper use of your creation;

***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

For Michael our Presiding Bishop; for Sean the Bishop of our Diocese;  
for Luke and Cathy, our clergy, and Jessica our seminarian;  
for all bishops and other ministers;

***For all who serve God in the Church.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation...

Comfort, O Lord, all those in trouble, sorrow, need, or any other adversity, especially ...

Charlotte Rink, Jud Rink, Kathy Ludwig; Mindy Parinella, Ron Stahley, Pete Cortez,  
Alta Vogel Stahlman, Tillie Calanni; Pete Nagle; Bob Whitman; Sally Ernewein, Mac Dawson,  
Paula and Tim Pickett; Matteo Dominik; Amy Quilty; Shirley Edgren,  
Scott & Family, Kirk & Deb Cardone, Mary Holton, Joyce Crate, Jeanne Green,  
Ann Lamp, Barbara Lissfelt, and those others we now name ...

Hear us, Lord; ***For your mercy is great.***

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life,

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

We pray for all who have died,  
that they may have a place in Your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; ***Who put their trust in you.***

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

*Lay Reader 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 concludes with the absolution.*

**ABSOLUTION**

**THE PEACE** *Let us exchange the Peace of Christ with one another!*

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

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**OFFERTORY HYMN** ***In the bulb there is a flower***

- #86, from *My Heart Sings Out*

***In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!***

***In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.***

***There's a song in ev'ry silence, seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in ev'ry darkness, bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.***

***In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity;  
in our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.***

***Doxology: 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: Enriching Our Worship, Eucharist Prayer 2***

The Lord be with you. ***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts. ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,      - front pages of the Blue Pew Hymnal, S129, Powell  
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 Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Saint Luke and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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, now and for ever. Amen.***

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD** *Silent moment*

*- front pages of Blue Pew Hymnal, S154, Hurd*

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

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

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

**THE COMMUNION** *Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, all are invited to receive Communion.*

*Gluten-free wafers, as well as grape juice, are available at the floor communion station; please indicate your preference.*

*If you have difficulty coming forward, communion will be brought to you at your seat.*

**COMMUNION HYMN** ***Sweet hour of prayer***

*- #178, Lift Every Voice and Sing*

***Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,***

***That calls me from a world of care,***

***And bids me at my Father's throne***

***Make all my wants and wishes known.***

***In seasons of distress and grief***

***My soul has often found relief.***

***And oft escaped the tempter's snare***

***By thy return, sweet hour of prayer.***

***Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,***

***Thy wings shall my petition bear***

***To Him whose truth and faithfulness***

***Engage the waiting soul to bless;***

***And since He bids me seek His face,***

***Believe His word and trust His grace.***

***I'll cast on Him my ev'ry care,***

***And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.***

***Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,  
May I thy consolation share,  
Till from Mount Pisgah's lofty height  
I view my home and take my flight:  
This robe of flesh I'll drop, and rise  
To seize the everlasting prize.  
And shout, while passing through the air,  
"Farewell, farewell, sweet hour of prayer!"***

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**, said by 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.***

**BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN # 344, Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing**

- Blue Pew Hymnal

**DISMISSAL** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Response: ***Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!***

**POSTLUDE** O the deep, deep love of Jesus

- Richard Purvis

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving  
by Paul Johnson.*

### **Flu SHOT Clinic–TODAY! September 26th 8:30 –11:30am**

Don't miss our FREE Flu shot clinic, sponsored by the Rite-Aid Pharmacy. Pharmacists will be on site from 8:30AM to 11:30 AM to administer flu shots to all who desire to protect themselves from the ravages of flu. Not that you won't get the flu, but your symptoms and duration will hopefully be less intrusive to your life. Together we can create a healthy environment.

**Confirmands!** Youth in 10th grade and up are invited into a deeper exploration of faith and preparation for confirmation through the curriculum, "Confirm, Not Conform." Confirmation classes meet every other week for an hour on Sundays, from 11:15 am – 12:15 pm, beginning on September 26th.

### **Wednesday Group**

Wednesday Group will meet on **September 29<sup>th</sup>**. Join us for coffee at 11am followed by a communion service at 11:30am and lunch. Transportation to & from the Wednesday Group is provided to all who

need a ride. The Wednesday Group meets and worships in the undercroft, which is wheelchair accessible. To arrange transportation, please contact Kim Mann at 483-6405.

### **Bell Tower Restoration Project Update on Sept. 29 at 7pm**

Throughout late 2020 and 2021 there have been many preservationist experts (architects, structural engineers, crane operators, geo-technical contractors and more) on site evaluating the foundation of the gabled Front Porch on Main St and the structural integrity of the bell tower. You may be wondering what all of these studies have revealed. Well, for starters the water penetration and crumbling plaster is only the tip of the iceberg. Join us on Wednesday, September 29 at 7pm for a Zoom Presentation and conversation led by our lead Preservationist Architect, Barbara Campagna. It promises to be an illuminating evening.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87517659485?pwd=bitacWxpcml1TUo3MWNvV2VNNkRHdz09>

### **St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals**

Please mark your calendar, tell your friends and grab your leashes, tanks and cages. We will be having our annual St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals on **Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4PM.**

We will have a brief service of blessing with special doggie treats (provided by Father Bernard's Blessed Biscuits) for the dogs and communion for their human companions. If your animals do not travel well, feel free to bring a picture or a stuffed animal representation and we'll make the blessing 'transferable.' IF you've never been, it really is FUN!

### **Caring Community Cooks**

Do you enjoy cooking? Would you like to join a few cooks in the kitchen to help stock St Luke's freezer? A few times a year we gather to cook easy to heat frozen meals. These meals are delivered to those who are ill, homebound or grieving a loss or having a new baby. We will be cooking on **Fri October 8th.** Please contact Willow Fodor ([wfodor@gmail.com](mailto:wfodor@gmail.com) or 347-495-1536) for more information. If you cannot join us, please feel free to make a frozen casserole or soup and bring it to the freezer. Mark each item with the name of the dish, the date and reheating instructions.