



Holy Eucharist ~ August 28, 2022
The 12th Sunday after Pentecost
Celebrating Recovery

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

North Main at Fourth Street, Jamestown, New York

The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, Bishop

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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**.*

WELCOME TO ST. LUKE'S

We welcome you this morning to St. Luke's Church and are delighted to have you join us for worship today. If you are **visiting** for the first time, or are looking for a church home, please fill in a pew card and place it in the offering plate.

At the time of Communion, all are invited to God's Table. In addition to the altar rail, the 10 a.m. service offers a floor-level Communion station which includes gluten-free wafers and grape juice.

Available to children is a visit to the Children's Corner, or the use of a "Children's Activity Bag" found near the front of the church nave (ask an usher). Nursery care is provided downstairs.

Clergy and members of the congregation look forward to greeting you after services. Join us downstairs for refreshments. All are welcome! Audio transmitters are available for those who have difficulty hearing the service; please ask an usher.

~ Copies of today's sermon are available at the doors. ~

PRELUDE *For Everyone Here, a Place at the Table* - by Shirley Erena Murray

OPENING HYMN ***We Cannot Measure How You Heal*** #83, KNOWN/UNKNOWN

**We cannot measure how you heal or answer every sufferer's prayer;
yet we believe your love responds when faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross, survive to hold and heal and warn,
to carry all through death to life and cradle children yet unborn.**

**The pain that will not go away, the guilt that clings from things long past,
the fear of what the future holds are present as if meant to last.
But present too is love which tends the hurt we never hoped to find,
the private agonies inside, the memories that haunt the mind.**

**So some have come who need your help, and some have come to make amends
as hands, which shaped and saved the world, are present in the touch of friends.
Lord, let your Spirit meet us here to mend the body, mind and soul,
to disentangle peace from pain, and make your broken people whole.**

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People **You come to your people and set them free.**

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, *all*

S- 280, Powell; front pages of the blue pew Hymnal

**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: Holy Wisdom, in your loving kindness you created and restored us when we were lost: inspire us with your truth, that we may love you with our whole minds and run to you with open hearts, through Christ our Savior. ***Amen.***

The First Reading is from Sirach 10:12-18

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord;
the heart has withdrawn from its Maker.

For the beginning of pride is sin,
and the one who clings to it pours out abominations.

Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities,
and destroys them completely.

The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers,
and enthrones the lowly in their place.

The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations,
and plants the humble in their place.

The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations,
and destroys them to the foundations of the earth.

He removes some of them and destroys them,
and erases the memory of them from the earth.

Pride was not created for human beings,
or violent anger for those born of women.

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

Psalm # 112, please join in saying Psalm 112 in unison

-The Saint Helena Psalter

- 1 Alleluia! Happy are they who fear God, *
and have great delight in the commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blest.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right; they put their trust in God.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honor.
- 10 The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.

The Second Reading is from Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

Gospel Sequence ***Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God*** # 711, *Wonder, Love & Praise*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

SERMON

*Mr. Sean Jones,
Certified Peer Specialist, MHA Chautauqua*

Celebrant: Let us affirm our faith:

**All: We believe in God who made the sea and the earth,
the sun, and the sky, who calls us to work for the common good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ who became human,
who healed the sick, who talked to children, who made friends with sinners.
He burned brightly and offended many.
His journey was one of life and death and resurrection.
His light continues to shine in the darkness.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit who inspired the scriptures,
and by whose breath we live and move and have our being.**

**We believe that God calls us to be a community,
committed to one another, offering a welcome to everyone,
old and young, rich and poor, strong and weak.**

**We believe that God calls us to be peacemakers,
workers for justice, a people of kinship, a light for our world. Amen**

A LITANY OF HEALING

(Adapted from the Hymn, "Help Us Accept the Past," by John Bell & Graham Maule)

God the Creator, your will for all people is health and salvation;

We praise you and thank you, O God.

God the Redeemer, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

We praise you and thank you, O God.

God the Sustainer, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

We praise you and thank you, O God.

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;

We praise you and thank you, O God.

Help us accept the past: its pleasure, pride and pain,
The promises fulfilled and vows we made in vain,
The hidden depths we rarely knew, and brokenness through which we grew.

Hear us, O God of life. *Light first candle*

Help us redeem the past, and help us to forgive
ourselves and all the hurt we're tempted to relive,
the ones who nursed adversity or scorned our fallibility.

Hear us, O God of life. *Light second candle*

Help us to leave the past yet not to close the door,
to live with our regrets but seek revenge no more.
Let memories be trouble-free and dreams discover liberty.

Hear us, O God of life. *Light third candle*

Lord, thank you for the past, and keep it in your care
until, released from earth, we enter heaven where
the dimly seen is clearly shown, and we shall know as we are known.

Hear us, O God of life. *Light fourth candle*

You are the God who does wonders:

You have declared your power among the peoples.

With you, O Lord, is the well of life: **And in your Life we see life.**

Hear us, O Lord of life: **Heal us, and make us whole.**

The priest then says:

I now invite your prayers for others; we pray especially those who have died from overdoses in Chautauqua County this year, whom we commemorate with the tolling of the bells.

At this time, the People are invited to come forward to light a candle – for those who have died, or for their own prayers and petitions.

The priest then offers the following Prayer for Victims of Addiction:

On your heads and your houses, the blessing of God be upon you in your coming and going,

the peace of God be with you in your life and believing, the love of God empower you at our end and new beginning, the arms of God to welcome us and bring us home. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to God. *Silence may be kept.*

CONFESSION OF SIN, *officiant and people together, kneeling as able*

**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.**

ABSOLUTION

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY *Amazing Grace* - *played by Daniel Shanahan, harmonica*

DOXOLOGY, *sung by all*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below
praise God above, ye heav'nly host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: *Supplemental Eucharistic Prayer 1*

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 our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

SANCTUS, *Celebrant and People*

8:00 am, said by all;

10:00 am, sung by all; St. Bride Setting – see insert

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

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, 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 poured out for you and for all 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.**

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with our patron saint, Luke, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD *Silent moment*

8:00 AM, *Celebrant* Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

10:00 AM, *sung by all*

- *St. Bride Setting, see insert*

**Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: Have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
Give us your peace. Give us your peace.**

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 can be brought to you at your seat.
You are invited to light a candle for a person or concern for your prayers.
The candle station is located to the right of the sermon pulpit.

COMMUNION HYMNS

335, *I am the bread of life*

- blue pew Hymnal

Gather Us In

#2236, *The Faith We Sing*

**Here in this place new light is streaming now is the darkness vanished away
See in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in the lost and forsaken, gather us in the blind and the lame;
call to us now and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young our lives are a myst'ry we are the old who yearn for your face,
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in the rich and the haughty, gather us in the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.**

**Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place the new light is shining, now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER, *said by all*

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

812, *WLP*

**I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

***Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me, I will hold your people in my heart.***

**I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.**

I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

DISMISSAL Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Response: Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE *Hallelujah* *Jenny Rowe, Violin* - by *Leonard Cohen*

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