**St. Luke’s Episcopal Church**

**The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**27 September 2020  10:00 A.M.**

**Holy Eucharist**

The Reverend Michael L. Delk, *Celebrant & Preacher*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Organ Voluntary “Berceuse” Louis Vierne**

**The Opening Acclamation Page 355**

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

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

**The Kyrie: S-91**

**The Salutation & Collect of the Day Page 357**

***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 First Lesson Philippians 2:1-13**

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

 The Word of the Lord.

***People* Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 25:1-8 Anglican Chant**

1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;  \*
      let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame;  \*
      let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O LORD,  \*
      and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me,  \*
      for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,  \*
      for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  \*
      remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness,

 O LORD.

7 Gracious and upright is the LORD;  \*
      therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right  \*
      and teaches his way to the lowly.

**The Holy Gospel Matthew 21:23-32**

***The people remain standing. The Celebrant says***

 The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

***After the reading, the Celebrant says***

 The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

**The Nicene Creed**

*Said by all, standing*

**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, Form III Page 387**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
***That we all may be one****.*
Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***
We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Terry, our Bishop, for **Michael, Allison, Anne, Art, and Jim**, our clergy and for all bishops, priests, and deacons.
***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***
We pray for Donald our President, Andy our Governor, and Neil & Greg our Mayors, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***
Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed, **especially Melissa Kean** eternal rest**.**
***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***
We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***
Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially **Al, Amy, Angela, Ann, Annie, Bethann, Barry, Bill, Braxton, Bud, Charles, Christy, Dan, Dave, David, Diana, E.J., Elizabeth, Gene, Helga, Hugh, Ira, Jen, Jenni, Jerry, Jim, Joan, Joe, John, Joyce, Kailee, Kathy, Kelly, Ken, Lacey, Lachelle, Lauren, Lee, Linda, Lisette, Liz, London, Lynn, Martha, Mary, Matt, Monica, Nancy, Natalia, Natalie, Nina (Nine-ah), Pam, Patricia, Paul, Phil, Phyllis, Rob, Ronald, Stefanie, Steve, Sue, Susan, Susie, Terry, Tim, Tracy, Trish, Ursula, Vicki, Walt, Whitney, Wynn, the Kean family; for the men and women of our armed forces, especially Alex, Bianca, Casey, Christian, Griffin, Pat, Seth, Steve.** *Silence*

***The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.***

**The Confession of Sin**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Said by all*

**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 Absolution**

**The Peace**

***All stand. The celebrant says to the people***

 The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People* And also with you.**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory Anthem “Call to the remembrance, O Lord” Richard Farrant**

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B Page 367**

***Celebrant*** 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.**

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

*Here the Celebrant adds a Proper Preface*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Sanctus**

 **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.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

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,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

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 [St. Luke, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and] 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 forever. ***Amen****.*

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

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**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 Fraction Anthem**

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

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

**Communion Music “Duet for organ and piano: Ave Maria” Bach/Gounod**

**The Post-Communion Prayer Page 365**

 ***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.**

**The Blessing**

**The Dismissal**

***People* Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude “Galliard” William Byrd**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study**

Our Wednesday morning Bible study Zoom, starting at 9:45, will resume its study of the Resurrection, led by Father Michael. Please check your email for the invite.

**Thursday Night Bible Study**

The Basics of the Bible Study continues on Thursday evenings with Mother Allison! We are using The Path to guide our study, but all you need is a Bible and access to the internet to join us. We are gathering every Thursday evening from 6:45-7:45 on Zoom to discuss the foundational stories of our faith and to explore how these stories connect to our own journeys. Please follow this link on Thursdays at 6:45 to join us!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/284582639?pwd=bUZFYjRhd1lhUDNmck9sb0VYa1Budz09>

Meeting ID: 284-582-639
If prompted to enter a password, please enter our parish office phone number - 2458827

**Bishops – Sunday 9am Class**

Please join us Sunday mornings for "Know Your Bishops." Our discussion group will be talking about prominent and history significant Episcopalian and Anglican Bishops.

For more information, email Dave Kirchinger at **episcopaliandave@gmail.com**.

The link to the class is:

[**https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86908725675**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001UpxmNRg1xdcGkAGZMuV1QUi2s4WnjDFAZH6HCRVqAeR4Xy87fY2AU_aP4ZzDkXazZNAJlE2OejjN9313qxOX3STu92QR0w5l2rH8UubiMKO-gal2MezSOx79yXgqHHu_3sj-tKFu4nIwW1x9nDdPIY8lqDF7OPN2OW_wwOvz3rPrY3bX-iNgiiVqxrQL8THl&c=&ch=) / Meeting ID: **869 0872 5675**

**Centering Prayer**

Centering Prayer is TWICE a month, every 2nd and 4th Tuesday. Join us on **October 13th and 27th from 6 – 7pm** on ZOOM until we can all join back in the Lyman Office.

Link to Centering Prayer Group: <https://zoom.us/j/662061797?pwd=RVhkL2FWY3NEc204UHQweVovK3R5Zz09>

Meeting ID: 662-061-797

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**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**If you've had a birthday or anniversary over the past several weeks, or have one coming up in the weeks ahead,** please let Dawn know, admin@stlukesanchorage.org.  Let her know your birthday, or the date of your wedding anniversary and how many years you've been married, and we will offer a blessing over you during our recorded worship.

***The Flowers on the Altar*** are given by Rick & Mason Rummel to the glory of God and in loving memory of her mother, Laura K. Bennett.

**In our prayers** ... **Al, Amy, Angela, Ann, Annie, Bethann, Barry, Bill, Braxton, Bud, Charles, Christy, Dan, Dave, David, Diana, E.J., Elizabeth, Gene, Helga, Hugh, Ira, Jen, Jenni, Jerry, Jim, Joan, Joe, John, Joyce, Kailee, Kathy, Kelly, Ken, Lacey, Lachelle, Lauren, Lee, Linda, Lisette, Liz, London, Lynn, Martha, Mary, Matt, Monica, Nancy, Natalia, Natalie, Nina (Nine-ah), Pam, Patricia, Paul, Phil, Phyllis, Rob, Ronald, Stefanie, Steve, Sue, Susan, Susie, Terry, Tim, Tracy, Trish, Ursula, Vicki, Walt, Whitney, Wynn, the Kean family**; and our men and women serving in our armed forces and their families. We offer prayers of blessing and thanksgiving for all men and women serving in the armed services, especially these persons known to us: **Alex, Bianca, Casey, Christian, Griffin, Pat, Seth, Steve**. We pray that they have safe journeys and know the loving concern of friends and family. May God watch over them and grant them strength and courage to face perils which beset them.

**Readings for:**

**October 3: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-14;**

**St. Francis Day** **Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46.**