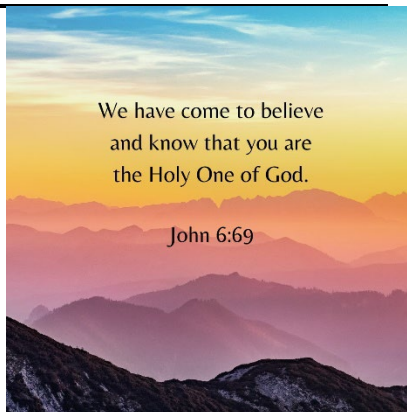


St. Luke's Episcopal Church Ada, OK

14th Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 16
August 25, 2024 9:00am



Our Mission: To live in Christ, to love the world, and to serve one another.

Prelude: *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* by Maria Theresa

Opening Hymn: #689 *I Sought the Lord*

Opening Acclamation: Page 355 BCP (Book of Common Prayer)

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 thought 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: *S-280 Gloria in excelsis*

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his 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.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us Pray.

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. *Amen.*

The Old Testament

1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43

A Reading from the First Book of Kings.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm

Psalm 84

Quam dilecta!

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
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 Lord of hosts,
my King 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, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 Lord 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 the Lord God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;

11 No good thing will the Lord withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.

12 O Lord of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

The Epistle

Ephesians 6:10-20

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

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

Gradual Hymn: *#615 Thy Kingdom Come (1-3/4-5)*

The Gospel

John 6:56-69

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

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Rev. Isaac Mwangi

The Nicene Creed Page 358 BCP

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 the 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.*

Prayers of the People: Form VI, BCP Page 392

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and 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.

We pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Poulson, our Bishop; Daniel, Bishop of Uruguay; Isaac our Supply Priest and Bobby and Robert, our Deacons, and the clergy and people of the diocese of Oklahoma, especially St. Peter's, Coalgate; in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Christ Church, Tulsa; and all bishops and other ministers.

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

For those serving our country at home or abroad:

McKinley Noel

Eli Walling

Joshua

Paige Perkinson

Kait & Collin Rivers

We also pray for our veterans, especially for those still struggling with wartime wounds, let them feel your comfort and healing grace.

For those who are in hospitals and others who need healing:

River Northcutt

Lisa Ainsworth

Rusty Hall

Laura Beth Thompson

Robert Martinez

Michael Hughes

Renee Hogue

Sandy & Kenny Phillips

Yvonne Carver

Richard Blaylock

Tonya Dyer

Lynne & Harold Kline

April Nesbit

Salyer Roebuck

Jack White

Jeanna McQuay

Libby Thomas

Jim Lasley

Judy Coy

Melinda & Evelyn Morgan

Mike Barnes

Lindsay McDonald

Sheila

Velta

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

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

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Lloyd & Debbie Drush, Kris & Shaun Henderson, Jill Byrne Hoilien, and Lloyd Kallman.

For those celebrating birthdays this week: Mark Page.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. The altar flowers are given by Bobby & Peggy Saunkeah, in loving memory of her parents, Gladys & Arthur Grisso. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence.

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your name forever and ever.

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

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

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.

Silence may be kept

Deacon: Let us confess our sins.

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 an absolution or a suitable collect.

Celebrant:

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

The Announcements

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A, Page 361 BCP

Offertory

An offering of money is received. Everyone worshiping this morning is invited to make an offering as an expression of gratitude for God's generosity. Many support St. Luke's through pledged offerings made via mail or online through Tithe.ly. Together our gifts make possible for us to live fully into our mission of to live in Christ, to love the world, and to serve one another.

Offertory Music: *Reflections* by Lucy Ann Warriner

Doxology: Sung to the tune of hymn #380

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him/God all creatures here below.
Praise Him/God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

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:

Sanctus: *S-129 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, 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.

Celebrant:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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,

People and Celebrant:

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

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

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

Celebrant:

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.

Communion Hymn: #325 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

Celebrant: 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 Blessing

Closing Hymn: #405 *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

The Dismissal

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude: *Oh Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True* Arr. by Joseph Herl

Serving Today:

Officiant: The Rev. Isaac Mwangi
Deacons: Rev. Robert Willis & Rev. Bobby Saunkeah
Lector: Denver Davison
Organist: Farren Rowan
Music Dir.: Christopher Bragg
Acolyte: Flossie Walling
Ushers: Shirley Mixon & Christine Pappas
Altar Guild: Phyllis Wallace & Leonda Seamster Lemons

Vestry Members:

Senior Warden: Angus McFarlane

Junior Warden: Katrina McCurdy

Treasurer: Barbara Sues

Secretary: Diane Criswell

Anne Escobedo

Bridget Forshay

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Upcoming Events:

Sunday, September 1: Feast of Daniel Pendleton Oakerhater

Wednesday, September 4: Youth Group Resumes 5:30pm

Choir Practice Resumes 6:30pm

Sunday, September 8: Sheep Creek 11:00am

Tuesday, September 10: Men's Breakfast 6:45am

Tuesday, September 10: Pastoral Care Committee 3:30pm

