

Welcome to Christ *Episcopal* Church
Downtown Cape Girardeau

Sunday Worship

with Holy Communion



Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Celebrating Saint Luke the Evangelist

October 18, 2026

Stay Connected

Join us after worship for coffee and conversation. Whether you're new or have been with us for years, we'd love to see you there.

☐ **I am new here.**

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Prayer Request

How may we pray for you?

☐ Please keep this confidential *(clergy only)*.

☐ Share with the parish prayer list.

If you would like us to follow up, what is the best way to reach you?

Please tear out this page and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher.

We're glad you're here.

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Welcome! Beinvenido! Karibu!

Scattered in the world we gather together as God's people in worship. We bring the fragments of our lives to be healed and made whole in Christ as we gather in community.

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as God's people. One of the glories of the Episcopal/Anglican Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words and actions through which public worship is conducted.

As we gather, we bring our diverse gifts: gifts of music, dance, prophecy, teaching, preaching, and friendship. We present these gifts in the form of our most precious offering to God, our very selves, that all that we do may be for God's glory in the unity of Christ's church.

About Today's Worship

We continue our journey through the Season after Pentecost, often called Ordinary Time, the longest season of the Church year. While the great festivals of Christmas and Easter celebrate the central events of our faith, the weeks after Pentecost invite us to grow as disciples and learn what it means to follow Christ in everyday life.

As we gather around Word and Sacrament, we give thanks for God's presence among us and seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit for the week ahead.

Welcome to worship. We are glad you are here.

Welcome & Announcements

The Prelude

Organist: Michelle Suhr

The Processional Hymn

We begin by praising God through song and prayer.

#362 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

The Opening Acclamation

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

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

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant: 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.**

The Song of Praise

#S-280 *Found in the front of The Hymnal under service music*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Silence is kept for a time.

Almighty God, who inspired your servant Luke the physician to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of your Son: Graciously continue in your Church this love and power to heal, to the praise and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

We Hear the Sacred Stories

*We hear the stories of the experience of God from our spiritual ancestors.
The congregation is then seated.*

The First Reading: Sirach 38:1-4,6-10,12-14

A reading from the Hebrew Scriptures.

Honor physicians for their services, for the Lord created them; for their gift of healing comes from the Most High, and they are rewarded by the king. The skill of physicians makes them distinguished, and in the presence of the great they are admired. The Lord created medicines out of the earth, and the sensible will not despise them. And he gave skill to human beings that he might be glorified in his marvelous works. By them the physician heals and takes away pain; the pharmacist makes a mixture from them. God's works will never be finished; and from him health spreads over all the earth. My child, when you are ill, do not delay, but pray to the Lord, and he will heal you. Give up your faults and direct your hands rightly, and cleanse your heart from all sin. Then give the physician his place, for the Lord created him; do not let him leave you, for you need him. There may come a time when recovery lies in the hands of physicians, for they too pray to the Lord that he grant them success in diagnosis and in healing, for the sake of preserving life.

Lector: Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 147

The psalms are a part of the poetry of the Hebrew people.

¹ Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God! *

how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

² The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; *

he gathers the exiles of Israel.

³ He heals the brokenhearted *

and binds up their wounds.

⁴ He counts the number of the stars *

and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to his wisdom.

6 The Lord lifts up the lowly, *
but casts the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.

8 He covers the heavens with clouds *
and prepares rain for the earth;

9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve mankind.

10 He provides food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.

11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

12 But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, *
in those who await his gracious favor.

13 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;

14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.

15 He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

16 He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.

17 He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?

19 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

20 He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
21 He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!

The Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:5-13

A reading from the New Testament Writings.

⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. ⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

⁹Do your best to come to me soon, ¹⁰for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. ¹²I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. ¹³When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments.

Lector: Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to the church.

People: Thanks be to God.

Preparing to Hear the Gospel

We stand, as we are able, for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance we place on Jesus' words and actions.

The Sequence Hymn

*Lord of Glory, You Have Brought Us
Found on the next page of the bulletin*



1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,
3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our
4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your
hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious
life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You
Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful
You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py
deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your
stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of



and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.
and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.
poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?
all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

The Reading of the Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read,¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”
²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The congregation is then seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. Canon Whintey Rice

The Nicene Creed

We stand, as we are able, to affirm our faith.

Celebrant: We affirm our faith in the One, Holy and Living God.

People: **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

The concerns of the community and wider world, including those who are sick, in need, or in want, are named.

Celebrant: Empowered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all those in need, saying, “Lord, guide us by your Spirit.”

Lector: For the Church throughout the world; for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Deon our Bishop, Carol our Deacon-in-Charge, Whitney our Canon to the Ordinary, and all who minister in Christ’s name, that we may proclaim the Gospel not only with our lips, but in lives marked by mercy, justice, compassion, and reconciliation.

People: **Lord, guide us by your Spirit.**

Lector: For this parish family of Christ Episcopal Church, that we may be faithful stewards of the ministry entrusted to us, serving our neighbors with generosity, welcoming all with dignity, and remaining rooted in prayer, worship, and love.

People: **Lord, guide us by your Spirit.**

Lector: For those who hunger, for those who lack safe shelter, for those who feel unseen or forgotten, and for all who carry heavy burdens, that they may know compassion and care, and that we may meet Christ in our neighbors with open hearts and willing hands.

People: **Lord, guide us by your Spirit.**

Lector: For our ministries of compassion, hospitality, and community life, especially our food pantry, community meals, and all the ways we welcome our neighbors, that the Holy Spirit may continue to strengthen us as a community of belonging, hope, and peace.

People: **Lord, guide us by your Spirit.**

Lector: For those entrusted with leadership in communities and nations, that in times of conflict, fear, and uncertainty, they may be guided by wisdom, compassion, and the desire for peace and the flourishing of all people.

People: **Lord, guide us by your Spirit.**

Lector: For those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit; for those struggling with grief, addiction, fear, or loneliness; and for all who seek our prayers, especially _____, may they know comfort, healing, and renewed strength.

People: **Lord, guide us by your Spirit.**

Lector: For all the blessings of this life, and for those thanksgivings we now offer, especially _____, we give thanks for signs of God's grace, for acts of kindness and generosity, and for all that draws us closer to the love of Christ.

People: **Lord, guide us by your Spirit.**

Lector: For those who have entered eternal life, especially _____, may light perpetual shine upon them; and for those who mourn, that they may be comforted by the promise of eternal life and the communion of saints.

People: **Lord, guide us by your Spirit.**

Celebrant: God of all nations and peoples, you call us beyond ourselves and send us into the world in the power of your Spirit: Receive these prayers and strengthen us for the work you have given us to do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

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

People: **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.**

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 Exchange of the Peace

We are a community of reconciliation and peace; therefore, we greet each other with a sign of our desire for peace.

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

Celebrant: Let us offer each other a sign of Christ's peace.

Thanksgivings and Celebrations

The Presider invites those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, or other occasions of thanksgiving to come forward or stand where they are.

Presider: Let us celebrate the blessings God has given among us. Are there any birthdays, anniversaries, or other thanksgivings we would like to share today?

The Offertory

As the Lord's Table is prepared, we offer our gifts and our lives to God in thanksgiving and service.

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

The congregation is then seated.

The Offertory Hymn

#423 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

The Doxology

We stand, as we are able, to offer praise and thanksgiving to God for all God's blessings.



The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer C BCP p. 369

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: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

***People:* Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

***People:* By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

***People:* Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: **By his blood, he reconciled us.**
By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

The Sanctus

#S-129 *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high est._____

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Celebrant: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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.”

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People: **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant: Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Celebrant then leads the Assembly in the Lord's Prayer.

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

People: **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 bread is broken as a sign that we who are many are made one in Christ through the sharing of this holy meal.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the

world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sins of the world:

grant us peace.

The Invitation to Communion

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.

The congregation is then seated.

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Gluten-free wafers are available; please let the Celebrant know.

If you wish to receive the bread only, know that you receive the Sacrament fully.

*If you do not wish to receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward,
cross your arms over your chest and receive a prayer.*

The Communion Hymn

#522 Glorious things of thee are spoken

The Post-Communion Prayer

We stand, as we are able, to give thanks for the gifts we have received and to be strengthened for Christ's service in the world.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

***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

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn

#376 *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

The Postlude

Organist: Michelle Suhr

Thank you for worshiping with us today.

We hope to see you again soon
as we offer Christ's unfenced love to the world.

Today's Servers:

Celebrant	The Rev. Canon Whitney Rice
Eucharistic Minister	Kent Miller
Lector	Brooke Clubbs
Host	Donna Richardet
Altar Guild	Mary Mims
St. Isidore's Guild	TBD
Vestry Counter	TBD
Organist	Michelle Suhr

Next Week's Servers:

If a spot is marked "Open," it still needs to be filled.

If you are available to serve, please reach out.

Presider	The Rev. Carol Brazeale
Eucharistic Minister	<i>Open</i>
Lector	Whitney Miller
Host	Monica Waldon
Altar Guild	Monica Waldon
St. Isidore's Guild	<i>Open</i>
Vestry Counter	<i>Open</i>
Organist	Michelle Suhr



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