

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 29, 2025 11:30 am

Holy Eucharist Rite I

Hymn #518

Christ is made the sure foundation

The Opening Acclamation

BCP 323

Gloria

The Collect of the Day:

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said,

"Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

The Psalm: 77:1-2, 11-20

1 I will cry aloud to God; *

I will cry aloud, and he will hear me.

2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; *

my hands were stretched out by night and did not tire;
I refused to be comforted.

11 I will remember the works of the LORD, *

and call to mind your wonders of old time.

12 I will meditate on all your acts *

and ponder your mighty deeds.

13 Your way, O God, is holy; *

who is so great a god as our God?

14 You are the God who works wonders *

and have declared your power among the peoples.

15 By your strength you have redeemed your people*

the children of Jacob and Joseph.

16 The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and trembled; *
the very depths were shaken.

17 The clouds poured out water;
the skies thundered; *
your arrows flashed to and fro;

18 The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind;
your lightnings lit up the world; *
the earth trembled and shook.

19 Your way was in the sea,
and your paths in the great waters, *
yet your footsteps were not seen.

20 You led your people like a flock *
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

The Epistle: Galatians 5:13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Hymn #610

Lord, whose love through humble service

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

According to Luke

People: Glory be to thee. O Lord

The Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one

who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Nancy L. Threadgill

The Nicene Creed BCP 327

The Prayers of the People BCP 328

Discernment Prayer (NEW):

Gracious and loving God, you teach us that things happen in your time. As we continue to wait for clergy candidates, encourage us, the people of St. Francis in the Fields and St. Mark's Episcopal Churches, to grow steadfastly in our ministries to love and serve our neighbors by sharing the Good News in Jesus Christ.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we open our hearts and minds to new opportunities and ideas, following where you lead — knowing that Jesus Christ walks with us each step of the way. As this discernment period evolves, empower the members of our Vestries and Discernment Committees to share their thoughts openly and honestly; to respect the opinions of others; and to encourage humility, patience, and joy. Finally, instill in us a glorious vision of the future: one where we are united in love and ministry in fulfilling the mission of our baptismal vows; through our savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Confession BCP 331

Exchange of the Peace

Hymn #655

O Jesus, I have promised

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (EP II) BCP 340
Sanctus

The Lord's Prayer BCP 336

The Fraction

Communion of the People

Hymn #302 *Father, we thank thee who has planted*

Post Communion Prayer BCP 339

The Blessing

Hymn #550 *Jesus calls us o'er the tumult*

The Dismissal

From *The Book Of Common Prayer 1979*
Hymns from *The Hymnal 1982*

For those unable to receive the physical Communion at this time
please pray the following:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus. And let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Prayers for a New Priest

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, we humbly ask you to supply your grace to all priests who are called to the ministry of your peoples. Fill them with the Holy Spirit, the truth of your doctrine, and clothe them with piety so that they may faithfully serve where they are called. Open their hearts to the possibility and consideration of a new path whereby they may serve you. We beseech you to guide to us, the pastor you would have shepherd your people at St. Francis in the Fields and St. Mark's. Open the hearts of these parish families to acceptance of your choice for us, so that together, we may increase our faith, devotion, and obedience, and be prepared to readily do the good works you have planned for us to do. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Remember Today In Your Prayers:

Carol Adams, Louise Mead, Susan Kelly & Mike Teore, Bill & Doris Horner, Catherine McCloskey, Maryann Marchl, Rick McKinley, David Wertz & Rebecca Church, Stacy Moskal, Terry Ebersole, and Betty Burdge..

Continue to Remember In Your Personal Prayers:

Donovan Pendell, Cynthia Greig, Dottie Venet, Bonnie Murray, Vince & Irene Joyce, Richard Burkert, Regina Hoover, Shawn & Tyler McKinley. Marlene Rhin, Lou Hoffer, Casey Daganhardt, Delbert Hess, and Randy Maurer.

Happy July 4th

We wish all of our Church Family a Blessed, Beautiful Day and Weekend!

Church Service Time Change

Don't forget! Starting July 6th, Church Service will be at 9:30 am July, August, and September.

Readers and Greeters — June-July 2025

If you are unable to read on the day you are scheduled, please find a substitute or let Mother Nancy know so a sub can be found in a timely manner. Thank you.

Sunday Readers

June 29 th	Donovan Pendell & Doug Zawiskie
July 6 th	Lisa Bell-Loncella & Donna Carosi
July 13 th	Richard Burkert & Tina Grata
July 20 th	Pam Hysong & Lisa Bell-Loncella
July 27 th	Joann Lacko & Doug Zawiskie

Sunday Greeters & Ushers

June 29 th	Tina Grata & Joann Lacko
July 6 th	Melissa Babalonis & Aiden
July 13 th	Jane & Gerry Strittmatter
July 20 th	Sam & Heidi Buchan
July 27 th	Amy & Penn Whitlow

Sunday: The Third Sunday After Pentecost

June 29 th	11:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
July 4 th	<i>Happy 4th of July</i>

Next Sunday: The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

July 6 th	9:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
July 10 th	10:00 am Pet Food Pantry

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Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Michael of the Valley, Episcopal Church, Ligonier;
the Rev. Marjorie Bevans, the Rev. Jack Brownfield

Altar Flowers Given to the Greater Glory of God

In Honor of our Living and Deceased
Family Members on this
4th of July Week

In Celebration of Kenn and Cindy's Wedding Anniversary
on July 2nd, please hug and hold your loved ones a little longer,
pick up the phone and call them if you can. Remember, tomorrow
isn't guaranteed so let them know today how much you love them.

In memory of our 30 years together on earth.
From Cindy Leap

Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 66:10-14
Psalm 66:1-8
Galatians 6: (1-6)7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

*Sharing Christ's Love Unconditionally through
Transformational worship and service*