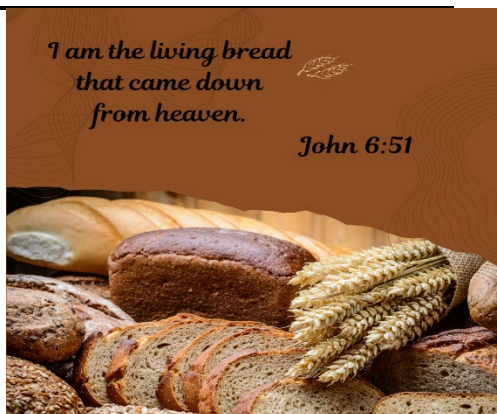


# St. Luke's Episcopal Church Ada, OK

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 14  
August 11, 2024 9:00am



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

**Prelude:** *Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers* by Johann Crüger

**Opening Hymn:** #686 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**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 to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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

**2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33**

A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

The king, David, ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, “Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.” And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David.

Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on.

And ten young men, Joab’s armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, “Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose

up against you.” The king said to the Cushite, “Is it well with the young man Absalom?” The Cushite answered, “May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man.”

The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, “O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!”

The Word of the Lord.

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

## **The Psalm**

### **Psalm 130**

*De profundis*

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;  
    Lord, hear my voice; \*  
    let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, \*  
    O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; \*  
    therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; \*  
    in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the Lord,  
    more than watchmen for the morning, \*  
    more than watchmen for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, \*  
    for with the Lord there is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, \*  
    and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

## **The Epistle**

### **Ephesians 4:25-5:2**

A Reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve

the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The Word of the Lord.

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

**Gradual Hymn:**     *#390 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (1-2/3-4)*

## **The Gospel**                                **John 6:35, 41-51**

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

Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

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 St. John's, Tulsa and St. Simeon's Home, 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
Tori Davison	Salyer Roebuck	Jack White	Jeanna McQuay
April Nesbit	Jim Lasley	Jim Reed	Rita Cloar
Mike Barnes	Judy Coy	Sheila	Velta
Libby Thomas			

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 Shelly & Bryleigh Morrison, Farren Rowan, Barbara Suess, and the Search Committee..

For those celebrating birthdays this week: Nikki Willis, Flossie Walling, Mike Jackson, and Chris Phillips.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. The altar flowers are given by Bill & Trigg Yerby in memory of Bill & Bernice Yerby. 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:** *Raise a Song of Glory* by Lani Smith

**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:** #335 *I am the Bread of Life*

**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:** #537 *Christ for the World We Sing!*

## The Dismissal

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

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

**Postlude:** *Gather Us In* by Marty Haughen

## Serving Today:

**Officiant:** The Rev. Isaac Mwangi

**Deacons:** The Rev. Robert Willis & The Rev. Bobby Saunkeah

**Lector:** Peggy Saunkeah

**Organist:** Farren Rowan

**Music Dir.:** Christopher Bragg

**Acolyte:** Lili Saunkeah

**Ushers:** Phillip Cody & Dustie Cabo-Devers

**Altar Guild:** Marsha Church & Susan Norvell

## Vestry Members:

**Senior Warden:** Angus McFarlane

**Junior Warden:** Katrina McCurdy

**Treasurer:** Barbara Sues

**Secretary:** Diane Criswell

Anne Escobedo

Bridget Forshay

Erin Bigelow-Jacob

Shirley Mixon

Phillip Cody

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The new website is up and running!

[www.stlukesada.org](http://www.stlukesada.org)

**Upcoming Events:**

Monday, August 12: Creative Prayer/Soul Collage 6:00pm

Monday, August 19: ECU Howdy Day 9:00am Set-up

Wednesday, August 21: Vestry Meeting 6:45pm

Thursday, August 22: Matthew 25 4:00pm

Wednesday, September 4: Choir Practice Resumes 6:30pm

Sunday, September 8: Sheep Creek 11:00am



## Education for Ministry (EfM) will be starting soon!

Are you being called to explore your calling  
in Christ as a layperson? Contact Michael Riden  
at [doc.riden@gmail.com](mailto:doc.riden@gmail.com), or visit [efm.sewanee.edu](http://efm.sewanee.edu)  
to learn more about the program.

"EfM is the best Christian education I've ever participated in. It was a safe place to challenge my assumptions and lingering questions about the Christian faith in which I proclaim to be a believer. It has prepared me to step fully into my unique role as a disciple of Christ. The friendships I've made during my four years with the group was also a valuable part of EfM."

-Katrina McCurdy (completed program May 2024)