

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

At 10:30am, the liturgy begins outside in the prairie. All are welcome to join as they are able.

LITANY FOR CREATION AND ALL CREATURES

Presider Let us name with thanksgiving, aloud or in our hearts, those creatures for whom we care: _____.
And let us remember the unnamed, unknown creatures whose lives have benefited our own.

Silence

Presider Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,
People **Have mercy on us.**

Presider Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,
People **Have mercy on us.**

Presider Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,
People **Have mercy on us.**

Presider Grant that all your creatures may thank and serve you;
People **Show your blessing on earth, O God.**

Presider Grant favorable weather, temperate rain, and fruitful seasons, providing food and drink for all your creatures;
People **Show your blessing on earth, O God.**

Presider Grant that this land may one day be a vibrant and fertile prairie that reveals your bounty, provides shelter to your creatures and consoles the grieving.
People **Show your blessing on earth, O God.**

Presider Open our eyes to the joy and beauty of creation, that we may see your presence in all your works;
People **Show your blessing on earth, O God.**

Presider Look with favor upon all who care for the earth, the water, and the air, that the riches of creation may abound for all your creatures;
People **Show your blessing on earth, O God.**

Presider Make us faithful stewards of creation, wisely caring for the earth, the air, the seas, and all the life they bear;

People **Shower your blessing on earth, O God.**

Presider Awaken us to our responsibility for the care of creation;

People **Shower your blessing on earth, O God.**

Presider Forgive us our waste and pollution of creation and strengthen us to heal wounds we have inflicted;

People **Shower your blessing on earth, O God.**

Presider Holy God: No sparrow falls without your attention; nothing dies that is lost to you; nothing comes into being without your love. Give us just and compassionate hearts, that we may serve the earth and all its creatures, holding fast to the vision of your peaceable reign in which all will live with you eternally; through the Risen One, Christ our Savior.

People **Amen.**

The congregation processes to the church, following the cross.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be the One who creates all things.

People **Let us rejoice in creation and be glad in it.**

SONG OF PRAISE

MASS OF CREATION

At 8am, spoken. At 10:30am, sung as printed.



Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory. **REFRAIN**

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. **REFRAIN**

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! Amen! **REFRAIN**

SALUTATION

Presider The Creator be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and remembering the account that we must give one day, grant that we may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES *Sit*

THE FIRST LESSON

Reader A reading from the book of Deuteronomy. 30:15-20

Moses said to all Israel the words which the Lord commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

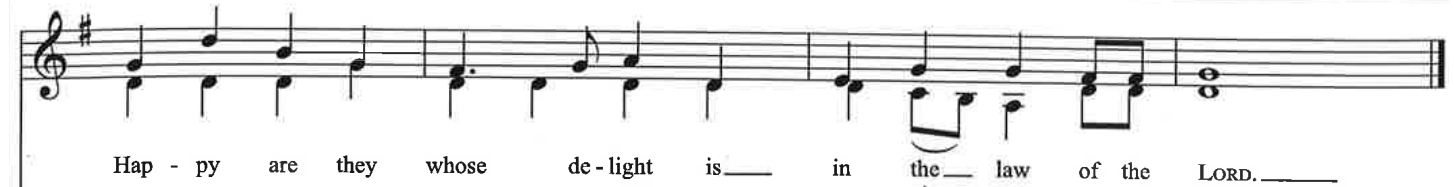
The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY

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At 8am, all spoken. At 10:30, the congregation sings the antiphon one time through before the spoken verses.



Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and they meditate on his law day and night. **ANTIPHON**

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away. **ANTIPHON**

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked is doomed. **ANTIPHON**

THE SECOND LESSON

Reader A reading from the letter to Philemon.

1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose

father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ANTIPHON

HALLE, HALLE, HALLE

At 10:30am, stand and sing two times.

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

THE GOSPEL

Deacon A reading from the Gospel of Luke. 14:25-33

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

Deacon Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL ANTIPHON *At 10:30am, sing music on previous page one time through.*

SERMON *Sit*

THE REV. LINDY HARDWICK

THE NICENE CREED *Stand*

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 human.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

During the silence after each bidding, the people may offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Deacon Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in our world, now and always, responding
"Hear our prayer" to each prayer.

*After each prayer, please respond "**hear our prayer.**"*

Leader Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to
heal and defend the earth, and pour your blessing upon all who work for the good of the
planet. God, Giver of life,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon	Breath of life, receive our thanks for the beauty of our local habitat and all who dwell in it, and grant us the wisdom and will to conserve it. Grant that our prairie flourish. May it be a sacramental sign of your abundance and provide shelter and consolation to your people. God, Giver of life,
People	Hear our prayer.
Leader	Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your bounty, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings. God, Giver of life,
People	Hear our prayer.
Leader	Divine Physician, heal our communities, especially those where neglect, greed, or violence inflict suffering upon people and other creatures. God, Giver of life,
People	Hear our prayer.
Leader	Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of this congregation who desire or need your presence and help [especially _____]. God, Giver of life,
People	Hear our prayer.
Leader	Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died [especially _____]. God, Giver of life,
People	Hear our prayer.
Presider	Creator God, you call us into being. Inspire us with your extravagant generosity, and sustain us with hope in resurrection life. All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd.
People	Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept for a time.

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.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

We invite you to extend the peace of God to those in the congregation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Sit*

St. Francis' Episcopal Church is grateful for the generosity of all visitors and parishioners who contribute as part of the weekly offertory. If you wish, please place your contribution in the collection plate or use the QR code to give online. These gifts are used to support our parish in addition to parishioners' annual commitments.



THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

We return with thanksgiving the gifts God has given us. This includes bread and wine of the earth and financial offerings from our labor. Representatives of the congregation bring these to the common Eucharistic table.

OFFERTORY 10:30am

HOW GREAT THOU ART

LEVAS 6o



1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



1. all the worlds* thy hands have made, I see the stars I hear the roll - ing*
2. birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
3. die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



1. thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.
2. gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze.
3. bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin.
4. ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God how great thou art.



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to Thee: How great Thou



art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to



Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

DOXOLOGY 10:30am

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow,
praise the heal - er of our souls; earth and moon and
stars a - bove sing praise to you, O God of Love.

From here, continue to the bulletin labeled "An Order for The Celebration of The Holy Eucharist," page 4, and return to this insert for Communion Hymn and Sending Hymn.



Take, O take me as I am.



Sum - mon out what I shall be.



Set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.



3. Dine we here on bro - ken bread.

4. All who thirst shall gath - er here.

5. Stran - gers all by sin dis - persed;

6. Now we pray by day and night,



Here the love - ly world is wed,

We, the world draw ev - er near:

God, our moth - er, quench our thirst.

keep the fast to clear our sight,

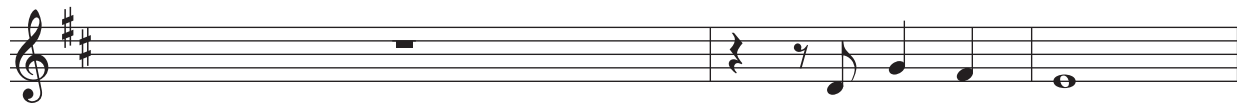


God's own dar - ling by God led.

Christ's own blood, this cup so dear.

Thus is jus - tice here re - hearsd.

share our goods to set things right.



But you, O Lord:

*From here, continue to the bulletin labeled "An Order for The Celebration of The Holy Eucharist," page 9,
for the Post-Communion Prayer.*



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For God's gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Continue to the bulletin labeled "An Order for The Celebration of The Holy Eucharist," page 10.

