

St. Luke's Table

DEDICATION SUNDAY:
Feast of the Consecration
Dedication of the Church

Thanksgiving for a Ministry

Bless the Lord, all you his hosts,
you ministers of his who do his will.

Psalm 103.21



Announcements

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Thanksgiving on the
Anniversary of a Parish,
and The Holy Eucharist,
with Eucharistic Prayer #2, BAS



Opening Hymn:

Come, Now Is The Time
To Worship



The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

And also with you.

The Collect of the Day

**Almighty God, watchful and caring,
our source and our end, all that we are
and all that we have are yours.**

**Accept us now, as we give thanks to you
for this place where we have come to praise
your name, to ask your forgiveness,
to know your healing power,
to hear your word, and to be nourished
by the body and blood of your Son.**

**Be present always to guide and to judge,
to illumine and to bless your people.
This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

Let us give thanks
to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give
our thanks and praise.**



(at the font)

We thank you, Almighty God,
for the gift of water.

Over water the Holy Spirit
moved in the beginning
of creation.

Through water you led the
children of Israel
out of their bondage
in Egypt into the land of promise.



In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John
and was anointed by the Holy Spirit
as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us,
through his death and resurrection,
from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.
We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism.
In it we are buried with Christ in his death.

By it we share in his resurrection.
Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.
Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son,
we celebrate our fellowship in him in faith.
We pray that all who here pass through the water
of baptism may continue for ever in the risen life
of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

(at the Lectern)

Almighty God, your eternal Word speaks to us through the words of holy scripture.

Here we have read of your mighty acts and purposes in history, and here we have learned about those whom you have chosen to be agents of your will.

Inspired by the revelation of your Son,
we seek your present purposes.
Give us ears to hear and hearts to obey.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Genesis 28: 10-17



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Jacob left Beersheba and went to Haran. He came to a certain place and camped for the night since the sun had set. He took one of the stones there, set it under his head and lay down to sleep. And he dreamed: A stairway was set on the ground and it reached all the way to the sky; angels of God were going up and going down on it.

Then God was right before him, saying, “I am God, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. I’m giving the ground on which you are sleeping to you and to your descendants. Your descendants will be as the dust of the Earth; they’ll stretch from west to east and from north to south. All the families of the Earth will bless themselves in you and your descendants. Yes. I’ll stay with you, I’ll protect you wherever you go, and I’ll bring you back to this very ground. I’ll stick with you until I’ve done everything I promised you.”

Jacob woke up from his sleep. He said, “God is in this place—truly. And I didn’t even know it!” He was terrified. He whispered in awe, “Incredible. Wonderful. Holy. This is God’s House. This is the Gate of Heaven.”

Psalm 84, (alternating verses)

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.

**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.**

Happy are they who dwell in your house!
they will always be praising you.

**Happy are the people whose strength is in you!
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

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.

**They will climb from height to height,
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**

Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;
hearken, O God of Jacob.

**Behold our defender, O God;
and look upon the face of your anointed.**

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.

**For the Lord God is both sun and shield;
he will give grace and glory;**

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

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

**God of pilgrims, teach us to recognize
your dwelling-place in the love, generosity,
and support of those with whom we share our journey,
and help us to worship you in our response
to those who need our care; for all the world
is your temple and every human heart
is a sign of your presence, made known to us
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Second Reading:

1 Peter 2: 1-5, 9-10



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So clean house! Make a clean sweep of malice and pretense, envy and hurtful talk. You've had a taste of God. Now, like infants at the breast, drink deep of God's pure kindness. Then you'll grow up mature and whole in God.

Welcome to the living Stone, the source of life. The workmen took one look and threw it out; God set it in the place of honor. Present yourselves as building stones for the construction of a sanctuary vibrant with life, in which you'll serve as holy priests offering Christ-approved lives up to God.

But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you—from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted.

Gradual Hymn:

Spirit of the Living God



The Good News:

The Holy Gospel of Christ
according to
Matthew 21: 12-16



Matthew 21: 12-16

Jesus went straight to the Temple and threw out everyone who had set up shop, buying and selling. He kicked over the tables of loan sharks and the stalls of dove merchants. He quoted this text:

My house was designated a house of prayer;
You have made it a hangout for thieves.

Now there was room for the blind and crippled to get in. They came to Jesus and he healed them.

When the religious leaders saw the outrageous things he was doing, and heard all the children running and shouting through the Temple, “Hosanna to David’s Son!” they were up in arms and took him to task. “Do you hear what these children are saying?”

Jesus said, “Yes, I hear them. And haven’t you read in God’s Word, ‘From the mouths of children and babies I’ll furnish a place of praise’?”

(at the Pulpit)

Almighty God, we have heard your words to us
in holy scripture, and know your call to each of us.
In every age you have spoken through the voices of
prophets, pastors, and teachers.
We give you thanks that over the years
we have heard you speak to us through
the preaching of your word in this place.

Grant that those who preach in this place
may proclaim the crucified and risen Christ
and interpret your word with sensitivity and insight,
that we may hear that word inwardly
and respond to it in all our life.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ,
your living Word. **Amen.**

Liturgy of Thanksgiving at the End of a Ministry

Adapted from a Liturgy
by The Rev. Thomas L. Weitzel,
Evangelical Lutheran Church
in America



Thanksgiving at the End of a Ministry, (Lyda)

Dear friends, from the book of Ecclesiastes:

For everything there is a season
and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant,
and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep,

and a time to laugh; a time to mourn,
and a time to dance;
a time to cast away stones,
and a time to gather stones together;
a time to seek, and a time to lose,
a time to keep, and a time to throw away

And it is now time for our dear Reverend Laurie to answer another call in her life.

Today, therefore, it is a time to celebrate her ministry among us; a time to look back, and a time to look forward; a time for joy, and a time for sadness.

It is a time to give thanks and praise to Almighty God for what Reverend Laurie has given us in our lives together.

Responsive Prayer, (Jackie)

Blessed be God.

And blessed be his holy name.

The Lord makes everything beautiful in its time.

Whatever God does endures forever

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

And forget not all his benefits.

Bless the Lord, all you hosts

You ministers who do God's will

Bless the Lord, all you works,
in all places of his dominion
Bless the Lord, O my soul

**For everything there is a season;
a time to go, and a time to come.
Yet the Spirit blows where it will.
And for those who are led by the Spirit,
they must follow.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving, (Jerry)

God has blessed our Parish Community with 13 and a half years of service by Reverend Laurie. She has been our Priest, our partner in Christ, our counsellor, our choir, theatre, and our camp director, our teacher, and our friend.

With joy and sadness, we mark and celebrate the end of her ministry with us.

Reverend Laurie,
we called you to be our priest,
to proclaim God's Word,
to bring together people in Holy Matrimony,
to baptize and welcome new members,
to assure us of God's forgiveness,
to preside at our celebrations of the Lord's Supper,
and to comfort us with the Gospel.

In times of sickness, and trouble,
and as we said good-bye to our loved ones,
you cared for us.

You led and guided in our faith,
and inspired us in the spirit of Christ;
You helped us set our direction
and encouraged us on our way.

Together we have served the Lord and his Church
in common devotion to the Gospel.

Sharing in our joys and sorrows,
you became important to us.

We give thanks to God for the time we've shared.
We have known your love and your patience.

Hand-in-hand, we have walked in the light of Christ,
and we have grown together in the Gospel.
Our lives have been intertwined by the Holy Spirit,
and we shall not soon forget you.

Diocesan Times,
February 2015,
“Much More Than Money”



In thanksgiving, let us pray for Reverend Laurie and for our time together.

Eternal God,

**We thank you for Reverend Laurie
and for our time together
in this Parish and community.**

**You have led her by the Holy Spirit
to serve your people in this Parish,
to build up your Church, and to glorify your name.**

**Together we have worked for the sake of the Gospel.
Together we have studied your Word.
Together we have broken bread and given thanks.
In thanksgiving, we praise you
for raising up faithful servants among us
for the ministry of your Church.
And we pray that Reverend Laurie
may continue to exemplify,
in word and deed, the Gospel of your Son.**

**Grant that we, may continue to serve you
in the Church on earth,
and be brought to rejoice
in your kingdom forever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Scripture tells us that endings
are only new beginnings.
Therefore, let us go forth,
doing God's will in our respective places,
for the sake of the Gospel of Christ.
Go now, and do God's will.
Reverend Laurie, as you have been a blessing to us,
go to be a blessing to others. **Amen.**

Presentations

Picture Tribute, Brenda

Musical Tribute,

Peter, Joanne,

Carol and Donnie

ACW, Stephanie

Lay Ministry, Brenda

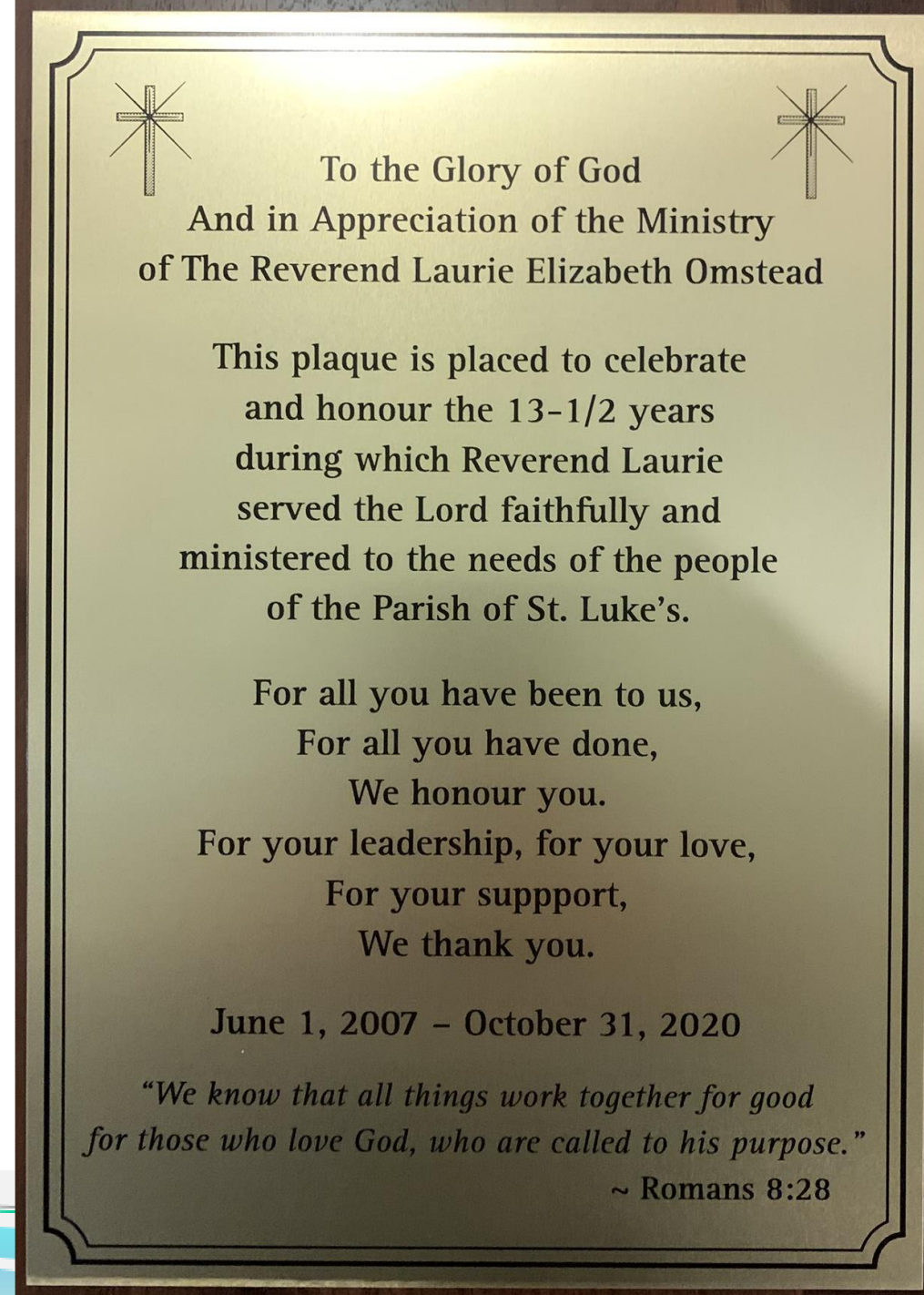
Outreach, Carol

Parish, Susan & Catherin

Blessing, Reverend Bill



Plaque Presented to Rev. Laurie



The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism,
as we say,

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People, (Reverend Bill)

For the Church universal,
of which these buildings are a visible symbol,

We thank you, Lord.

For your presence whenever two or three have
gathered in your name,

We thank you, Lord.

For this place where we may be still
and know that you are God,

We thank you, Lord.

For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions
as you see best for us,

We thank you, Lord.

For our past and a vision of the future
that lies ahead,

We thank you, Lord.

For the gift of the Holy Spirit
and new life in baptism,

We thank you, Lord.

For the pardon of our sins
when we have fallen short of your glory,

We thank you, Lord.

For the holy eucharist in which we have
a foretaste of your eternal kingdom,

We thank you, Lord.

For the blessing of our vows
and the crowning of our years with your goodness,
We thank you, Lord.

For the faith of those who have gone before us
and for our encouragement by their perseverance,
We thank you, Lord.

For all the benefactors of this place
who have died in the peace of Christ
and are at rest

We thank you, Lord.

For the fellowship of all your saints,
and especially for Luke, our patron,

We thank you, Lord.

Confession and Absolution

Dear Friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
God welcomes sinners
and invites us to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

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 neighbours 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.**

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord
be always with you.

And also with you.



The Celebration of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn:

There's A Quiet Understanding



Prayer over the Gifts:

Father, hear the prayers of your faithful people.

**Grant that all who celebrate this eucharist
may please you by the offering of themselves
and the fulfilling of your will.**

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
heaven itself cannot contain you
and your glory fills all the world.
You accept our setting apart
of places for your worship
and in them pour out your gifts
of grace upon your faithful people

This table is a sign to us of the heavenly altar,
where your saints and angels praise you.
Here we have recalled the sacrifice of your Son;
here we have been fed with the body
and blood of your Son;
here our sins have been forgiven;
here we have tasted the joys of your eternal kingdom.

Grant that in these mysteries
we may be united with one another
and strengthened for service in your world.
Therefore with angels and archangels
and those who worship you in every age,
we raise our voices in joyful praise
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We give you thanks and praise,
almighty God, through your beloved Son,
Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer.
He is your living Word, through whom
you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature.
He lived and died as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

In fulfillment of your will
he stretched out his hands in suffering,
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;
and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,
and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.

By his resurrection
he brings us into the light of your presence.

Holy and gracious God,
accept our praise,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread and gave you thanks,
saying, "Take, and eat:
this is my body which is broken for you."

In the same way he took the cup,
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we offer you this bread and this cup,
giving thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit
upon the offering of your holy Church.
Gather into one
all who share in these sacred mysteries,
filling them with the Holy Spirit
and confirming their faith in the truth,
that together we may praise you
and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son,
with the Holy Spirit
in the Holy Church,
now and for ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, we are bold to pray

**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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world

**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

The Communion

The gifts of God
for the Children of God.

Thanks be to God.

Please remain in your
pew to receive communion,
and exit once everyone in
your pew has received.



Music During Communion



Prayer After Communion

**Father, you have given us
this time of joy and have nourished us
in heavenly things.
Grant that we may show in our lives
the love of Christ who is our God and Saviour.
Amen.**