



ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcomes You!



THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 19, 2025

10:30 AM Holy Communion with
Reception & Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

The Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson
The Rt. Rev. Gayle E. Harris
The Rt Rev. Mark A Bourlakas
The Rt. Rev Edwin (Ted) Gulick
The Rev. Trent Moore

WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH!

Thank you for joining us!

Please fill out a visitor card located in your pew and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. We'll be in touch with you later in the week.

Receiving Holy Communion

When you approach the altar rail, the clergy will place a wafer in your open hand with the blessing.

You can sip from the chalice or dip (intinct) the wafer, or not. Request gluten-free wafer if preferred. Or request a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.

JOIN US THIS WEEK: OCTOBER 19 -25

SUNDAY

9:00 AM Children's Sunday School
9:15 AM Chancel Choir Practice
10:30 AM Holy Communion | Facebook Live
11:45 AM Coffee Hour Fellowship

TUESDAY

6:00 PM St. Thomas Circle
7:30 PM Lectio Divina

WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM Brotherhood of St. Andrew
11:00 AM Rector's Bible Study
6:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice

THURSDAY

6:45 PM St. Dunstan's Choir
8:30 PM Compline

FOOD CLOSET OPEN

MONDAY - FRIDAY | 9 AM - 12:00 NOON
THURSDAY | 4 - 6 PM

SERVING TODAY

CLERGY:

The Rt. Rev Ted Gulick
The Rev. Trent Moore

READERS & CHALICE BEARERS:

Bob Brotzman, Billy Green,
Kim Helsel

USHERS:

Kathy Buschow, Kerri Bonfadini,
Peyton Cramer, Cindy Rickett

ALTAR GUILD:

Margaret Gossweiler, Mary Tholand,
Marysa Mullen

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Dr. Wonhee Kang

CELLO

Sharon Owenby

Chancel Choir

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*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Suzanne Delgado
and in thanksgiving for all the blessings in her life, thanks be to God.*

PRELUDE - "Down Ampne"

*Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958
Setting by Michael Burkhardt*

(please stand)

ENTRANCE HYMN - "O God of Bethel, by whose hand"

709, Hymnal 1982

WELCOME

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

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

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: ***There is one hope in God's call to us;***

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: ***One God and Father of all.***

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

THE COLLECT

Celebrant:

Grant, Almighty God, that we, who have been redeemed from the old life of sin by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, may be renewed in your Holy Spirit, and live in righteousness and true holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

(please be seated)

FIRST LESSON - GENESIS 32:22-31

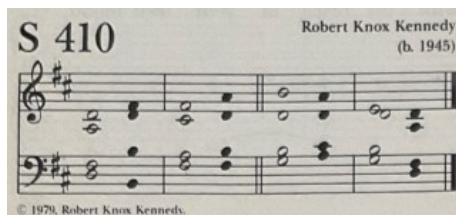
The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But

Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 121



- 1 I lift up my eyes to the ↑hills; *
from where is my help to ↑come?
- 2 My help comes from the ↓Lord, *
the maker of heaven and ↓earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be ↑moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall ↑asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over ↓Israel *
shall neither slumber nor ↓sleep;
- 5 The Lord himself watches over ↑you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right ↑hand.
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by ↓day, *
nor the moon by ↓night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all ↑evil; *
it is he who shall keep you ↑safe.
- 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming ↓in, *
from this time forth for ↓evermore.

SECOND LESSON - 2 TIMOTHY 3:14-4:5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(please stand)

GRADUAL HYMN - "Book of books, our people's strength"

631, Hymnal 1982

THE GOSPEL - LUKE 18:1-8

The Rev Trent Moore

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

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

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Praise to you Lord Christ**

(please be seated)

THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev Ted Gulick

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Bishop: The candidates will now be presented.

Presenter:

I present these persons to be received into this Communion.

I present these persons who desire to reaffirm their baptismal vows.

Bishop: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates: I do

Bishop: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates: I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

Bishop: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: ***We will.***

Bishop: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ to renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: ***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.***

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: ***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.***

Bishop: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: ***I will, with God's help.***

Bishop: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: ***I will, with God's help.***

Bishop: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: ***I will, with God's help.***

Bishop: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: ***I will, with God's help.***

Bishop: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: ***I will, with God's help.***

Bishop: Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Leader: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: Open their heart to your grace and truth.

People: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Bishop:

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

FOR RECEPTION

Bishop:

(N), we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. ***Amen.***

FOR REAFFIRMATION

Bishop:

(N.) may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. ***Amen.***

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

(please stand)

THE PEACE

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

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

(please be seated)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY *(the loose plate offering today will go towards Bishop Gulick's Discretionary Fund)*

Celebrant:

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

(Please stand)

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

(Please be seated)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Be Strong in the Lord"

Tom Fettke, Linda L Johnson

(please stand)

THE DOXOLOGY

#380 (v. 3), Hymnal 1982

Celebrant and People sing:

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - Eucharistic Prayer A

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.

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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-125, Hymnal 1982

Celebrant and People

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

(Please 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.

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.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Celebrant and 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

S-155, Hymnal 1982

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:
Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, 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 HYMNS *(the congregation is invited to join in singing)*

"It's me, it's me, oh Lord"

177, LEVAS

"Lord we have come at your invitation"

348, Hymnal 1982

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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

The Rt. Rev. Ted Gulick

(please stand)

CLOSING HYMN

“Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim”

535, Hymnal 1982

THE DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Burford”

from A Book of Psalmody, 1718

Current Prayer and Military List

Carol G	Marietta E	John H	Jack S
Catherine	Rick B	Ernest L	Chris T
Jeanette G	Wayne S	Jack R	Harold B
Kirsten B	Bo C	Mary F	Aaron F
Martha T	Sarah T	Michelle F	Thomas & Carol
Nadine	Bob M	Butch D	Jens T
Robert D	Brad H	Norma G	
Sally J	Greg & Linda L	Barbara H	
Caleb B	Peyton F	John F, Jr	Wes W
Jessica H	Samuel M	Ian M	Walter W
Carrington T	Braedon W	Allahvel F	Steven O
Matthew G	Christopher J	Matthew S	
Abigail B	Taylor C	Earl E	
Daniel V	Taylor G	Chris S	

Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries this week:

Oct 19 - Michelle & Rusty B	Oct 22 - Mason P
Oct 20 - Mary D	Oct 24 - Greg H
Oct 20 - Allie V	

Those being Received and Reaffirmed

Kathy Bushcow	Josh Harmon
Glen Carpenter	Nora Rice
Brittany Harmon	Terry Stein

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rector's Bible Study & Adult Forum Updates

Starting this week, October 22nd, the Wednesday Bible Study will be doing a study on Exodus. Join them at 11:00 AM in the Rector's Office. Adult Forum will be taking a break and will resume December 7th at 9:00 AM in the Parish Hall.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

All men are welcome to join the Brotherhood of St. Andrew Wednesdays morning at 7:00 AM for breakfast and study. They recently started a study on the book "The Theopolitan Vision" by Peter Leithart. Contact Trice for more information.

LEM & Reader Refresh

Current Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs) and lay readers or anyone interested in participating in this ministry, join us November 2nd at 9:00 AM for brief introduction and refresher training, led by Fr. Trent. Get a better understanding of your role, gain confidence in serving as a chalice-bearer, and—if you're considering volunteering—find out what's entailed. Contact Troy Elliott more information.

Trunk or Treat

Our 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat will be Sunday, October 26th from 4:30 - 6:00 PM with our Bones Service immediately following. If you are interested in doing a trunk, helping grill hot dogs, or do face painting please let contact Karyn.

We Need Candy and Chips!

We are asking for donations of candy and chips for our Trunk or Treat. Donations can be dropped off in the boxes located in the Parish Hall and church office.

Lectio Divina

All ladies are invited each Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM to join in reflections on 1 Peter on Zoom. October 21 our focus will be 1 Peter 3:13-17—Be ready at all times! Contact Kitty for the Zoom link.

Thursday Night Compline

Please consider joining the DOK Thursday evenings at 8:30 pm for the Service of Compline online (BCP, p.127). Each week this short service is led by various area clergy and LEMs, beginning with five minutes of Gregorian chant at 8:25 to allow time to calm and center yourself. Come and be blessed by this precious service at the close of the day. Contact Kitty or the office for the link.

Important Fall Dates

- Trunk or Treat - October 26
- Stewardship Brunch - November 16
- Community Thanksgiving Dinner - November 20

Children, Youth, Family

- Youth Group - November 9
- Movie Night - November 21

Food Closet Needs of the Week

Pasta, pasta sauce, hamburger helper, dried beans, chili, beef stew, canned vegetables

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