

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

LARAMIE, WYOMING

August 3, 2025



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Whoever and wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome. Our message is that God's unconditional love is extended to you right now through Jesus Christ. Here in this church, God says, "You belong, this is my family, and you have a place in it."

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

WYOMING EUCHARIST

GATHERING

Prelude

“Andante”
from the first organ concerto G. Handel

At the Procession

Hymnal (blue) #594

All stand

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| <p>1 God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient Church's story;
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour.</p> <p>2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise:
grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days.</p> | <p>3 Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.</p> <p>4 Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore.</p> |
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THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

Officiant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts 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

Hymnal (blue) S-280

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

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
 Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lessons

All are seated

Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14; 2:18-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me -- and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil.

What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalms 49:1-11 *(Read responsively by the whole verse)*

- 1 Hear this, all you peoples;
 hearken, all you who dwell in the world,
 you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.
- 2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom,
 and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
- 3 I will incline my ear to a proverb
 and set forth my riddle upon the harp.
- 4 Why should I be afraid in evil days,
 when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
- 5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods,
 and boast of their great riches?
- 6 We can never ransom ourselves,
 or deliver to God the price of our life;
- 7 For the ransom of our life is so great,
 that we should never have enough to pay it,
- 8 In order to live for ever and ever,
 and never see the grave.
- 9 For we see that the wise die also;
 like the dull and stupid they perish
 and leave their wealth to those who come after them.
- 10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever,
 their dwelling places from generation to generation,
 though they call the lands after their own names.
- 11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever;
 they are like the beasts that perish.

Colossians 3:1-11

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are

above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal (blue) #435 vs 1-3

All stand

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| 1 At the Name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
King of glory now;
’tis the Father’s pleasure
we should call him Lord
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word. | 3 bore it up triumphant,
with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures,
to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead,
to the Father’s breast;
filled it with the glory
of that perfect rest. |
| 2 Humbled for a season,
to receive a Name
from the lips of sinners,
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious,
when from death he passed; | |

Luke 12:13-21

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Very Reverend Rick Veit

All are seated

The Nicene Creed

All 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 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 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.

The Prayers of the People

All stand or kneel

Gracious God, open our ears to hear your word. Open our hearts to receive it and transform us. Make your Church the fertile ground in which your love can grow.

O God, our Creator,
Bless us and keep us close.

Give leaders everywhere a heart for their people and the commitment to the common good. Cultivate in each of us seeds of peace and justice.

O God, our Creator,
Bless us and keep us close.

We pray for healing for those who suffer from any ailment, or isolation, or want. We remember those in this community, in Wyoming, and throughout the world.

O God, our Creator,
Bless us and keep us close.

We pray for those who have died, and comfort all those who mourn. Sow in all of us seeds of compassion.

O God, our Creator,
Bless us and keep us close.

We pray this week for our partner Diocese of Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania and The Diocese of Niger Delta North (Nigeria). The altar flowers this week are given to the glory of God by Linda Duvall in thanksgiving for their children: Andy, Chris, Jake, Eric, Alex, and host daughter, Anna. We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially remembering Tyler, Logan, Dan, Jamie, and those we now name _____.

The Officiant adds a concluding Collect

Confession / Absolution

Officiant Let us confess our sins to God.

People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

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

All stand

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

All are seated

Birthday/Anniversary Blessing

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand, comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up when they fall; and in their hearts may Your Peace which passes understanding abide all of the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

At the Offertory

Hymnal (blue) #542

1 Christ is the world's true Light,
its Captain of salvation,
the Daystar clear and bright
of every race and nation;
new life, new hope awakes,
for all who own his sway:
freedom her bondage breaks,
and night is turned to day.

2 In Christ all races meet,
their ancient feuds forgetting,
the whole round world complete,
from sunrise to its setting:
when Christ is throned as Lord
all shall forsake their fear,
to ploughshare beat the sword,
to pruning-hook the spear.

3 One Lord, in one great Name
unite us all who own thee;
cast out our pride and shame
that hinder to enthrone thee;
the world has waited long,
has travailed long in pain;
to heal its ancient wrong,
come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

*An offering is collected as a symbol of our life and labor and to support the work of the church.
Thank you for your generosity.*

The Doxology

Hymnal (blue) #380 /Vs. 3 *Old 100th*

All stand

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heavenly hosts;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

Wyoming Eucharistic Prayer

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People 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 God thanks and praise.

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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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

Hymnal (blue) S-125

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

We thank you, Creator God, that we live in a place where the glorious revelation of yourself is all around us. The prairie bursts with song from the wind and birds and waving grasses. The abundance of animals roaming freely reminds us of our own freedom, and the many ways you provide sustenance in your kingdom. From the depths of the ocean floor you lifted your massive mountains and pointed them toward the heavens.

We, like your Son, our Lord, are called to these high places to get away and rest in communion with you. We marvel as we wander through stately pines and twirling aspen along the creeks, where trout dance on their tails above the rocks, and deer and elk sip from the water's edge; and we remember that you have given us the Living Water to quench our thirst. Our spirit is refreshed and our strength renewed.

We welcome the passing of seasons in broad circles of time, with anticipation of new things to come, and we recognize that same feeling of hope that encircles our faith. Our lives are lived between sunrises and sunsets and brilliant colors. But at

night the limitless stars have a way of pushing back the boundaries of our lives and we dream of heaven and your wonder.

And with all these blessings of your creation around us, O God, we come together in communities on the prairie, by rivers and streams, on mountain tops, and in their shadows in the valley, to receive your Word, which has been sown in rich soil, and grown into a fruitful crop in the Body of Christ.

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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

As we gather to praise your name, we see your greatest glory, your Son our Savior, reflected in each other's faces and we know the magnitude of your love for us and ours for you.

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 forever. AMEN.

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

Officiant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who
love him and for those who want to love him more. Come, all those who have much
faith, and those who have little, those who have been here often, and those who
have not been here long, those who have tried to follow you, and those who have
failed. Come, because it is the Lord that invites us. It is God's will that those who
desire God, should meet God here. Amen.

*All are welcome at the altar. All who desire to receive communion and those wishing to receive a
prayer of blessing are invited to come forward. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

Communion Hymn

Valetina Gavrilova, Organist

Air, Bouree and Coro
from "Water Music" G. Handel

SENDING FORTH

Post Communion Prayer

All kneel or stand

Officiant Let us pray.
People

Almighty God, you have opened to us the Scriptures, and you have made
yourself known in the breaking of the bread. Abide with us, we pray, that,
blessed by your presence, we may walk with you all the days of our lives, until
we behold you, the one eternal God, in the fullness of your splendor, beauty
and grandeur. Amen.

Wyoming Blessing

May your heart feel the song of the meadowlark, your mind the clearness of the mountain air, and your soul the freedom of the soaring eagle. May your faith be renewed as the creek in spring, may you celebrate the saving redemption of the Cross in all its mysteries, may you always feel the love of the community of Christ. And may the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life be upon you and remain with you forever. AMEN.

Recessional

Hymnal (blue) #408

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| 1 Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation;
with healing balm my soul he fills,
and every faithless murmur stills:
to God all praise and glory. | 3 Let all who name Christ's holy Name
give God all praise and glory;
let all who know his power proclaim
aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from its throne,
the Lord is God, and he alone:
to God all praise and glory. |
| 2 What God's almighty power hath made,
his gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade
his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of his might,
lo! All is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory. | |

Dismissal

Officiant	Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People	Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude

"HornPipe"
from "Water Music" G. Handel

Please join us for a reception in the undercroft following the service.

Weekly Calendar August 3 - 10, 2025

Today

10:00 am Holy Communion — Rite Two
Coffee, tea & refreshments following the service

Monday

6:00 pm Tai Chi at the Labyrinth
7:00 pm BSA Troop 137 (*VFW Hall*)

Tuesday

9:00 am – 12 noon Prayers & Squares (*1st floor of Hunter Hall*)

Wednesday

7:15 am Morning Prayer (*Side Chapel*)

Next Sunday

10:00 am Holy Communion — Rite Two
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Today's Service

1st Reader – Joe Schroer

2nd Reader – Maggie Glos

Eucharistic Ministers – Robbie Darnall & Punch Williamson

Crucifer – Artemis Langford

Acolyte/Server– Robbie Darnall

Other Acolytes – Kent Drummond

Greeters/Ushers – Paul Hesco & Adrian Schroer

Hospitality Team – Sis Spertzel & Heather Wiseman

Sound Booth – Dave Bray

Altar Guild – Lois Roberts, Josetta Gabbidon & Cathy Kintner

Organist – Valentina Gavrilova

Director of Music – O'Neil Jones

Clergy – The Very Reverend Rick Veit

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Charlie DeWolf
April French
Brandon Handeland
Tammy Heise
Paul Hesco
Cathy Kintner
Taimi Kuiva
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Children's Worship Bulletin

Parable of the Rich Fool

Word Search

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GROUND
GRAIN

GUARD
GREED
DRINK
MERRY



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Tai Chi at the Labyrinth

Join us for an evening of gentle movement and mindful presence as we practice Tai Chi in the tranquil setting of the Labyrinth. Monday, August 4th at 6:00 pm. Whether you are a beginner or experienced, all are welcome to share this peaceful experience.

Cathedral Dinner Groups

Looking for a great way to connect with others and share a meal? Our Cathedral Dinner Groups are starting this September, and everyone is welcome! Please sign up at the church by August 29th. You can contact the church office or add your name to the lists at each entrance of the cathedral. It's a fantastic opportunity to build community and enjoy fellowship.



Church carpool? Let us know!

We are gathering information on both the need for rides and the availability of drivers, and we'll get back to everyone once we have a clearer picture. Please contact the church office if you are interested.



Ordination Celebration!

Join us as we celebrate the ordination of Lloyd Allen Doyle IV to the Sacred Order of Priesthood! Saturday, August 30th at 11:00 am. This event will be held at Canterbury House, (110 S. 9th Street) Space is limited! Please RSVP to diowy.info/rsvp.



This weeks 'Prayer Prompt'

Colossians 3:2

"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth."



Lord, help us to be Kingdom minded people as we love one another and serve our Laramie neighbors. Give us grace in every encounter so that our Laramie neighbors will see Christ through us.

(add your own prayers)

We also encourage you to pray for: Our Partner Dioceses - Leicester (U.K), Kiteto and Mt. Kilimanjaro (Tanzania), Trichy-Tanjore (India)

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