



THE MISSIONAL COMMUNITY OF ST. MONICA

(AN AFRICAN ANGLICAN-EPISCOPAL COMMUNITY)

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THEME: *Discerning the seasons.*

KEY TEXT: *Genesis 45:5*

"It was God who sent me ahead of you to preserve your lives"



Officiant

The Rev. Dr. Martin Muhia



Preacher & Celebrant

The Rev. Joan Kuria



Sunday, August 16, 2026 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



Trinity Episcopal Church, 318 South Duchesne Drive,
St. Charles, MO 63301



Second Service at Trinity Episcopal Church



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Sunday School classes run concurrently with the main service.



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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

ORDER OF SERVICE

At the entry of the procession the people stand.

A prayer is said and a hymn is announced.

Opening Hymn: Onward Christian Soldiers # 558 Pg 197

At the altar the minister reads a scripture sentence.

Why spend money and get what is not bread, why give the price of your labour and go unsatisfied? Listen to me and you will have good food to eat. (*Isaiah 55:2*)

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst". (*John 6:35*)

At the altar the leader welcomes the people with the following words:

Leader	The Lord be with you
People	And also with you
Minister	The earth is the Lord's & all that is in it:
People	Let heavens rejoice & the earth be glad
Minister	Our help is in the name of the Lord:
People	Who made heaven & earth
Minister	I was glad when they said unto me:
People	"Let us go into the House of the Lord."
Minister	Praise the Lord:
People	The name of the Lord be praised.

The people kneel.

All **Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from no secrets are hidden: 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.**

THE NEW TESTAMENT INTERPRETATION OF THE LAW

This section may be shared by two leaders: one to read the Old Testament version and the other the New Testament rendering of the law.

Minister Our Lord Jesus Christ said, if you love me keep my commandments; blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it. Hear therefore, what God has commanded his people: I am the Lord your God: you shall have no other gods but me.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.

People Amen. Lord have mercy and give us grace to keep this law.

Minister You shall not make for yourself any idol.

God is spirit and those who worship him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

People Amen. Lord have mercy and give us grace to keep this law.

Minister You shall not dishonour the name of the Lord your God.

You shall worship him with awe and reverence.

People Amen. Lord have mercy and give us grace to keep this law.

Minister Remember the Lord's day and keep it holy.

Christ is risen from the dead: set your mind on things that are above not on things that are on earth.

People Amen. Lord have mercy and give us grace to keep this law.

Minister Honour your father and your mother.

If anyone does not provide for his relatives and especially for his own family, he has disowned the faith and is worse than an unbeliever

People Amen. Lord have mercy and give us grace to keep this law.

Minister You shall not commit murder.

Everyone who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgement

People Amen. Lord have mercy and give us grace to keep this law.

Minister You shall not commit adultery.

Anyone who looks at another lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

People Amen. Lord have mercy and give us grace to keep this law.

Minister You shall not steal.
Let the thief labour, doing honest work with his hands, so that he may be able to give to those in need.

People Amen. Lord have mercy and give us grace to keep this law.

Minister You shall not be a false witness.
Let everyone speak the truth.

People Amen. Lord have mercy and give us grace to keep this law.

Minister You shall not covet anything which belongs to your neighbour.
It is more blessed to give than to receive. Love your neighbour as yourself, for love is the fulfilling of the law.

People Amen. Lord have mercy and write these laws in our hearts, we pray.

THE GLORIA AND ‘KYRIE ELEISON’ (LORD HAVE MERCY)

Either version of the GLORIA may be sung or said:

All 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.

Leader: We will have a moment for praise and worship & then Pray for Sunday School Children

The people remain standing

Minister Let us pray the prayer appointed for today.
 Today is the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

The Collect of the Day

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

ALL: **Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

People remain standing as able

Psalm 133

Rosalind Arthurton

Reader The Psalm appointed for the day is Psalm 133 beginning to read at Verse 1.

Reader We will praise God responsively by whole verse ending with the Gloria Patri.

Ecce, quam bonum!

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!

It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,

Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.

For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

After the reading, a Pause of 3 Seconds is observed

People: **Glory to the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen**

The people sit.

FIRST READING - Genesis 45:1-15

Kelvin Kuria

Reader The Old Testament reading is taken from the book of Genesis chapter 45 beginning to read at verse 1.

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

After the reading, a Pause of 3 Seconds is observed

Reader	Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to God’s people
People	Thanks be to God

Silence may be kept. Choir may sing.

THE EPISTLE READING – Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Carolyn Stuhisatz

Reader	The Epistle reading is taken from Romans chapter 11 beginning to read at verse 1.
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I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience,

so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

After the reading, a Pause of 3 Seconds is observed

Reader Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church
All Thanks be to God

Silence may be kept.

Hymn What a friend we have in Jesus # 66 pg 29

The Gospel – Matthew 15: 10-28

All stand.

Minister We stand to hear the good news of our salvation, as it is written in the Gospel according to Saint Matthew chapter 15 beginning to read at verse 10.

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

After the Gospel a Pause of 3 Seconds is observed

Minister This is the Gospel of Christ
People Praise be to Christ our Saviour.

Sermon

The Rev. Joan Kuria

Silence may be kept.

THE NICENE CREED

Minister We stand together with Christians throughout the centuries, and throughout the world today, to affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

ALL 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 of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, died, 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 worshipped 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.

INTERCESSIONS

Prayerful songs may be sung between the intercessions. People may be encouraged join in open prayer. The leading of the intercession may be shared among the people.

Hymn

Take my life and let it be

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Minister Let us pray

The people sit or kneel

Leader Let us pray for the Church
Almighty God, our heavenly Father, bless and guide all our bishops, pastors, church workers and all your faithful people. Grant wisdom to our archbishop, Sean and to our bishop, Deon, that under them we may be led in the unity of your Holy Spirit. May all who confess your holy name continue to witness by serving their neighbours, loving their enemies and working together for the extension of your kingdom in and beyond our land. Graciously hear our prayer.

People **We beseech you O Lord**

Leader Let us pray for the Nation
Merciful Father, protect and guide our President, Donald, and all who are in authority under him that we may be governed in the way of peace, love and unity. May our leaders exercise your authority without fear or favour so that justice may roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Graciously hear our prayer

People **We beseech you O Lord**

Leader Let us pray for the needs of the world
Loving Father, your Son grew in Wisdom and stature, in favour with God and man: as he brought your good news to the poor, we now bring to you those who are suffering from hunger, poverty and sickness, and who are under oppression and exploitation. Your kingdom come, your will be done in transforming their lives and in inspiring us to share your gospel, so that friends and strangers may be saved. Graciously hear our prayer:

People **We beseech you O Lord**

Leader Let us thank God for the lives of those who have departed in Christ
Gracious Father, we heartily thank you for our faithful ancestors and all who have passed through death to the new life of joy in our heavenly home. We pray that, surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, we may walk in their footsteps and be fully united with them in your everlasting kingdom. Grant the prayers of your family, Father:

People **Through Jesus Christ, our mediator**

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

The people remain kneeling

Minister Hear the words of challenge and comfort our Saviour Christ says to all who follow him. If anyone would come after me, take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. (*Luke 9:23-24*)

Come to me all of you who are tired of carrying your heavy loads, and I will give you rest. (*Matthew 11:18*)

Minister So, all of you who repent of your sins, who love your neighbours and intend to lead a new life, following the way of Jesus, come with faith and take this holy sacrament to strengthen you.

So let us reverently confess our sins to Almighty God.

All Almighty God, Creator of all, you marvellously made us in your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged your likeness by rejecting your love and hurting our neighbours. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of your Son; Remake us and lead us by your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Minister Almighty God, whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above the earth, remove your sins from you, as far as the east is from the west, strengthen your life in his kingdom and keep you upright to the last day; through Jesus Christ our merciful High Priest. Amen.

All Thank you, Father, for forgiveness. We come to your table as your children, not presuming but assured, not trusting ourselves but your Word; we hunger and thirst for righteousness, and ask for our hearts to be satisfied with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ the Righteous. Amen.

MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

The people stand

Sharing of Peace

Minister The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Minister Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The people greet each other with a handshake or other appropriate gesture.

The Holy Table is prepared for communion. A hymn is sung, during which the offering is collected. The presiding minister and assistants may wash hands. If there is no offering the minister moves directly to the Eucharistic Prayer. When there is an offering, the minister and people may respond in the following or other appropriate manner.

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Offertory Hymn

Sowing in the morning

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Minister All things come from you, O Lord.

People And of your own we have given.

The people remain standing

Minister We remain standing for thanksgiving and remembrance.
Is the Father with us?

People He is

Minister Is Christ among us?

People He is

Minister Is the Spirit here?

People He is

Minister This is our God

People Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Minister We are His people

People We are redeemed

Minister Lift up your hearts

People We lift them to the Lord

Minister Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People It is right to give him thanks and praise

Minister It is right and our delight to give you thanks and praise, great Father, living God, supreme over the world, Creator, Provider, Saviour and Giver. From a wandering nomad you created your family; for a burdened people you raised up a leader; for a confused nation you chose a king; for a rebellious crowd you sent your prophets. In these last days you have sent us your Son, your perfect image, bringing your kingdom, revealing your will, dying, rising, reigning, remaking your people for yourself. Through him you have poured out your Holy Spirit, filling us with light and life.

Special thanksgiving shall be said at this point when appropriate

Therefore, with angels, archangels, faithful ancestors and all in heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and saying:

All **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.**

THE BREAKING OF BREAD

The people remain standing.

Minister Almighty God, Owner of all things, we thank you for giving up your only Son to die on the cross for us who owe you everything. Pour your refreshing Spirit on us as we remember him in the way He commanded, through these gifts of your creation. On the same night that he was betrayed, he took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me'.

People **Amen. His body was broken for us.**

Minister In the same way, after supper He took the cup and gave you thanks; He gave it to them, saying, 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. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

People **Christ has died,
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Minister We are brothers and sisters through His blood.

People **We have died together
We will rise together
We will live together**

Minister Therefore, heavenly Father, hear us as we celebrate this covenant with joy, and await the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. He died in our place, making a full atonement for the sins of the whole world, the perfect sacrifice, once and for all. You accepted his offering by raising him from death, and granting him great honour at your right hand on high.

People **Amen. Jesus is Lord**

Minister This is the feast of victory

People **The Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.**

THE COMMUNION

The people kneel

Minister As our Saviour taught us, we are bold to pray;
**ALL Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your 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.**

Minister We break this bread to share in the body of Christ
People Though we are many, we are one body, for we all share one bread.

Minister The cup of blessing which we bless.
People Is a sharing in the blood of Christ

Minister Draw near with Faith and receive
People Christ is the host and we are his Guests.

Minister Christ is alive for ever.
People We are because He is

The celebrant and assistants receive the bread and wine. The congregation is led by the choir in a musical recitation of the AGNUS DEI.

Minister Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.
People Have mercy on us.

Minister Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.
People Have mercy on us.

Minister Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.
People Give us your peace.

THE INVITATION

The celebrant then holds the bread, and one of his assistants holds the wine and they declare to the people:

Minister The Gifts of God for the People of God
and may add
Take them in repentance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in
your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Eucharist Hymn:

Great is Thy Faithfulness

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As the bread and wine are distributed, the minister or his assistant may say to each communicant:

Minister The body of Christ keep you in eternal life.

Assistant The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life

AFTER COMMUNION

The congregation may observe a brief moment of silence. The people then stand, and the following prayer is said:

All O God of our ancestors, God of our people, Before whose face the human generations pass away; We thank you that in you we are kept safe for ever; and that the broken fragments of our history are gathered up in the redeeming act of your dear Son, remembered in this holy sacrament of bread and wine. Help us to walk daily in the Communion of saints, declaring our faith in the forgiveness of sins and the resurrection of the body. Now send us out in the power of your Holy Spirit to live and work for your praise and glory. Amen.

THE BLESSING

People accompany their first three responses with a sweep of the arm towards the Cross behind the Holy Table, and their final response with a sweeping motion towards heaven.

Minister All our problems

People We send them to the cross of Christ

Minister All our difficulties

People We send them to the cross of Christ

Minister All the devil's works

People We send them to the cross of Christ

Minister All our hopes

People We set them on the Risen Christ

Minister The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.
Amen

Recessional Hymn What a fellowship, what a joy divine # 145 pg 56

DISMISSAL

Minister Jesus said, “As the Father has sent me, even I send you”. Go forth in
Peace!

People Thanks be to God!

Notices:

- We are pleased to have you worship with us today whether in person or online.
- Please take note during this summer season (June 7 to Sept 6, 2026) we will be holding our service from 11:30am-1:00pm. We will resume to our usual time of 12:30 – 2:00pm on Sunday September 13, 2026.
- Our next Youth Monthly Fellowship will be held on Sunday August 23, 2026 from 4:00pm. We will first gather in the church first before we proceed to play bowling. Dinner will be served.
- Our weekly zoom bible study and zoom prayers are held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays respectively. It is usually from 5:30 – 6:30 pm. We will be using a constant zoom link
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81233329228?pwd=jToIjNm3xB4JAQkyhtcb49RIS3b5I3.1>
Meeting ID: 812 3332 9228 Passcode: 162666
- Kindly note we will be having Eucharist Services every 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays. Morning services (without holy communion) will be held every 2nd and 5th Sunday's.
- You are warmly invited to join us for a cup of tea at the Parish Hall, after the service.
- A barcode for giving is located on the back of the bulletin. Feel free to scan it and follow the simple instructions provided.

Service Participants

Readers – Rosalind Arthurton, Kevin Kuria, Carolyn Stuisatz

Acolyte – Benisha Brudy, Richard Middleton IV, Alonzo Middleton

Intercessor - Avril Arthurton

Keyboard – Kevin Kuria

Organist – John R Hawn

Usher = Richard Middleton

