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**Epiphany 2**  
**Holy Eucharist Rite Two**  
Sunday, January 16, 2022  
10:30 AM

**PRELUDE**

*Fugue in C Major*

**Dietrich Buxtehude**

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

*Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* H 7

*The following is sung, all standing*

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,  
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;  
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:  
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,  
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
*People* Glory to God for ever and ever.

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

*The Celebrant may say*

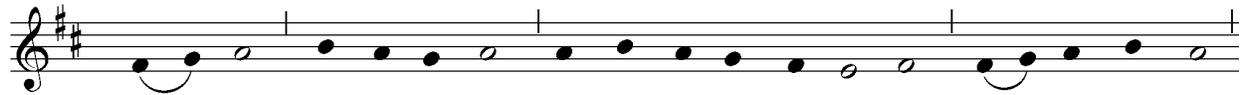
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## GLORIA *Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Hurd)* S 277

*The following is sung, all standing*



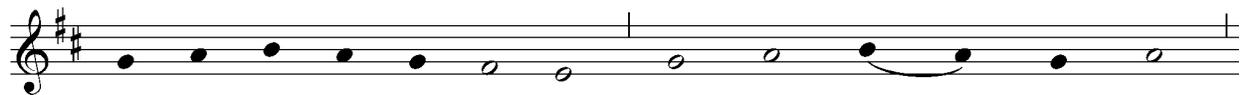
1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



2. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you,



we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;



5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:1-5

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.  
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the LORD delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.  
For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your builder marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.*

## PSALM: Psalm 36:5-10

*Remain seated.*

Jerome Webster Meachen  
(b. 1930)



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- <sup>5</sup> Your love, O GOD, reaches to the **heavens**, \*  
and your faithfulness to the **clouds**.
- <sup>6</sup> Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,  
your justice like the great **deep**; \*  
you save both man and beast, O **GOD**.
- <sup>7</sup> How priceless is your love, O **God**! \*  
your people take refuge under the shadow of your **wings**.
- <sup>8</sup> They feast upon the abundance of your **house**; \*  
you give them drink from the river of your **delights**.
- <sup>9</sup> For with you is the well of **life**, \*  
and in your light we see **light**.
- <sup>10</sup> Continue your loving-kindness to those who **know you**, \*  
and your favor to those who are true of **heart**.

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the church in Corinth

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.*

# SEQUENCE HYMN *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* H 450

*All stand.*

6 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, on this ter - res - trial

ball, to him a - scribe, and

1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and  
2 call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and  
3 call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and  
4 fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and  
5 gall, go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and

crown him Lord of all! to him a -

1 crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al  
 2 crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of  
 3 crown him Lord of all! the God in - car - nate,  
 4 crown him Lord of all! hail him who saves you  
 5 crown him Lord of all! go, spread your tro - phies

scribe, and crown him Lord of all!

1 di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!  
 2 pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!  
 3 Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!  
 4 by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
 5 at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!

6 Let every kindred, every tribe,  
 on this terrestrial ball,  
 to him all majesty ascribe,  
 and crown him Lord of all!

## **GOSPEL: John 2:1-11**

*Deacon*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People*        Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

*Deacon*        The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**THE SERMON        Reverend Benedict Varnum**

## **THE 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 remain standing.*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. especially for: Elaine, John & Recia, Jim, Pat, Hayden, Amy, JoEy, Sadie, Joey, Evelyn, Bob, Michelle, Jean, Pat & Gerry, Carol, Dave, Eric, Carol, Carl, Melissa, Tom, Michael, Leslie, Bill & Jodean, Dave, Rich, Vicki, Natalie, Christian, Fr. John, Patty, Ava, and Massouda & her family. Are there any others who need our prayers?

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

*The Celebrant adds*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:  
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and 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 our Savior 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.

*The Priest stands and says*

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.*

*Celebrant*        The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*            And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**Birthdays:** Ken Pollard, Riley Heller, Charles Horine-Sedlacek, Rebecca Smith, and Reese Everett

### **Anniversaries:**

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## The Holy Communion

### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

*The Celebrant says*

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** *Christ is the World's True Light*

**W.K. Stanton**





## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*The People stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

## **EPICLESIS**

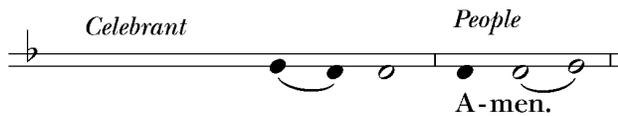
*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be

acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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,

*People and Celebrant*

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,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

### **FRACTION ANTHEM**

We break this bread  
to share in the Body of Christ.  
*We who are many are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.*

### **INVITATION**

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### **DISTRIBUTION**

*The presider then receives the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately delivers it to the people. During this time, we are receiving Holy Communion in the Host (bread) alone, which is a full communion in the tradition of the church, in order to take extra care for the health of our communities.*

*The Bread is given to the communicants with these words*

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life.  
[Amen.]

**COMMUNION PSALM *What Feast of Love* ELW 487  
(to the tune of Greensleeves)**

**Words by Delores Dufner**

*All*

What feast of love is  
offered here,  
what banquet come  
from heaven?

What food of  
everlasting life,  
what gracious gift  
is given?

This, this is  
Christ the king,  
the bread come  
down from heaven.

Oh, taste and  
see and sing!  
How sweet the  
manna given!

What light of truth is  
offered here,  
what covenant  
from heaven?

What hope of  
everlasting life,  
what wondrous  
word is given?

This, this is  
Christ the king,  
the sun come  
down from heaven.

Oh, see and  
hear and sing!  
The Word of  
God is given!

What wine of love is  
offered here,  
what crimson drink  
from heaven?

What stream of  
everlasting life,  
what precious  
blood is given?

This, this is  
Christ the king,  
the sweetest  
wine of heaven.

Oh, taste and  
see and sing!  
The Son of  
God is given!

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of Christ,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## **BLESSING**

*The Priest blesses the people, saying*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

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POST-COMMUNION HYMN *Lift Every Voice and Sing* H 599

*Introduction*



1 Lift ev-ery voice and sing till earth and hea - ven ring, ring with the  
 2 Ston-y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas-tening rod, felt in the  
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, thou who hast



har - mon - ies of lib - er - ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise  
 days when hope un - born had died; yet, with a stead - y beat,  
 brought us thus far on the way; thou who hast by thy might



high as the lis - tening skies; let it re - sound loud as the  
 have not our wea - ry feet come to the place for which our  
 led us in - to the light; keep us for ev - er in the



roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has  
 par - ents sighed? We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been  
 path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the pla - ces, our God, where we

taught us; sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has  
 wa - tered; we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the  
 met thee; lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for-

brought us; fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new  
 slaugh - tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we  
 get thee; sha-dowed be - neath thy hand may we for

day be - gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.  
 stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
 ev - er stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### God Willing

The Right Reverend J. Scott Barker  
XI Bishop of Nebraska  
will ordain

### *Rebecca Smith*

to the sacred order of deacons  
in Christ's one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church

on **Friday, the Twenty-First of January, 2022**  
at Saint Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church  
at 285 South 208th Street in Elkhorn, Nebraska  
at six o'clock in the evening.

Masks are required for all those attending in person.

*Your prayers and presence are requested,*  
*reception to follow.*

### **Annual Meeting & Luncheon**

Our parish Annual Meeting and Luncheon (organized by Parish Life) will be held after the combined 10:30 AM service on **January 30**.

This year, they have decided to change it up a bit. Parish life will provide meat, rolls and drinks. They would like to ask parishioners to potluck the rest. Anyone whose last name starts with A-O, please bring a side dish such as a casserole or salad, and last names P-Z, please bring a dessert. If your offering is gluten free, please let us know so we are able to label it as such.

### **Combined Service on January 30**

Please join us on Sunday, January 30, for a whole parish service at 10:30 AM followed by our Annual Meeting!

### **Masks Currently Required During Worship**

Because of the high rates of transmission of the omicron variant, we are currently requiring our congregation to wear masks during our worship services. We are monitoring conditions and hope to return to a “masks optional for vaccinated persons” rule when the caseload is lower in our area. In general, we continue to affirm that vaccination seems to be the strongest tool for avoiding severe illness and hospitalization, and our temporary mask requirement is intended to add to that defense. To share any questions, concerns, or encouragement, please contact Fr Ben via the parish office at 402-289-4058 or his e-mail at [rector@sainta.net](mailto:rector@sainta.net).

### **Special Collection in January**

Our First Sunday Collection of 2022 benefits Christian Outreach Program of Elkhorn (COPE). COPE provides assistance to area residents experiencing hardship, providing resources including a food pantry, clothes closet, and household goods, as well as rent and utility assistance.

### **Winter Office Hours and Announcements**

Parish office hours are **9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Monday – Thursday**. Please submit announcements for the newsletter and/or bulletin by **1 PM (close of business) on the MONDAY** of the week you want it to run. Please send announcements to both Jay at [Parish@sainta.net](mailto:Parish@sainta.net) **AND** Kate at [ministries@sainta.net](mailto:ministries@sainta.net) Thank you!

### **Noonday Prayer Returns!**

Beginning Wednesday we will again be having noonday prayer in the sanctuary. Noonday prayer is a great way to pause and gather ourselves in the peace of the Lord’s presence in the midst of our busy lives.

The service starts at noon and lasts about 20 minutes. It will include a short sit for silent/contemplative prayer. We will use the initial weeks to establish a rhythm, then begin discerning additions such as a coffee hour visit or simple chanting. See you soon!

## **Parents' Meeting**

Parents of Youth and Sunday School age children are invited join us after 10:30 service on **Sunday, January 23** for a parent meeting. Childcare and snacks will be available.

We want to have a discussion about our Youth, from Pre-k to High School Seniors. We plan to talk about formation, fellowship, service & worship, what our plan for the future is as well as what you would like to see your children involved in. Come ready to discuss what we have done well in the past, what we are doing now, and what we can be doing in the future to keep our youth program going strong, and above all make sure our youth have the best opportunities for spiritual growth that we can give them!

## **Elaine Randall Book Club January Book**

Join us for **The Cowboy and the Cossack**, the next book for the Elaine Randall Book Club. It is a great adventure story of Montana cowboys moving cattle by ship and land from the Northwest U. S. to inland Russia.

The Elaine Randall Book Club is a day-time book club group which has met monthly for years. While we are committed to reading a wide variety of genres from historical fiction, mysteries, to non-fiction and everything in between, we are committed to reading and talking about books. We always meet on the last Tuesday of the month, 11:30 a.m. for an hour of discussion, and we take turns leading the book discussions. Check us out on **Tuesday, January 25 at 11:30 a.m.**

During much of COVID-19 we met on Zoom and are now trying to get back to, face-to-face meetings at the church. We are always open to suggestions for that next great read.

We use book bags from the library when available, but sometimes we have to get the book on our own. Readers, please feel free to join us for our next great read. If you have questions, feel free to contact Sandra Squires at [sksquires@cox.net](mailto:sksquires@cox.net).

## **Parish Directory**

We are beginning a much needed update to our Parish Directory. This time, we will have the option to allow you access to a digital directory as well as a paper copy. Please send Kate ([ministries@sainta.net](mailto:ministries@sainta.net)) or Jay ([parish@sainta.net](mailto:parish@sainta.net)) a current photo of each member of your household individually as well as one of the entire household. Please send photos by **January 30**.

## **Rector's Book Club Begins January 2022!**

This coming year, Fr Ben is beginning a monthly book club to meet once a month on Sunday evenings! He will be choosing books that focus on how we live out our faith with fun and provocative topics that get us into great conversations together. Each meeting will be a chance to share insights, respond to questions, and meet more people at church, and we're setting it for the Sunday evening time to make sure this book club is available to people from all generations! Please save the dates, and we'll hope to see you there. We'll have snacks available, and people will be welcome to brown-bag a dinner (as we get interest, we might look at dinner options!). If you're interested in child care during the Rector's Book Club, please let Kate or Fr Ben know, and we will see if we can arrange it.

We will meet from **5:30 to 6:30 pm**,

Starting Dates:

**Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>: *Wholehearted Faith*, Rachel Held Evans**

**Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup>: *Rising Strong*, Brené Brown**

**Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>: TBD**

**Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>: TBD**

**Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>: TBD**

## **Free Firewood**

The pile of firewood on the church's south east property line needs to be moved. If anyone in the parish would like some free firewood or if they know of anyone who would like some wood to burn please stop by and take some. It is an ideal time, because the ground is hard and you can back your truck or car to the pile. If you need any help or have any questions, please contact Jim Keepers at 402-618-8837 or 402-332-0715.

## **Parish Office Nominations**

Each year, we accept nominations for several parish offices. This year, Fr Ben has asked the outgoing class of Vestry members (Anja Armitage ([anja.elizabeth.armitage82@gmail.com](mailto:anja.elizabeth.armitage82@gmail.com)), Lynette Kautz ([lfkautz1@cox.net](mailto:lfkautz1@cox.net)), and Bill Smith ([wmwsmith@hotmail.com](mailto:wmwsmith@hotmail.com))) to serve as our Nominations Committee to receive names. Nominations may also be sent to Fr Ben at [rector@sainta.net](mailto:rector@sainta.net) – this committee will review any nomination with the nominee and create a slate or schedule of candidates for the parish **Annual Meeting on January 30 after the combined 10:30 AM service.**

The following parish offices will be elected at our parish Annual Meeting:

- **Vestry, 3 seats, class of 2025:** The Vestry is the parish board, and is a 3-year term elected by our Annual Meeting. Vestry members must be Confirmed (or had a confirmation Received) in the Episcopal Church, or be willing to do so this coming Spring. The Vestry meets monthly and reviews our church projects, policies, and finances, and collaborates with Fr Ben for major goals and initiatives. It is important that our Vestry reflect people from different kinds of families and groups throughout our parish to help us listen well to the call God places on our church community as we carry out our mission to “be a growing, faithful, inclusive, and caring community committed to the ministry and teachings of Jesus Christ.”
- **Vestry, 1 seat, class of 2022:** Bill Kimme will need to step down from Vestry after this year, and our Annual Meeting can act to fill this seat as well (otherwise, it will be nominated by the rector and confirmed by the Vestry as part of their usual work). This represents an interim-year seat, which can be renewed for a standard 3-year term through the following year’s voting process. This is a good way for someone to learn more about how our vestry works or to serve for a brief term.
- **Annual Council Representative:** Each year, the Annual Council of the Diocese of Nebraska meets in October (typically during bye-week for the Huskers!) to gather in worship and counsel and plan for the year ahead. This includes hearing from Bishop Barker, reviewing a draft budget, learning about ministry programs and goals, and may include

legislative resolutions. The Annual Council in 2022 will be held in Kearney from Thursday evening to Saturday morning on a week in October.

- **Legacy Society Director:** Our parish Legacy Society is a way to receive structured gifts, especially from estates, and has policies that govern how those gifts may be invested and used so that they continue to support our church and its ministries, especially in Outreach, Formation, and a small portion of budget. Each year we elect one member to a 3-year term, and this group meets four times each year, chaired by the senior member, to review the status of these investments and create any parish education about legacy planning.

**Save the Date!**

**Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>** – Rebecca Smith Ordination

**Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Parents' Meeting  
Rector's Book Club Meets

**Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>** – Elaine Randall Book Club Meets

**Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>** – **Combined Service at 10:30**  
**Annual Meeting**

**Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup>** – “Shrove Sunday” Pancake Feed

**Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Ash Wednesday

**Vestry Notes for December:**

The Vestry determined at their November meeting that our end of year business could be completed electronically, and held votes to review reports and financials. In addition, they were able to receive a draft budget for 2022 from the Finance Committee, and have approved that. The budget will be presented to the parish at the January Annual Meeting.

<b>Ministers of the Day</b>	<b>This Week 01/16/202</b>	<b>Next Week, 01/23/2022</b>
Musicians 8:30am:	Don Hoes, Ruth Tomlinson, Ali Threlkeld, Joe Threlkeld, Rhonda Vest, Erin Rhian	Don Hoes, Ruth Tomlinson, Ali Threlkeld, Joe Threlkeld, Rhonda Vest, Erin Rhian
Musicians 10:30am:	Jeff Hoffman, Canterbury Choir	Jeff Hoffman, Canterbury Choir
Celebrant:	Rev. Ruth Tomlinson	Rev. Ben Varnum
Deacon:	David Holmquist	David Holmquist
Liturgical Shepherd:	Erin Rhian	Pam Wright
Chalice:	N/A	N/A
Acolytes 8:30am:	OPEN	OPEN
Acolytes 10:30am:	Danica Suhr, Frankie Kriefels, Ruth Kriefels	Sophia Messineo, Luke Reilly, Jacob Messineo
10:30 am Greeter:	Vicki Luther & Jean Lahti	Vicki Luther & Jean Lahti
8:30 am Lector:	Mary Jane Smith	Kathy Lake
10:30 am Lector:	Jean Lahti	OPEN
Altar Guild 8:30 am:	Kathy Lake	Judy Tomanek
Altar Guild 10:30 am:	Marissa Kriefels	Barb DiGiovanni
Sunday School	9:40 – 10:20 AM	9:40 – 10:20 AM
Coffee Hour	OPEN	OPEN