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Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
Holy Eucharist Rite Two
Sunday, August 20, 2023
10:30 AM

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Fm(Em) Db(C) Eb(D) Fm(Em) Ab(G) Bb(Am)

crumbs of grace be shared, that out - cast ones be
 bond - age Je - sus frees. Reach out and touch the
 ter - mined in her heart to kneel at Je - sus'
 wiped them with her hair, poured per - fume to a -

Eb(D) Ab(G) Fm(Em) Db(C) Eb(D) Fm(Em)

wel - comed to the feast God has pre - pared.
 hem of Christ, and gath - er spi - rit's ease.
 feet and learn the wis - dom he im - parts.
 noint her Lord, and left love's fra - grance there.

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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

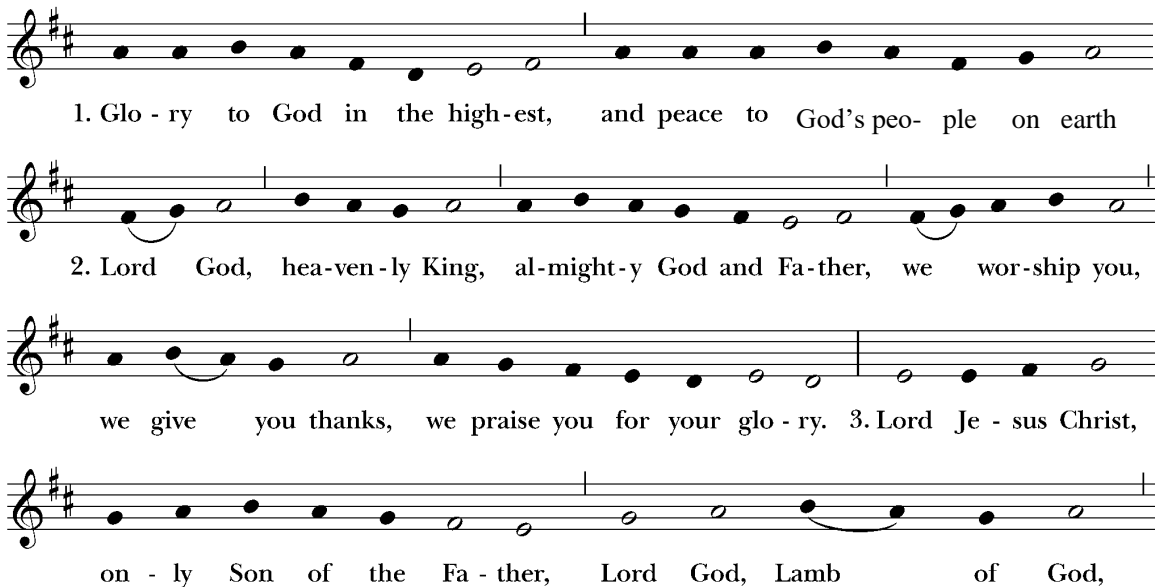
The Celebrant may say

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

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The following is sung, all standing



1. Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's 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, 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.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Genesis 45:1-15

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

¹Joseph 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. ²And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it.

³Joseph 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.

⁴Then 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. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For 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. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So 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. ⁹Hurry 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. ¹⁰You 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. ¹¹I 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.’ ¹²And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and

wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 133

¹ Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when kindred live together in unity!

² It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,

³ Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

⁴ It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.

⁵ For there has God ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

¹I 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.

^{2a}God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN

In Your Mercy, Lord, You Called Me

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1 In your mer - cy, Lord, you called me, taught my
 2 Lord, I did not free - ly choose you till by
 3 Now my heart sets none a - bove you, for your

sin - filled heart and mind, else this world had
 grace you set me free; for my heart would
 grace a - lone I thirst, know - ing well, that

still en - thrall'd me, and to glo - ry kept me blind.
 still re - fuse you had your love not cho - sen me.
 if I love you, you, O Lord, have loved me first.

GOSPEL: Matthew 15:10-28

All stand.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹⁰[Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand:¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” ¹³He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just 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.” ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their

masters' table.”²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Scott, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

We pray especially for: John, Recia, Jim, Judy, Hayden, Amy, JoEY, Sadie, Joey, Evelyn, Bob, Ellen, Irene, Barbara, Jean, Keith, Marge, Christian, Bruce & his family, Joe, Sally, Jami, Susie, Marilyn, Ben, Norma, Mary, Ann, Bill, Laura, Jeanette & her family, Elle, Kim & family, Barb, Charlene, Rebecca, Kelli, and Massouda & her family. Are there any others who need our prayers?

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our Sovereign;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful God;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the
grace of 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.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.

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

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays: Todd Stubbendieck, Joe Sundell, Schuyler Mattson, and JoEy Vernon

Anniversaries: Pam & David Wright, Rhonda & Jon Vest, and Ali & Joe Threlkeld

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

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

OFFERTORY HYMN

Ricardo Amador, violin; Carole Seitz, piano

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Doxology*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise

him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
 heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA

The People remain standing.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



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



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The People stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker 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.

EPICLESIS

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, 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 God, 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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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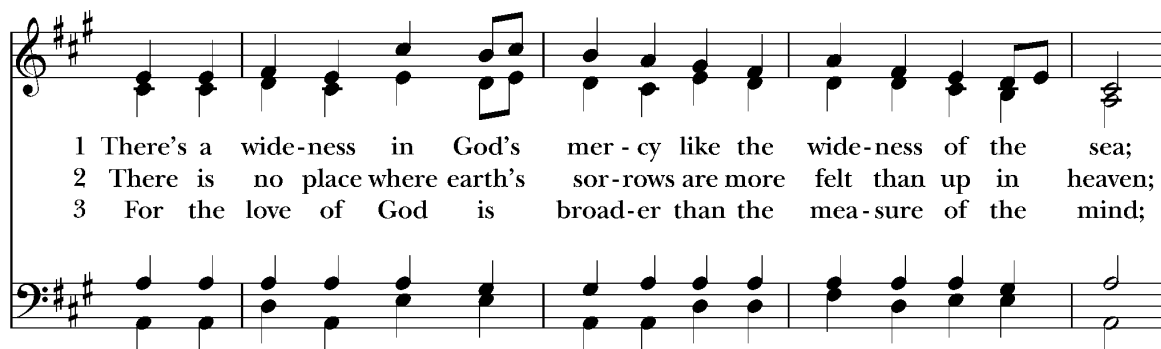
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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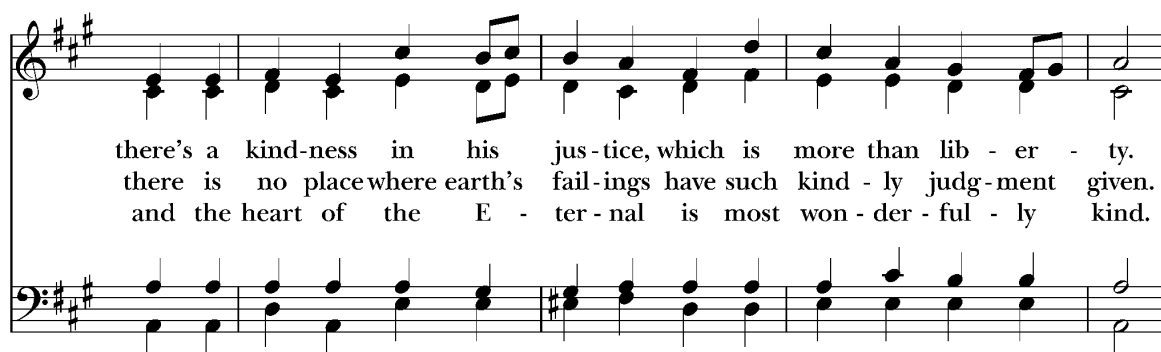
The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

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

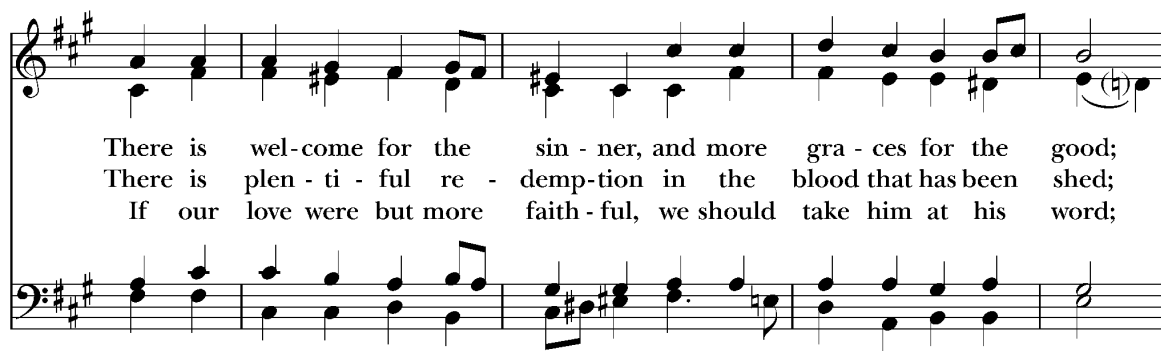
COMMUNION HYMN *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* H 470



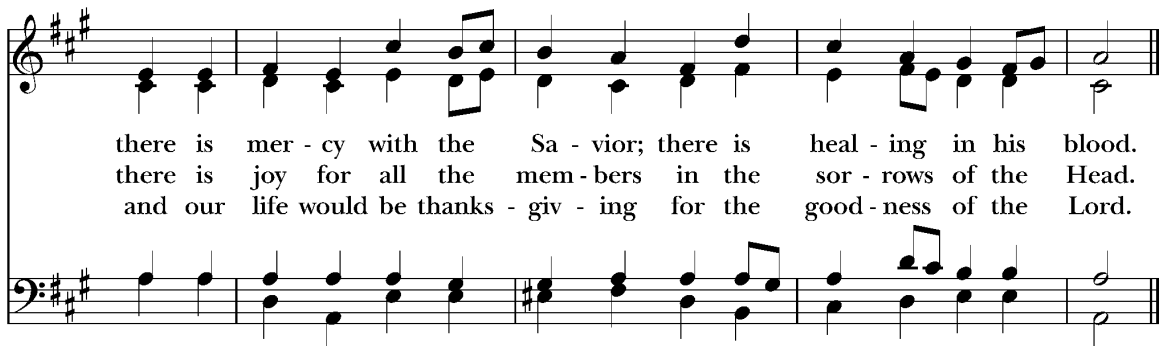
1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven;
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure of the mind;



there's a kind-ness in his jus - tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.



There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good;
There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed;
If our love were but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word;



there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
 there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
 and our life would be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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 among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *Gracious Spirit, Give your servants*

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1. Gra - cious Spir - it, give your ser - vants joy to set sin's
2. Word made flesh, who gave up glo - ry to be - come our
3. Lov - ing God, who birthed cre - a - tion from the noth - ing -
4. Tri - une God, e - ter - nal Be - ing, nev - er end - ing,

cap - tives free, hope to heal the bro - ken - heart - ed,
great high priest, tak - ing on our hu - man na - ture
ness of space, kin - dling life where all was emp - ty,
un - be - gun, bound - less grace and per - fect jus - tice,

peace to share love's li - ber - ty. Through us bring your balm of
 to re - deem the last and least: let your cour - age and com -
 turn - ing cha - os in - to grace: when we feel con - fused and
 right - eous and for - giv - ing One: so en - fold us in you

glad - ness to the wound - ed and op - pressed; help us claim and
 pas - sion shape and guide our min - is - tries; as our Sav - ior
 fruit - less, dawn up - on our rest - less night; give us faith's im -
 mer - cy that our wills and yours u - nite; through us may the

show God's fa - vor as a peo - ple called and blessed.
 and our Shep - herd, lead us to the truth that frees.
 ag - i - na - tion, hope's re - new - ing, love's de - light.
 world be - hold you, find your love, your truth, your light.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia.
Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE *Instrumental*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Office Hours

We have a busy summer ahead of us! Beginning in June, our office hours will be **9:00 AM – 1:00 PM Tuesday-Thursday**. Please email staff or call the office if you need anything or to make sure someone is available, as several events will be taking staff off-site over the next couple of months.

Special Collection for August – Benedictine Way

Our Special Collection during August benefits the Benedictine Way, a community of all types of Christians (all genders, monks and lay people) who attempt to follow Jesus in a specific way, a Benedictine way, which includes a life of prayer, service to the poor and forgotten, and a life of fellowship in community. The Incarnation Monastery is located at 3020 Belvedere Blvd. in Omaha and offers public prayer through the Daily Office Tuesdays – Saturdays as well as Vigil and Vespers on Sundays. The Monastery is also available for individual and group retreats.

Elaine Randall Book Club – August 22

The Elaine Randall Book Club selection for **August** is: *The Tower, The Zoo, and the Tortoise* by Julia Stuart. Book bags are available in the parish hall. You are welcome to join us for our discussion on **Tuesday, August 22**, at **11:30 AM** at the church. Zoom connection is also available. For questions, please contact Sandra Squires at skquires@cox.net.

Garden Mediation, extreme coloring, and Creation Care Compline

In August, the Good News Garden Ministry will be focusing on our spiritual needs, our internal gardens. Please consider joining us on **Thursday, August 24, at 6:30 PM until 8:30 PM** and experience tending to our inner gardens through meditation, soundscaping, extreme coloring, and participating in Creation Care Compline.

Blood Drive – August 26

Amy Churchill, who most of you know as a beloved member of our parish living with metastatic breast cancer, is hosting a blood drive at St Augustine in Elkhorn (285 S 208th St, Elkhorn, NE 68022) on **Saturday August 26th**. Available appointment times are between **9:00 AM and 3:00 PM**. She shared this on her Facebook page last year, and we thought we would share it with you as one last push to fill 16 slots for our drive:

As many of you know, I am back on the chemo that requires me to get regular blood and platelet infusions. So far after two treatments I have needed 5 units of blood and 5 units of platelets. I will need many more. There is an extreme shortage right now. This Saturday I am hosting a blood drive at my church, St. Augustine Episcopal Church. Do you have it in you to donate? If not, could you please share this so we can get as many people signed up as possible? I truly appreciate it! And you never know, I might get some of your blood!!!

I urge you to help and sign up. If you can't donate blood, please Forward this information to any friends and family that may be able to help on Saturday.

Appointments are scheduled in 15-minute increments (Whole Blood) and on the hour (Power Red). Please see our weekly enewsletter for more details about eligibility and how to register to donate.

Education & Reflection on Genoa, NE Indian School

We, along with the Racial Reconciliation Ministry of the Diocese of Nebraska and Sacred Ground, are pleased to announce a special day of learning focused on the Indian Boarding School in Genoa. The school operated from 1884-1934, and thousands of Native children were sent there unwillingly. In addition to increasing awareness of the deplorable methods

and purposes of the school, it is currently receiving media attention due to the efforts to identify undocumented graves of Native Children.

The Nebraska event will be held on **Saturday, August 26 from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM**. The morning session at St. A's will feature Misty Flowers a member of the Santee Sioux Nation and Executive Director of the Nebraska Indian Child Welfare Coalition. Her grandfather lived at the Genoa school. Misty will share her story in a talk titled "Healing Historical Trauma – A Personal Lived Experience." After lunch, attendees will carpool to Genoa for guided tours of the school site and a time for reflection.

If you wish to attend, please complete the registration form online (hard copies are also available on the table in the Narthex). The **cost is \$10**. For more information or to register online, please see our weekly e-newsletter.

Acolyte Meeting and Training – Sunday, August 27, 11:30 AM

As we prepare for the program Year again, we will have a special training for our Acolytes on Sunday, August 27. Acolyte is a word that comes from a Greek word meaning helper and often serving as an acolyte is one of the first ministries our children and youth get to participate in officially. Youth going into grades 3-12 are welcome to participate, and can be trained at this meeting or by special appointment if this date doesn't work. The training starts a few minutes after our later church service and takes about 40 minutes. An RSVP to Fr. Ben (rector@sainta.net) or Pam Wright (wrightpamela@gmail.com) helps us know who to plan for, but you are also welcome to just come by with your kids. Please email with RSVPs or questions!

Join Us for United We Walk at Tri-Faith

Following a successful inaugural year with 2,200+ participants, Tri-Faith Initiative is hosting the second annual United We Walk fundraiser — a 1-mile loop around the Tri-Faith Commons near 132nd and Pacific streets — on **Sunday, September 10**.

As a commemoration of the tragic events of 9/11, the gathering of so many different groups and view points sends a clear message:

“Hatred and violence toward anyone in our community will never be tolerated; we are always stronger together.”

Donations during the event directly benefit Tri-Faith’s mission of cultivating inclusive environments in our community that advance interfaith relationships and understanding. Please go to <https://www.trifaith.org/uww-2023/> for more information.

Kick Off Sunday is Coming in September!

Please join us for our Kick Off Sunday celebration on **Sunday, September 10th** we will begin with **a combined worship service at 9:30 AM**. *There will be NO 10:30 service that morning.*

The service will be followed by youth and parents touring classrooms and filling out registration forms for the Sunday School Year. We will also have an early all-parish breakfast following service. The church will provide pancakes, eggs, bacon & sausage, sides and dessert will be pot-luck style. We would love for you to bring your favorite freezable (we will freeze leftovers for coffee hour) breakfast sweets, or fruit. *If you can’t decide what to make, we suggest last names beginning with A-J bring a dessert and K-Z bring fruit.*

We will have tables set outside and in, a bounce house and more. Kids will also be able to paint faces if they would like! We hope to see everyone there!

If you would like to assist with setup of tables and food, and cleanup, please send an e-mail to Kate(ministries@sainta.net) or just join us at 9 am. Many hands make light work!

Daughters of the King: Who are we?

Many of you have heard about Daughters of the King (DOK) through our annual Women's luncheon and Bible study or seeing Naomi & Ruth Chapter DOK mentioned in the bulletin. Who are these women who claim such a lofty title as being Daughters of the King?

We are part of a national women's organization with chapters at the parish level all over the country, in fact, all over the world. We meet twice a month, have an on-going study at every meeting and have an active prayer quilt ministry for our parish. In addition to that, we have an active quilt ministry. We are a likeable group of women, and in addition to the serious issues, we have a lot of fun.

If you are interested in learning more about us, you could contact our president, Lynette Kautz (lynettekautz@gmail.com) or look for one of us wearing a distinctive Greek Fleury cross – we all wear the same cross – and we would be happy to talk to you about Daughters. You could also come to a meeting from 10:00 AM to Noon on the second and fourth Mondays of each month to see if this group is for you.

We will be starting a discernment group in the fall on Zoom, so if you are interested, this is a great way to meet other women in our parish but also around the diocese. For that discernment process, please contact Sandra Squires at sandrasquires1@icloud.com

Education for Ministry (EfM)

Need something challenging that furthers your knowledge about the Bible and the church? There is a study for you called Education for Ministry (EfM.). You just might be a candidate for EfM!

EfM has been an important study for many people throughout the world. It is the longest adult education formation in the Episcopal Church which started in the 1970's at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, and has been active in Nebraska for decades. EfM is designed to prepare lay people for ministry in their local parishes and communities and to answer lots of questions along the way.

EfM is a 4-year study: Year One—Old Testament; Year Two—New Testament; Year Three—History of Christianity; and Year Four—Theology. We encourage you to commit to EfM one year at a time.

EfM groups have 6-12 people, some meet in person at local churches, but others meet via Zoom, some are hybrid groups. The Nebraska-based Zoom group, is seeking new members for Year One from anywhere in the Diocese of Nebraska.

What Are the Details?

Registration for the Nebraska-Zoom based group meets at 1:30-3:30 each Sunday afternoon from September through May with time off for Christmas, New Year's, and Easter. There is a fee that amounts to about \$10 per week. Many churches help cover the cost of registration.

The Nebraska-based Zoom group is co-mentored by Dr. Sandra Squires of Omaha, and Tammy Lassen of Columbus. If you have questions, please contact sandra.k.squires76@gmail.com to learn more. We hope you will sign up and learn more about this exciting study.

Canterbury Village Needs Your Help!

It takes a village to raise a child, and each of us can help them grow in Christ. Here's a great big thank you to those who participated last year and helped us achieve more than we ever thought possible!

Here are a few roles within the Canterbury Village we are hoping you will fill:

- Provide donations as needed
- Assist with Special Events
- Help with our Church Family Dinner before Youth Group on Wednesday evenings(1-3 times per year)
- Join the planning team for Vacation Bible School
- Please also prayerfully consider volunteering to teach or assist Nursery, Sunday School or Youth Group this upcoming school year.

To either confirm your previous role, or volunteer for a new role in Canterbury Village, please fill out the volunteer form <https://forms.gle/w19jxiG12Wmi9X5PA> We would love to have you join this amazing team of people!

Contact Kate (ministries@sainta.net) with any questions.

Updated Directory

We would love to take a photograph of you/your family for this year's directory.

We will be taking directory photos **EVERY Sunday in September** after both services. Because we are doing this so many weeks in a row, if Kate is not standing near the photo backdrop, please find her to take your photo! There will be information sheets to fill out near the backdrop. Even if you think we have all of your information, please fill it out again so we can double check to ensure the accuracy of our information. Thanks!

September at 9:30!

Sunday worship in September will be a combined service at 9:30

This coming September we have a full schedule of events that are worth bringing the whole parish together! This is an experiment for us, but we'd love to kick off THIS program year with a set of celebrations that let everyone meet and greet across services and join in a few parties at St Augustine's. Here's what's coming up:

- **September 3rd Morning Prayer.** For Labor Day Weekend, we're having a quiet Sunday of Morning Prayer. This is a traditional service of the Episcopal Church, which can be led by lay or clergy members of the church. For years it was the principal service on most Sundays, until Eucharistic services became the norm with the 1979 Book of Common Prayer's new instructions. Come pray with us on this weekend before we kick off the program year!
- **September 10th Kickoff Sunday!** A tradition at St Augustine's, we combine our worship services and throw a big party afterwards! This is a chance for a full homecoming for the Fall. Meet and greet new faces and old, hear about Sunday School and programs for the year, and enjoy good food and fellowship after church.
- **September 17th A morning with COPE.** Our strongest local outreach partner is the Christian Outreach Program of Elkhorn. We're one of the 12 member churches, and our own Jim Tomanek served as the Executive Director through their recent big chapters, guiding COPE through COVID and a capital project into their new space just north of us. Members of St A's help deliver bread every week, help volunteer with direct services, and assist with annual drives. We've invited **Jane Gordon**, their new Executive Director,

to come greet us and tell us about COPE's plans for the year after worship on September 17th.

- **September 24th A Garden Party.** Our parish Quiet Garden is a key part of our beautiful physical space. Garden Steward Jim Keepers has invited the whole parish to celebrate it this year, and we plan to invite the trustees of the Hitchcock Garden trust, which has helped fund projects in our garden since its inauguration in the early 2000's. After church, we'll dedicate some of the newer plantings, celebrate the garden, and enjoy good food together. Help us celebrate the beauty of God's creation and the work of our hands as we invite neighbors to join us!

With each of these events, we'll hold a combined service at 9:30, making our September schedule easy-to-remember, and offering a chance for everyone to begin the year by meeting people across both of our services. Stay tuned for full details!

Looking for Nursery Assistants!

Do you enjoy pretending to eat wooden food, singing songs and creating with play dough? If so, you have a perfect skill set to assist in the nursery during the 10:30 AM Service! A nursery assistant is a person who has been a member at St. A's for more than 6 months, and is able to take our safeguarding training either online or in person. Most volunteers help out once per month. You arrive at 10:15 AM to entertain the children who are too young to participate in our preschool Sunday School. When the older kids head back to church at the passing of the peace, you stay to help our nursery staff until the end of the service. To volunteer, please contact Kate.

Sacristy Repairs Update

Many of you know that the last significant piece of work that has needed completion from our winter flooding is the restoration of our sacristy space. The contractor had understood that our goal was to return to our sanctuary by Easter Sunday, and had warned us that while they could probably provide that, the full set of work might not be completed and could run several weeks after (the contract itself does not include a completion date promise because of the nature of the work). However, the work was finally attempted about 14 weeks after Easter, and the subcontractor given the job did an incorrect and incomplete job. We are now in the process of communicating with our contractor about the errors and our needs, and communicating with our insurance company about what recommendations they might have in this situation. This leaves us with frustrating impacts to our worship and programming timing, especially as we prepare for “Kickoff Sunday” and in particular the regular use of our Sunday School rooms again, one of which has been temporarily housing the sacristy for over 32 weeks now. If there are questions about our specifics, please contact Fr Ben (rector@sainta.net), and please know that this is being actively pursued via multiple avenues at present. Meanwhile, please know the gratitude we have that people have worked so hard and graciously through this disruption, as we try to resolve it fully and successfully.

Vestry Notes – July

The Vestry met on July 16th and reviewed reports and financials.

This month we went over several building-related needs, including process for notifying the city of a small ground depression near our property to the northwest – we’ll be monitoring the repair of this small “sinkhole,” which has been flagged with snow stakes for visibility.

We reviewed sacristy repair timing (the last item from our flood repair). There are particular issues with how the re-built cabinetry works, and that will be addressed with the contractor as countertops are prepared; this work is being done the week of July 17th.

We will be re-orienting everyone to using the church alarm system in August, with an expectation that we will have it fully in use again beginning in September.

We went over a number of calendar items for the Fall; separate communications will be sent around them, and it is generally a calendar with many opportunities for fellowship and formation, along with re-established youth priorities.

We will also be re-establishing a personnel committee to help our staff set and meet regular goals. This committee lapsed during the covid years, and as we return to regular practices, we’ll be looking for 3 people to help meet quarterly with the staff, set goals, and review work and ministries.

Full minutes will be posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex, in the bottom-right corner.

The next Vestry meeting will be held on **Sunday, August 20th, at noon**. Vestry meetings are generally open to anyone in the parish who would like to attend. If you have a topic that the vestry needs to consider, please contact Fr Ben (rector@sainta.net) or a vestry member!

Save The Date

Tuesday, August 22

Elaine Randall Book Club

Thursday August 24

**Garden Mediation &
Creation Care Compline @ 6:30PM**

Saturday, August 26

**Blood Drive
Education & Reflection Sacred Ground
Trip to Genoa, NE Indian School**

Sunday, August 27

Acolyte Metting and Training

Sunday, September 3

Combined Service @ 9:30AM

Thursday, September 7

Good News Garden Group

Sunday, September 10

**Combined Service @ 9:30AM
Kickoff Sunday!
United We Walk @ Tri-Faith**

Sunday, September 17

**Combined Service @ 9:30AM
COPE Sunday**

Thursday, September 21

Good News Garden Group

Sunday, September 24

**Combined Service @ 9:30AM
Garden Celebration**

Saturday, September 30

Out of Darkness Walk

Ministers of the Day	This Week 8/20/2023	Next Week 8/27/2023
Musicians 8:30am:	Joyful Noise Band	Joyful Noise Band
Musicians 10:30am:	Sally Hodges	Claire Eason
Celebrant:	Rev. Ben Varnum	Rev. Ben Varnum
Deacon:	Rebecca Smith	Rebecca Smith
Liturgical Shepherd:	Jim Lewis	Erin Rhian
Acolytes 10:30am:	N/A	N/A
10:30 am Greeter:	Vicki Luther	Vicki Luther
8:30 am Lector:	Mary Jane Smith	Erin Rhian
10:30 am Lector:	Kathy Pospichal	Jean Lahti
Altar Guild 8:30 am:	Mary Jane Smith	OPEN
Altar Guild 10:30 am:	Kathy Pospichal	OPEN
A/V Tech 8:30 am	Barb Hall	Barb Hall
A/V Techs 10:30 am	John Fraser Jay Hammond	Ali Threlkeld Joe Threlkeld